



## *Community Update:*

# Two Community Meetings Planned for June 2015

## Closing and Cleanup of Exide Technologies Facility in Vernon

### **Cleanup of Residential Properties – Initial Area:**

DTSC continues to oversee clean up of two initial residential neighborhoods – portions of Maywood, Boyle Heights and East Los Angeles totaling 217 properties. Currently, 93 residential properties have been cleaned.

### **Soil Test Results – Expanded Area:**

In addition to the two initial residential neighborhoods, DTSC ordered Exide to expand the investigation to areas referred to as the Expanded Area. The Expanded Area includes portions of Boyle Heights, Maywood, and Bell Gardens. A total of 146 residential properties were sampled in this area. The results of a soil sampling investigation in the Expanded Area were shared one-on-one with residents at a community workshop on May 6, 2015. The sampling results in this area do not require immediate removal of lead-contaminated soil. Additionally, the sample results do not show any definite patterns of lead concentrations as they move away from the site.

As a result, DTSC has ordered Exide to analyze a portion of the samples for addi-

Two public meetings will be held in June to keep the community informed and to obtain their input on the closure and cleanup of the Exide Technologies facility in Vernon, CA. All meetings are open to the public, and translation services will be provided.

## Community Advisory Group Meeting

**Thursday, June 11, 6-8 p.m.**

**Maywood Academy High School Cafeteria  
6125 Pine Ave., Maywood, CA 90270**

At this meeting, DTSC will present an overview of Exide's proposed closure plan for safely closing and cleaning up the Exide facility in Vernon.

## Public Scoping Meeting

**Thursday, June 18, 6-8 p.m.**

**Maywood City Hall  
4319 Slauson Ave., Maywood, CA 90270**

The purpose of the scoping meeting is to gather information for the development of a Draft Environmental Impact report (DEIR) as part of the Exide closure process. This DEIR will outline potential impacts to the environment from Exide's closure activities.

Hosted by DTSC.

## Expanded Area Sampling Results:

- 146 residential properties were tested for lead
- 8,695 soil samples were collected from the residential properties
- DTSC did not find lead levels that require immediate cleanup
- A portion of the soil samples are being analyzed for other metals in addition to lead
- Soil samples taken at Ruben F. Salazar Park, Parque De Los Sueños, Pine Avenue Park, Pixley Park and Freedom Park revealed acceptable levels of lead

tional metals such as arsenic, cadmium and zinc that are typically found in a battery-smelting operation. These additional test results will help DTSC better define the extent of Exide's contamination, and will help determine the next steps in addressing lead contamination in the Expanded Area.

## Community Advisory Group

DTSC and South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) have jointly helped form a new Community Advisory Group that provides a way for the public to stay informed about the closure and cleanup of Exide's Vernon facility. Initially, the group will meet monthly. All meetings are open to the public, and translation services will be provided. An initial formative meeting was held May 28; a second meeting is scheduled for June 11. See front for details.

## Closure of the Exide Facility:

On May 15, 2015, Exide submitted a proposed Closure Plan to safely clean up hazardous waste units and remove

buildings containing the hazardous waste units and to address soil and groundwater contamination at its Vernon facility. DTSC will review the Closure Plan for completeness. If the Closure Plan is incomplete or deficient, DTSC will revise it before drafts of the Closure Plan and the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) are put out for public comment. The public will have 45 days to provide comments on both the proposed Closure Plan and the DEIR before these documents are finalized. The Closure Plan will be implemented in phases:

### Closure – Phase 1:

- All equipment, buildings and structures used for hazardous waste management will be decontaminated and removed. This work is expected to take up to 24 months and is anticipated to start in spring 2016.

### Closure – Phase 2:

- Exide will take extensive samples under the hazardous waste units to study contamination
- Timing of the second phase depends on the extent of contamination, but is expected to take up to 24 months.

The draft Closure plan can be viewed on DTSC's web site at <http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/Projects/update/Exide-Closure-Plan-Links.pdf>

## For More Information:

Contact Marina Perez, DTSC Public Participation Specialist: at 1-844-225-3887 or visit: <http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/Projects/UpdateExideSuspension.cfm>

## Progress Cleaning Properties in Northern and Southern Assessment Areas

Number of properties in assessment area: **217**

Last update: 05/28/2015

\*Pending approval by property owner.  
\*\*Cleanup Pending

