

Public Notice

The mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and the environment from harmful effects of toxic substances through the restoration of contaminated resources, enforcement, regulation and pollution prevention.

**Draft Interim Measures Work Plan for Lead Contaminated Soils
near Exide Technologies, Vernon, CA
Public Comment Period: September 16, 2014 – October 20, 2014**

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED?

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites your comments on the draft Interim Measures Work Plan (IMWP) for the proposed soil investigation and potential removal of lead contaminated soils in residential properties located in portions of Boyle Heights, East Los Angeles, and Maywood. The draft IMWP has been prepared in accordance with DTSC's directive to Exide Technologies (Exide) and the February 2002 Corrective Action Consent Order. DTSC, the state agency responsible for the clean-up of hazardous waste and contaminated sites, is overseeing soil investigations for lead in residential yards near the Exide plant located in Vernon. Exide recycles lead from used batteries. The facility has operated for more than 90 years. In 2013, DTSC ordered Exide to test soils for lead in small areas of Boyle Heights, East Los Angeles, and Maywood, which were areas identified as the most likely to be affected by Exide's air emissions. Thirty-nine homeowners within these areas allowed initial soil sampling at their properties. Some soil samples taken in these neighborhoods showed high levels of lead. As a result, DTSC recommended the residential yards for identified homes in Boyle Heights, East Los Angeles, and Maywood be tested to find out the levels of lead in the soil. The draft IMWP describes the action that will be taken to clean-up lead contaminated soils at residential properties where high lead levels are found. The IMWP is available for public review and comments.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) – NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

An Initial Study and draft Negative Declaration have been prepared in accordance with CEQA. DTSC has determined that the proposed remedial activities will have a less than significant effect on the environment. The Initial Study and draft Negative Declaration are available for public review and comment.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

DTSC encourages your participation. Comments concerning the draft IMWP and the associated CEQA documents may be submitted in writing to Peter Ruttan, DTSC Project Manager, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826, via fax (916) 255-3734, or via email to Peter.Ruttan@dtsc.ca.gov. All written, faxed or email comments must be received or postmarked no later than **Monday, October 20, 2014**. All comments will be carefully considered before making a final decision on the IMWP and Negative Declaration. Notification of the final decision and a copy of DTSC's response to comments will be provided to those who submit comments along with their contact information or by request.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

The draft IMWP, Initial Study, draft Negative Declaration, and the Community Update are available for review at:

Cesar Chavez Public Library
4323 Slauson Avenue, Maywood, CA 90270
(323) 771-8600

Robert L. Stevenson Branch Library
803 Spence Street, Los Angeles, CA 90023
(323) 268-4710

DTSC Regional Records Office
5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630
(714) 484-5337

For information about Exide, visit DTSC EnviroStor website:

http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=80001733

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