

**Exide Technologies Advisory Group Technical Working Session**  
**Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> 2016**  
**4:00 PM – 6:00 PM**  
**Ruben Salazar Community Center**  
**3864 Whittier Boulevard**  
**Los Angeles, CA 90023**

**SUMMARY OF REQUESTED ACTION ITEMS AND QUESTIONS**  
**Summary of Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

**1. Why are the numbers on the data maps different than the screening levels we are accustomed to?**

Soil screening levels represent the levels at which the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), the California Health and Safety Code and the United States Environmental Protection Agency use to screen for lead.

- 80 ppm (DTSC)
- 400 ppm (CA Health & Safety Code / US EPA)
- 1,000 ppm (identified as Hazardous Waste)

In response to requests from the Advisory Group and community members, the Preliminary Investigation Area (PIA) Lead Soil Concentration Maps were created to illustrate where DTSC has identified lead in soil, and the level of lead concentrations throughout the PIA without disclosing personal identifying information about specific properties.

**2. We have completed testing in the LA River near Maywood River Park and have found lead levels at 1,900 ppm. Where is the Water Board and why are they not part of the Advisory Group? They should be here.**

DTSC is interested in looking at any data that the Advisory Group, or any other community member, can provide in an effort to accurately characterize any release of lead or any other chemical in relation to the former Exide facility in Vernon. We also understand that often, environmental justice issues are best addressed with strong communication among regulating agencies. We appreciate your feedback regarding this issue and will work to invite the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board to participate in this investigation.

**3. When does the hotline operate? Are there set hours of operation? Does anyone answer after business hours?**

The hotline is set up to allow residents to leave voicemails at any time of the day. During business hours, phone calls are answered real-time, provided that our staff members are not already speaking with another resident. If the line is already in use, the caller will be prompted to leave a

message. Within 24 hours of receiving a voicemail, a DTSC staff member will call the resident(s) that left a message. Please remember that messages left on the hotline should include the caller's name and phone number so that DTSC can respond to the caller.

**4. Does DTSC have the ability make soil sampling results available online for residents to access their own results?**

DTSC is working with its informational technology (IT) staff to identify the system requirements, potential changes, and costs to address this request.

**5. How will the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) be rolled out?**

The Draft EIR will be rolled out at the same time as the Draft Remedial Action Plan (Draft Cleanup Plan), which is the cleanup plan for the residential cleanup work. There will be a concurrent public comment period for both documents, during which time DTSC will invite input and comments on the documents. DTSC will host three Public Meetings, where a court recorder will document spoken comments from the public. DTSC is releasing the documents for comments in December 2016.

**6. Where can we access the document?**

The Draft Cleanup Plan and the Draft EIR will both be available in several places.

An electronic copy of the documents can be viewed on DTSC's Website at: <http://dtsc.ca.gov/exide>.

The Draft Cleanup Plan and the Draft EIR will also be available for electronic review on DTSC's EnviroStor website at [www.EnviroStor.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.EnviroStor.dtsc.ca.gov). Select *Advanced Search* and enter "Exide Residential Cleanup" or go to [www.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov), under QUICK LINKS, and click "Exide".

To view a paper copy, you may go to any of the following repositories:

LOCATION	ADDRESS	PHONE
Commerce Public Library	5655 Jillson Street Commerce, CA 90040	(323) 722-6660
Huntington Park Public Library	6518 Miles Avenue Huntington Park, CA 90255	(323) 583-1461
Robert Louis Stevenson Library	803 Spence Street Los Angeles, CA 90033	(323) 268-1141
Maywood Cesar Chavez Public Library	4323 Slauson Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90270	(323) 771-8600
Bell Library	4411 Gage Avenue Bell, CA 90201	(323) 560-2149

Vernon Public Library	4305 Santa Fe Avenue Vernon, CA 90058	(323) 582-8811
City Terrace Library	4025 E. City Terrace Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90063	(323) 261-0295
Resurrection Catholic Church	3324 E. Opal Street Los Angeles, CA 90270	(323) 268-1141
Anthony Quinn Library	3965 Cesar E. Chavez Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90063	(323) 264-7715
DTSC Regional Office	9211 Oakdale Avenue Chatsworth, CA 91311	(818) 717-6500
DTSC Regional Office	5796 Corporate Avenue Cypress, CA 90630	(714) 484-5300
DTSC Regional Office	8800 Cal Center Drive Sacramento, CA 95826	(916) 255-3758

**7. Is the cost of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) coming out of the funds for the project?**

The majority of the funding for the CEQA work came from the \$7 million in emergency funds secured in August of 2015. Any additional costs for CEQA will be paid for by the \$176 million dollar loan from the State.

**8. Will [the Draft EIR] be in English/Spanish?**

The Executive Summary, public notices, fact sheets, and presentations related to the Draft EIR will be available in English and Spanish. Simultaneous Spanish translation will also be provided at Draft EIR public meetings. Additionally, bilingual Public Participation Specialists are available to assist community members seeking additional information about the Draft EIR -- or any aspect of the project -- and can be reached at 1-844-225-3887.

**9. How will resources from the battery bill be utilized to assist with the Exide Cleanup Project?**

DTSC is developing a proposal to implement the provisions of AB 2153, "the battery bill". The bill establishes a fee on the sale of lead acid batteries and requires DTSC to investigate, evaluate, cleanup, and monitor areas around the state reasonably suspected to have been contaminated by the operation of lead-acid battery recycling facilities. The resources will be available upon appropriation by the Legislature to the department.

**10. Prior to cleanup, what temporary preventative measures can DTSC take to reduce risk to residents in areas where screening levels exceed 1,000 ppm?**

DTSC is currently undergoing a CEQA review that is expected to be completed in the summer of 2017. Until then, DTSC is diligently working to educate residents about the hazards of lead.

DTSC is helping residents interpret their results, identify areas with higher concentrations of lead in the soil in residents' yards, and informing residents about preventative measures they can take in order to prevent exposure. Some of these measures include maintaining consistent and healthy ground cover, limiting their engagement with areas of bare dirt, bathing pets outside the home, changing outdoor clothes to indoor clothes after doing any yard work, dowsing the yard with water if expecting to be outside on a windy day, etc.

**11. What about soil stabilization or other alternatives?**

DTSC is evaluating a number of alternatives as part of the development of the Draft Cleanup Plan. The community will have an opportunity to review and comment on the Cleanup Plan during the public comment period.

**12. Are sellers required to disclose lead contamination in the area?**

California, like many states, requires its residential property sellers to disclose, in writing, certain details about the property they have on the market. Under California Civil Code Section 1102, disclosure obligations apply when real property of one to four dwelling units is transferred by sale, exchange, installment land sale contract, ground lease coupled with improvements, lease with an option to purchase, or any other option to purchase.

**13. Can DTSC request that the CA Department of Consumer Affairs Bureau of Real Estate attend and present information regarding market values in the PIA and disclosure requirements for property owners?**

DTSC is working to invite the CA Department of Consumer Affairs Bureau of Real Estate to attend and present at a future Advisory Group meeting.