

DTSC Statement on LAUSD School Sampling

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) and the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) have been working together to monitor lead sampling at 22 schools near the former Exide battery recycling plant. The samples collected at 20 of the schools found no need for any cleanup, while sampling results from two schools (Lorena and Rowan Elementary Schools) found low-risk lead levels in areas not frequently used.

Out of an abundance of caution, DTSC and LAUSD are coordinating on steps to further reduce the low risks at these campuses. Examples of those types of steps include setting a grate around the base of a tree to eliminate exposure to soil, and/or reseeding and watering areas with grass to maintain a barrier between the soil and surface.

Sampling results will be provided to LAUSD and will be available at their website: <http://achieve.lausd.net/Page/2030>.

DTSC and LAUSD will continue to work together to ensure that schools are safe for all children and staff to use and enjoy throughout the school year.