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To: All Interested Parties

Re: Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Draft Remedial Action (Cleanup) Plan, Offsite Properties within the Exide Preliminary Investigation Area (Revised)

As Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)¹ and accompanying Guidelines², the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is providing notice that it has released a Draft Environmental Impact (EIR) to assess the potential environmental effects associated with implementing the Draft Remedial Action (Cleanup) Plan, Offsite Properties within the Exide Preliminary Investigation Area (Project).

Project Location: The Preliminary Investigation Area (PIA) is defined as an irregularly-shaped area approximately 1.7-miles around the former Exide Technologies (Exide) Facility located in Vernon, CA. The PIA includes portions of the Cities of Bell, Commerce, Huntington Park, Los Angeles (Boyle Heights neighborhood), Maywood, and Vernon and the County of Los Angeles (East Los Angeles neighborhood).

Project Description: In compliance with CEQA, DTSC must evaluate if the Cleanup Plan may have any significant effect on human health and the environment. In response, DTSC prepared the Draft EIR, which identifies potentially significant impacts related to Air Quality, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, and Noise.

The Draft Cleanup Plan describes DTSC's proposed actions to address lead-impacted soil at residential properties, schools, parks, and daycare and child care centers located within the PIA, where lead levels are highest and potential for exposure the greatest. The PIA, separate from the Exide facility, is included on the "Cortese" list pursuant to California Government Code section 65962.5.3

¹ Cal. Pub. Resources Code § 21000 et seq

² Cal. Code of Regs., title 14, § 15000 et seq

³ Accessed via http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/SiteCleanup/Cortese_List.cfm

It is anticipated that approximately 2,500 properties that pose the greatest risk of lead exposure to sensitive populations would be cleaned up; DTSC has committed to clean up 2,500 properties within a two-year period, once the Project is approved and cleanup activities commence. Cleanup would likely occur at a rate of between 25 and 70 properties in any one (1) week, with an average of 50 per week. Although funding is only identified and available for cleanup of about 2,500 properties, the Draft EIR looks at cleaning up as many as 3,500 properties in the first year and 10,000 properties over four (4) years within the PIA. This conservative analysis was done for two reasons: (1) so as to provide a conservative worst-case analysis of the impacts of implementing the Project, and (2) to allow DTSC to use the analysis in this document to support potential future cleanups. Cleanup of these additional properties would occur if funding becomes available and ongoing investigations determine that the properties need to be cleaned up. Consistent with these conservative assumptions the Project is described throughout the Draft EIR's impact analyst in shorthand in the following manner:

It is anticipated that the Project would result in the cleanup of approximately 50 to 70 properties per week, resulting in roughly 2,500 cleanups within one (1) year. It is anticipated that as many as 3,500 sensitive land use properties could be cleaned up in the first year and 10,000 could potentially be cleaned up by 2021 if sufficient funding is identified.

The Draft Cleanup Plan is also available for review in conjunction with the Draft EIR.

Availability: The Draft EIR is available for review at the following locations:

**Resurrection Church
Office**
3324 E. Opal St.
Los Angeles, CA 90023

**Robert Louis
Stevenson Branch
Library**
803 Spence St.
Los Angeles, CA
90023

**Commerce Public
Library
Rosewood Library**
5655 Jillson St.
Commerce, CA
90040

**Anthony Quinn
Library**
3965 Cesar Chavez
Ave.
Los Angeles, CA
90063

**Maywood Cesar
Chavez Library**
4323 Slauson Ave.
Maywood, CA 90270

**Huntington Park
Library**
6518 Miles Ave.
Huntington Park, CA
90255

**City Terrace
Library**
4025 E City Terrace
Dr.
Los Angeles, CA
90063

Bell Library
4411 E. Gage Ave
Bell, CA, 90201.

City of Vernon
4305 S. Santa Fe Ave.
Vernon, CA 90058

**DTSC Chatsworth
Regional Office**
9211 Oakdale Ave.
Los Angeles CA 91311

**DTSC Cypress
Regional Office**
5796 Corporate Ave.
Cypress, CA 90630

**DTSC Sacramento
Regional Office**
8800 Cal Center
Drive
Sacramento, CA
95826

The Draft EIR is also available on DTSC's website:

<http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/Projects/UpdateExideSuspension.cfm>

The full administrative record is available from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at DTSC's Sacramento Regional office, Mondays through Fridays, excluding state holidays. All data submitted by Exide are available as part of the administrative record.

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Please call (916) 255-3758 or email pubreqact@dtsc.ca.gov to make the necessary arrangements to view and/or copy all or any part of the administrative record.

Public Meetings: DTSC will hold three public meetings as listed below. All interested parties are invited to attend and learn more about the proposed Cleanup Plan and voice their comments. A court reporter will be present to record any oral comments provided during a meeting. Reasonable limits will be set for time allowed for oral comments. A written transcript of the oral comments provided during each meeting will be made available to the public. The meetings will be conducted in English with simultaneous Spanish translation.

| PUBLIC HEARINGS | | | |
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| Community | Date | Time | Location |
| East Los Angeles | Wednesday, January 11, 2017 | 6:00–9:00 pm | Our Lady of Victory Church 1316 S Herbert Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90023 |
| Maywood | Thursday, January 19, 2017 | 6:00–9:00 pm | Maywood City Council Chambers 4319 East Slauson Avenue Maywood, CA 90270 |
| Boyle Heights | Saturday, January 28, 2017 | 9:00 am–12:00 pm | Resurrection Church 3324 Opal Street Los Angeles, CA 90023 |

Comments: The public comment period runs from December 15, 2016 through January 31, 2017. Written comments will be accepted via email until 5:00 p.m. January 31, 2017 and via mail if postmarked by January 31, 2017. Written comments not submitted during a public meeting must be sent to:

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