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DTSC Releases the Final Exide Closure Plan and Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR)

Today, DTSC released the Final Closure Plan and Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for the Exide Technologies battery recycling facility in Vernon, California.

In November 2014, while Exide was in bankruptcy, DTSC issued an enforcement order requiring Exide to cover the estimated \$38.6 million costs to safely close its Vernon facility.

In April 2015, Exide withdrew its application for a Hazardous Waste Facility Permit after DTSC informed Exide of its plans to deny the permit application. DTSC terminated the facility's interim status authorization to manage hazardous waste in May 2015.

DTSC's regulations required Exide to submit a Closure Plan to describe how the facility would be closed in a manner that is protective of public health and the environment.

After an extensive public engagement process, DTSC is issuing today the Final Closure Plan and FEIR for the non-operating Exide facility in Vernon. The Final Closure Plan describes how the hazardous waste management units at Exide will be decontaminated and removed in a manner that is protective of public health and the environment. The plan incorporates many of the recommendations submitted by the community during the public engagement process.

The FEIR analyzes the potential impact of closing the facility and identifies ways to mitigate those impacts, which include measures to address air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, cultural and historic resources, geology and soils, and noise and vibration.

In the upcoming months – before the closure activities begin – Exide will:

- Submit a Closure Implementation Plan and a Health and Safety Plan, which will describe how workers and the community will be protected from potential impacts.
- Seek any required permits, such as air and other related permits, from local agencies to start the work of cleaning up the non-operating battery recycling facility.

DTSC is committed to holding Exide accountable, safeguarding communities and workers, and protecting the environment throughout the closure process. The Final Closure Plan was developed with extensive public input and DTSC will continue to engage the community and stakeholders as we rigorously oversee Exide's implementation of the Final Closure Plan.

Below is the link to the Final Closure Plan, the Final EIR, and the Community Update on DTSC's website: <http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/Projects/ExideClosure.cfm>

Copies will also be available at following repositories throughout the community and at DTSC offices.

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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

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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 Cypress Regional Office

5796 Corporate Ave.
Cypress, CA 90630

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Los Angeles CA 91311

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Sacramento, CA 95826



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The mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances by restoring contaminated resources, enforcing hazardous waste laws, reducing hazardous waste generation, and encouraging the manufacture of chemically safer products.