

Achievements for Feb. 8 IRP meeting

New Graduates Trained Through WERC Program: On Jan. 27, a ceremony took place to recognize a new group of 18 students who are now certified as lead-sampling technicians and can start sampling for lead in their communities around the former Exide Technologies plant in Vernon. The Workforce for Environmental Restoration in Communities (WERC) is a program involving DTSC and Los Angeles Trade-Technical College. Forty-nine students have received training through the program since it started in summer 2016.

<http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/PressRoom/upload/Media-Advisory-New-Graduates-Trained-for-Environmental-Jobs-in-Communities-Impacted-by-Exide.pdf>

Exide Technologies –

Guidelines for Expedited Actions at High-Risk Properties near Exide: On Jan. 12, DTSC announced guidelines that allow for a limited number of expedited actions, including cleanups, to prevent exposure to lead in soil at properties around the former Exide plant before the residential cleanup plan and Environmental Impact Report are certified this summer. http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/PressRoom/upload/News_Release_T-01-17.pdf

Exide-Related Public Hearings: In January, three public meetings and five information sessions were held in Southern California to receive public comments on the Draft Cleanup Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Report. The Cleanup Plan is for residential and other sensitive land use properties within the Preliminary Investigation Area in the neighborhoods impacted by the closed Exide Facility in Vernon. The public comment period ends on Feb. 15, 2017. https://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/Projects/upload/Exide_Hearing-Sched.pdf

Public Workshops and Stakeholder Presentations –

California Nail Salons: DTSC is encouraging cities and counties to create healthy nail salon recognition programs, to publish guidelines for those programs and to develop a consumer education program. This is in response to Assembly Bill (AB) 2125 that was approved by Governor Brown in September 2016. AB 2125 will be implemented jointly by staff from the Office of Environmental Justice and Tribal Affairs and the Safer Consumer Products branch. <http://californiahealthline.org/news/california-aims-to-boost-worker-safety-one-nail-salon-at-a-time/>

Safer Consumer Products Public Workshop On Perfluorinated Chemicals: On Jan. 31, a daylong workshop in Sacramento drew about 200 participants from the U.S. and other nations, including those who joined the webcast. The workshop featured presenters and panelists from a diverse spectrum of industry, government, non-profit and academic organizations, including the FluoroCouncil, Green Science Policy Institute, Steelcase Inc., IKEA of Sweden AB, U.S. EPA, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and The Carpet and Rug Institute. Information was shared on the use of certain toxic chemicals in carpets, rugs, indoor upholstered furniture, and their care and treatment products. Information gathered will help the department identify product-chemical combinations that may cause harm. <http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/PressRoom/upload/Media-Advisory-DTSC-Seeks-Expert-Input-on-PFASs-in-Certain-Consumer-Products.pdf>

Stakeholder Engagement On Potential Aquatic Impacts And Continued Uses Of Nonylphenol Ethoxylates

(NPEs) And Triclosan: On Feb. 8, DTSC will hold the second of two workshops around this topic, the second of which will focus on the challenges around the removal of NPEs and Triclosan in clothing, cleaning and personal care products. A presentation from Kelly Moran of TDC Environmental, LLC, also a member of the Green Ribbon Science Panel, will be followed by discussion to help inform DTSC as it advances its research into identifying proposed Priority Products. http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/SCP/upload/Public-agenda_Aquatic-workshop.pdf

Safer Consumer Products Alternatives Analysis Guidance: The public comment period for the SCP Alternatives Analysis Guide closed on February 3, 2017. Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association, Sierra Club, BizNGO, Vinyl Institute, National Resources Defense Council, Healthy Building Network, Rubber Manufacturer's Association, American Chemistry Council, Consumer Specialty Products Association, Dow Chemical Company, Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, Interstate Chemicals Clearinghouse and Phosphorus, Inorganic and Nitrogen Flame Retardants Association. Additionally, approximately 150 people participated in the webinar. The input received will be used to finalize the Guide. The Guide will be discussed at the March meeting of the Green Ribbon Science Panel (March 20 and 21). <https://dtsc.ca.gov/SCP/GRSP/GreenRibbon.cfm>

Public Workshop on Potential Health and Safety Impacts of Chemicals in Nail Products: On Mar. 2, 2017, DTSC will be hosting a daylong public workshop will focus on the potential health and safety impacts of chemicals in nail products. The goal of this workshop is to facilitate a dialogue among experts from industry, academia, NGOs, and other government agencies in order to identify potential Priority Products under the Safer Consumer Products regulations. Topics will include: Chemicals used in nail products, Toxicity and exposure information, Product formulations and manufacturing, Alternative chemicals, and Initiatives to improve chemical safety. The workshop will feature speakers from the California Healthy Nail Salon Collaborative, California Department of Public Health, San Francisco Department of the Environment, Coty Inc., Personal Care Products Council, Cardno ChemRisk, Women's Voices for the Earth, Environmental Health Decisions, and Habit Cosmetics. To participate in person or via webinar, visit https://dtsc.ca.gov/SCP/Workshops.cfm#stakeholder_presentations_aquatics