

Exide Technologies Advisory Group Technical Working Session
Commerce Senior Center
October 28, 2015
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

SUMMARY OF REQUESTED ACTION ITEMS AND QUESTIONS

1. What's the timeline for the cleanup of residential properties surrounding Exide?

- Sampling and cleanup is dependent on Access Agreements obtained by the Department. DTSC has identified a Focus Area that includes three residential areas – one each in the north, south and east for this fiscal year (FY 15/16), and sent out a mailer on November 9, 2015 that includes over 2,800 addresses.

DTSC has developed a Sampling and Analysis Work Plan for the \$7M the Department has obtained for FY 15/16. DTSC is also developing a comprehensive cleanup plan for the Preliminary Area of Investigation, which will include preparing a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for CEQA compliance. This comprehensive workplan will be public noticed with a Draft EIR for stakeholder input. We will provide an update at each Advisory Group Technical Working Session and provide those updates online as well at www.dtsc.ca.gov/exide.

2. Have properties in Commerce been tested yet?

- As of October 28, properties in Commerce have not been tested. However, one of the Focus Areas, which DTSC notified by mail with Access Agreements during the week of November 9, 2015, includes properties in Commerce. The Focus Area properties are to be sampled this fiscal year (FY 15/16). The Initial Assessment Areas were selected as areas most likely to be impacted based on air-modelling conducted by SCAQMD. Since then, DTSC collected step-out samples on or near a grid beyond the Initial Assessment Areas. DTSC's preliminary analysis of the soil data shows that Exide's emissions may have impacted properties as far as 1.7 miles from the facility, which includes properties to the east of the facility within the City of Commerce.

3. Request for a Health and Safety Plan for the project, as well as an industrial hygienist to make a presentation at a future meeting.

- Health and Safety Plans are prepared by the contractor. The two Health and Safety Plans from contractors hired for the residential cleanup work in the Initial Assessment Areas are posted on DTSC's EnviroStor website at:
http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=80001733.
- The Health and Safety Plan for sampling and cleanup activities in the expanded areas in FY 15/16 is available at:
https://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/Projects/upload/2015-11-18_PIA001_Final-IRMW-Workplan.pdf – see Appendix C
- DTSC will ask the Industrial Hygienist from the DTSC Health and Safety Program to make a presentation at a future meeting.

- 4. Have LAUSD and Montebello School District been notified about the sampling? Request for a timeline on school sampling.**
 - DTSC has contacted representatives from both LAUSD and Montebello Unified School District. A schedule for sampling will be shared once DTSC has the necessary Access Agreements. City officials can assist DTSC acquire Access Agreements.
- 5. Does anyone audit the workers who are cleaning up the properties?**
 - DTSC inspectors have visited properties undergoing cleanup and have also reviewed the logbooks for those properties. If you have a concern about cleanup at any specific properties, DTSC staff would like to hear from you and can be reached at: 1-844-225-3887.
- 6. Previously, bi-weekly update calls were held to discuss progress. Request to receive updates on sampling so the Advisory Group can monitor progress.**
 - DTSC has been providing weekly status updates on our website for the Initial Assessment Areas at: <http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/Exide>, and will establish a weekly update system for the FY 15/16 sampling and cleanup activities in the Preliminary Area of Investigation starting December 2015.
- 7. Request for sampling forms online, a mobile friendly website, and for a phone application to be developed.**
 - A sampling application request form is available in English and Spanish at: http://apps.dtsc.ca.gov/exide/app_e.cfm. A physical access agreement form still needs to be mailed to DTSC by either the tenant or property owner. The website is currently mobile friendly, but DTSC is planning website improvements and will explore the possibility of creating a phone application.
- 8. Request for Health and Safety plans to be fully enforced. Additionally, stop tracking out waste and stop stockpiling soil. Continued request for third party oversight.**
 - DTSC and SCAQMD will meet to discuss this, and will aim to provide a written response with more details about prevention of tracking out waste, overall expectations, and what needs to be addressed. In addition, DTSC is working on a contract with Cal OSHA for consultation on best practices moving forward. All Health and Safety Plans are now available online (See Action Item #3). DTSC will also better advertise the complaint hotline and will work to have a better presence at homes where cleanup is taking place.
- 9. LA County requests a meeting with DTSC to discuss concerns about protocols.**
 - DTSC met with the LA County Public Health team on November 16 and 17, 2015 to discuss opportunities to coordinate activities, as well as sampling and cleanup protocols.

10. Why aren't there manifests regarding lead? Where are contaminated soils taken?

- A manifest is required to transport any hazardous waste, including soil contaminated with lead. Lead - contaminated soil excavated from all the yards in the Initial Assessment Area were transported using a manifest, including soil moved to the La Paz Landfill in Arizona.

11. Request to establish a multilingual phone line for workers and residents.

- DTSC currently has an information line with Spanish bilingual support: 1-844-225-3887. DTSC will continue to make improvements in communicating with the community members in their preferred language.