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Governor

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Resident  
AddressXX  
XXXXXXX

### **Re: Update on Cleanup Activities and Sampling Data Availability**

Dear Resident:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is writing to inform you that, before DTSC enters the next phase of the project and starts cleanup of 2,500 properties, and before DTSC implements further property cleanups as time critical removal actions (TCRAs), DTSC will be making available to the public all sampling data collected from properties within an approximately 1.7-mile radius of the former Exide Technologies, Inc., (Exide) Facility in Vernon referred to as the "Preliminary Investigation Area" or "PIA."

### **Background**

In 2016, Governor Brown signed legislation directing \$176.6 million to expedite the sampling of approximately 10,000 residential and other sensitive land use properties within the PIA and to cleanup as many as 2,500 properties with the highest levels of lead in soil and greatest risk of exposure. DTSC is the lead agency implementing this cleanup in the PIA.

### **Progress of Soil Sampling, Cleanup and Community Engagement**

DTSC has accomplished a substantial amount of work to prepare for the cleanup of properties within the PIA. DTSC has sampled approximately 8,500 properties and provided those sampling results directly to property owners and residents. DTSC has also conducted extensive community engagement activities, including 14 months of canvassing door-to-door and hosting or participating in more than 200 resident-focused meetings. Additionally, DTSC finalized an Environmental Impact Report and Final Cleanup Plan for the removal of lead-contaminated soil and successfully negotiated a complex Project Labor Agreement to hire local workers for the cleanup. To date DTSC has cleaned up or overseen cleanup of 262 properties in the PIA and will continue to cleanup properties with highest levels of lead and greatest risk of exposure under TCRA.

### **Sampling Results Available – Your Personal Information Will be Protected**

DTSC has encountered unprecedented public interest in this cleanup, and remains committed to maximizing opportunities for public engagement and transparency at every stage of the project. Therefore, DTSC will be providing a web-based mapping tool that displays location-specific sampling data collected from your property, as well as all of the approximately 8,500 properties sampled in the PIA. The interactive map will be posted on the DTSC website on March 2, 2018 and will identify properties prioritized for cleanup in the next phase and properties prioritized for more immediate cleanup as time critical removal actions. This map will be periodically updated to show the progress of cleanup in the PIA.

**DTSC is not releasing personal information of residents, such as names and phone numbers.** As explained to residents during sampling, DTSC remains committed to continuing to protect the confidential information of residents who participate in this project to the extent permitted by law. This release will contain information regarding the specific location of each sample, including complete geospatial data and street address numbers and Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs) for properties sampled. The release of location-specific sampling data also allows DTSC to move forward in holding Exide accountable for the contamination caused by operations at the former Exide facility.

DTSC will hold community visiting hours to answer questions about the sampling data on the dates and at the locations below.

| DATE           | LOCATION   | TIME           |
|----------------|--|----------------|
| March 5, 2018  | <b>El Camino Library</b><br>4264 Whittier Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90023          | 4:30PM–6:30PM  |
| March 6, 2018  | <b>Cesar Chavez Library Maywood</b><br>4323 Slauson Ave, Maywood, CA 90270     | 4:30PM–6:30PM  |
| March 17, 2018 | <b>El Camino Real Library</b><br>4264 Whittier Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90023     | 12:00PM–2:00PM |
| March 19, 2018 | <b>Huntington Park Library</b><br>6518 Miles Ave, Huntington Park, CA 90025    | 5:30PM–8:00PM  |
| March 21, 2018 | <b>Stevenson Library Boyle Heights</b><br>803 Spence St, Los Angeles, CA 90023 | 3:00PM–6:00PM  |

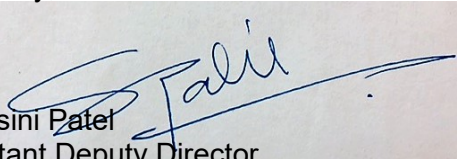
In addition, DTSC representatives are also available to answer questions about the sampling data during business hours at our office located in the PIA at the following address:

**Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC)**  
**6119 E. Washington Boulevard, Suite 120**  
**Commerce, California 90040**

This sampling data will be available on March 2, 2018, after 10 a.m, on DTSC's website at [www.dtsc.ca.gov/exide](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/exide). We invite you to visit our website or call the Project Information Hotline at 1-844-225-3887 to learn more about the project.

DTSC greatly appreciates your continued interest and support on this project.

Sincerely,

  
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