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Media Advisory

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Residential Cleanup near Exide Technologies

The second phase of the cleanup of two residential neighborhoods near the Exide Technologies facility in Vernon is scheduled to begin Thursday, Dec. 4, 2014, as crews begin removing contaminated soil from two yards in Boyle Heights. These yards contain areas of lead that could pose a risk to young children or women who are pregnant. Cleanup may be rescheduled based on weather.

A total of 19 homes in two neighborhoods in Boyle Heights and Maywood contain similar levels and will receive first priority for cleanup. Second and third priority cleanups will occur once the first set of yards is cleaned.

These two neighborhoods were identified by the South Coast Air Quality Management District as the most likely to be impacted by lead emissions from the Exide battery recycling plant in Vernon.

DTSC staff members will be available to discuss the ongoing cleanup work.

WHEN: Thursday, December 4, 2014, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. (Weather permitting.)

WHERE: Corner of Union Pacific Avenue and La Puerta Street in Boyle Heights



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