

FAQ FOR EXIDE: 6/25/13

On April 24, the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) ordered the Exide Technologies' facility in Vernon (Los Angeles County) to suspend operations. The [order](#) was effective immediately.

DTSC issued the order after receiving reports regarding airborne emissions from Exide's operations and ongoing subsurface releases from degraded underground pipes. The suspension will not be permanently lifted until Exide demonstrates it can operate without posing a significant health risk and until it stops releases of hazardous waste into the soil.

Following is the most current information about the suspension, Exide's response and the resolution process. It will be updated as soon as information changes.

Q: What is DTSC's reaction to the June 17, 2013, [Temporary Restraining Order](#), putting aside the order to suspend operations? **NEW**

A: We are disappointed that the superior court granted Exide's application for a Temporary Restraining Order. We look forward to the opportunity to present our case at the hearing for a Preliminary Injunction on July 2 as to why Exide's hazardous waste authorization should be suspended.

Q: Does Exide have other options?

A: Yes, the company filed a "[Notice of Defense](#)" with DTSC on May 7, which set the stage for a hearing before an administrative law judge. Three days of testimony were held June 3 through June 5, but the judge extended the hearing for three more days. Those dates have not been set. A pre-trial conference is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. July 2. The judge will issue a recommendation within 30 days after the case is submitted, and DTSC has 60 days from the issuance of that recommendation to decide how to proceed.

Q: Has Exide filed any type of work plan to address the problems?

A: Yes, Exide filed a proposed [compliance plan](#) with DTSC. The plan has to be reviewed by DTSC and a response will be posted on [this page](#).

Q: Is DTSC taking any action in response?

A: DTSC is in discussions with Exide to ensure current financial mechanisms for closure and post-closure costs are continued, and DTSC is in discussions with Exide to ensure corrective-action investigation and clean-up are carried out.