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Sampling to begin in community adjacent to Vernon lead battery recycler

Sacramento, CA – Soil and dust sampling for lead, arsenic and other toxic chemicals will begin this week around the Exide Technologies battery recycling facility in Vernon, the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) announced today.

The testing is being conducted as part of a cleanup plan that stems from an order that DTSC imposed on Exide last April.

“We want to bring assurance to the community that if contaminants from the facility are in their yard, Exide will clean them up,” said Brian Johnson, Deputy Director of DTSC’s Hazardous Waste Management Program.

Under supervision from DTSC, Exide will collect surface soil and dust samples on properties adjacent to the plant and elsewhere in the community. Dust sampling will begin this Thursday August 29, 2013 followed with soil sampling on October 1, 2013. Findings will be submitted to DTSC by Nov. 15, 2013.

The soil and dust sampling is part of DTSC’s efforts to learn more about the cumulative health effects of Exide’s past practices and to help shape future regulation of the facility.



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The Mission of DTSC is to protect California’s people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances by restoring contaminated properties, identifying and promoting safer ingredients in consumer products, and ensuring stewardship through enforcement, regulation and pollution prevention.