



Department of Toxic Substances Control

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Dear Resident:

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), the state agency responsible for the clean-up of hazardous waste and contaminated sites, is overseeing the soil investigation for lead at residential yards near the Exide Technologies plant in Vernon. Exide recycles lead from used batteries. The facility has been in operation for more than 90 years.

In 2013, DTSC ordered Exide to test for lead in Boyle Heights and Maywood, the two areas identified most likely to be affected by Exide's air emissions (see map). 39 homeowners within the two assessment areas allowed soil sampling on their properties. Some soil samples taken in your neighborhood showed high levels of lead. Due to these test results, DTSC recommends that your yard also be tested to find out if there are high levels of lead in your soil.

Members of our staff are available to meet with you in person within the next two weeks to discuss the proposed soil sampling activities. In the meeting we would share the following information with you:

- Process of soil testing in your yard
- Who would be sampling your yard
- What happens if high levels of lead are found
- Lead Exposure Information and Prevention/Safety Measures
- 24 Hour, Bilingual, Toll-Free Information Line – 1-844-707-0808
- Free Blood Lead Testing Program – 1- 844 – 888 -2290

If your home is inside the boundaries listed on the attached map, please call DTSC to have your yard tested at no cost: Marina Pérez, DTSC Public Participation Specialist at: 1-844-225-3887 or via email at: marina.perez@dtsc.ca.gov.

PLEASE RESPOND TO DTSC BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Marina Pérez,
DTSC Public Participation Specialist