

Exide Technologies Advisory Group Technical Working Session
Commerce Senior Center
December 3, 2015
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SUMMARY OF REQUESTED ACTION ITEMS AND QUESTIONS

1. What is the status of the closure?

On December 8, 2015, DTSC public noticed Exide's proposed Draft Closure Plan with DTSC's Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR). The public comment period was extended to March 28, 2016 based on community requests. Exide's Draft Closure Plan addresses potential impacts from operating hazardous waste management units at the facility and proposes to implement closure in two phases. DTSC's DEIR describes the environmental review conducted for each of the closure activities onsite and the measures for mitigating the impacts to the surrounding communities and the environment.

On February 3, 2016, DTSC held a public hearing to receive oral and written comments. DTSC will continue to accept written comments on the two draft documents – Exide's proposed Draft Closure Plan and DTSC's DEIR through March 28, 2016. After the 105-day comment period closes on March 28, 2016, DTSC will review and consider all of the comments received during the public comment period before preparing a final Closure plan ("Closure Plan" or "Plan") and final EIR. DTSC will prepare a written response to all of the comments received and publish that response along with a copy of the written transcript of the public hearing on DTSC's website. Implementation of the DTSC-approved Closure Plan will begin 30 days after DTSC approves the Closure Plan.

2. What is the status of sampling in residential areas?

Sampling of residential properties in the Preliminary Investigation Area (PIA) has begun and is ongoing. As of February 9, 2016, DTSC has sampled 328 additional properties in the Preliminary Area of Investigation. Weekly updates are posted on our website at:
<http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/Projects/UpdateExideSuspension.cfm>

DTSC must receive a signed Access Agreement – either from the property owner or a tenant— before DTSC or its contractor can conduct sampling at a property. Owner and Tennant Access Agreements are available on our website
at: <http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/Projects/UpdateExideSuspension.cfm#appforms>

3. What is the area of responsiveness? How many properties have been tested in Boyle Heights? How many have been remediated? Will you let us know in advance where work is being done so we can monitor, can we get a list a month in advance?

DTSC has identified three Focus Areas where DTSC is currently focusing its outreach efforts to get Access Agreements to sample properties for lead in soil. In addition, DTSC is sampling any properties located within the Preliminary Investigation Area as resources allow. This option was presented to the Advisory Group in October, 2015.

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The Preliminary Investigation Area (PIA) and the Focus Areas are shown in the map posted on our website at: <http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/Projects/upload/DRAFT-EXIDE-OPTION-1E.JPG>

As of February 9, 2016, DTSC has acquired 105 Access Agreements, sampled 24 properties and cleaned up two properties in Boyle Height. Altogether, DTSC has sampled 523 properties in the Preliminary Area of Investigation, of which, DTSC has cleaned up 194 and 5 properties did not require cleanup. We post weekly progress updates on our website at: <http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/Projects/UpdateExideSuspension.cfm>

4. Has Boyle Heights been reached out to?

DTSC has sent out a mailing to the residents of Boyle Heights as it is included in our Focus Area to the north. In addition, both DTSC and mark! Lopez, community chairperson for the Exide Technologies Advisory Group, committed to contacting the Boyle Heights community representative, who is also a member of the advisory group. DTSC has met with the community representative, and shared DTSC's Draft Outreach and Community Engagement Plan: Lead Sampling and Cleanup in Communities Surrounding Exide FY 15/16, which is also posted on our website at: <http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/Projects/upload/DTSC-Exide-DRAFT-Outreach-and-Community-Engagement-Plan-11-09-2015.pdf>

5. County needs to play a more active role w/advisory committee and develop a charter?

DTSC has been working closely with the County. There is ongoing communication via phone calls and email during the week to ensure that there is no overlap of canvassing neighborhoods for access agreements. DTSC efforts are in the three Focus Areas:

- Boyle Heights and East Los Angeles in the north
- City of Commerce in the east and
- City of Maywood in the south

Whereas the county efforts are outside the three focus areas, in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles. In addition, there is a weekly coordination call every Friday with all members of the team at DTSC and the County. DTSC contractors trained County contractors on protocols for sampling to ensure that sampling methods are consistent and the analytical data collected is reliable.

6. What is the status of the L.A. River Sampling?

Advanced GeoServices, Exide's consultant, collected samples from the L.A. River on August 11, 2015. DTSC received a report of that sampling titled "2015 LA River Sampling" dated January 19, 2016. That report is currently under review by DTSC and is posted on our public EnviroStor website at:

https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/community_involvement_documents.asp?global_id=80001733&document_folder=+6765592277