Next Steps
in Expanded Area Around Exide
Testing and Cleanup

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Potential Properties Affected

- Potentially affected area not really a circle
- Can draw circles to estimate possible affected properties
- For the range of distances in preliminary analysis, between 5,000 and 10,000 properties may be affected.
Key Actions

• Protect public health and the environment
• Act as quickly as possible
• Ensure the law is upheld
• Be transparent and accountable
• Coordinate and collaborate
• Hold Exide accountable for its lead
• Identify others who bear responsibility for lead that people are exposed to and hold them accountable as well
Overview of Strategy

• Develop and implement a Plan to:
  – Test other potentially affected properties
  – Identify properties for cleanup
  – Determine full extent of Exide’s contamination

• Start cleanup on two tracks:
  – Put funding in place to begin earliest action cleanups and address greatest exposure as soon as possible
  – Develop and implement a longer term Cleanup Plan for the larger project to address all contaminated properties

• Document Exide’s lead and recover costs
• Identify other potentially responsible parties and secure cost recovery from them
• Establish partnerships to support project success
First Steps

• DTSC has secured $7 million to:
  – Continue testing properties around Exide
  – Begin cleanup of properties already tested

• DTSC is committed to put in place ongoing funding to continue testing and cleanup as long as needed

• DTSC will recover costs wherever possible
Next Stage Testing Plan

• DTSC has secured over $3 million to develop and implement a Testing Plan for the next stage of testing at properties around Exide

• Testing will include properties to the East in Commerce

• Draft Testing Plan to Advisory Group in September

• Input from Advisory Group

• Finalize and begin testing shortly thereafter
Earliest Action Cleanup

• DTSC has secured over $3 million to begin cleanup of affected properties as soon as possible:
  – Start with properties with greatest potential exposures
  – Clean up already tested priority 1 properties (where test concentrations are over 1000 ppm)
  – Prioritize properties as they are tested and continue cleanup

• Prioritize all affected properties for cleanup under the Cleanup Plan for larger project
Cleanup Plan for Larger Project

• Develop a Cleanup Plan for contaminated properties in areas identified in the preliminary analysis
  – Clean up most affected properties first
  – Work with Advisory Group, other agencies and the community
  – Employ lessons from large cleanup projects in other states

• Develop a programmatic Environmental Impact Report for the project
  – Clean up properties as we test and prioritize them
  – Not waiting until all properties are tested
  – Not waiting to recover costs from Exide

• Full public engagement to develop Plan and EIR
• Secure ongoing funding to fully implement Cleanup Plan
Recovering Costs

• Identify all potential sources of lead:
  – Exide
  – Other industrial activities
  – Lead-based paint
  – Transportation sources

• Test soils & document responsibility

• Use all legal avenues to recover costs from Exide and other potentially responsible parties

• Work with other federal, state and local agencies to effectively leverage expertise and resources
Partnerships

In addition to DTSC’s primary investigation and cleanup:

• Bring state agency coordination and support for project (DTSC, CalEPA, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, California Department of Public Health, Department of Community Services and Development)

• Establish working group of federal, state and local governments to leverage programs and resources
  – Align with other planned projects to increase efficiency/effectiveness
  – Explore coordinating with local Polanco/ Gatto Act authorities to require clean up contaminated properties
  – Leverage HUD grant funds for lead-based paint clean up
    • DCSD has passed through grant funds in areas identified by DTSC
    • Local jurisdictions eligible individually or DTSC can coordinate
    • LA County also has HUD grant for remediation in its jurisdiction

• Work with Advisory Group and affected communities