

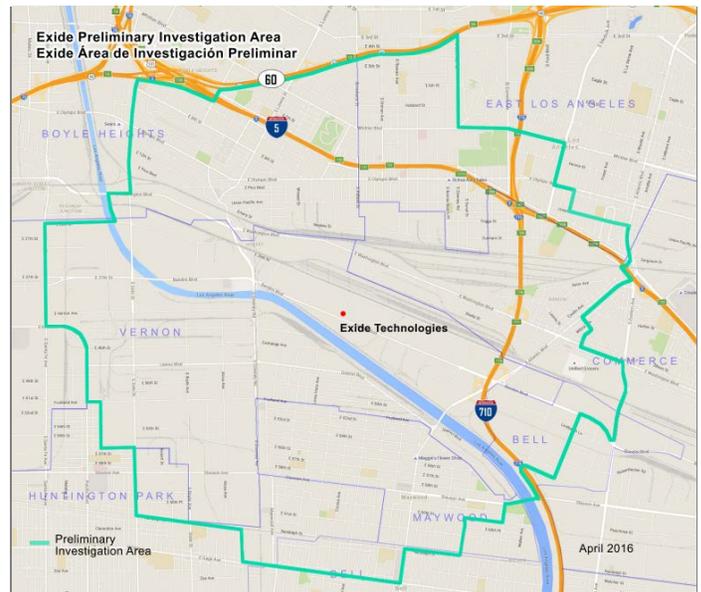
- The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is testing for lead in soil, which may have been contaminated by Exide Technologies facility operations in Vernon, California.
- DTSC is testing soil at residential properties, schools, daycare centers, and parks in areas of Boyle Heights, East Los Angeles, Commerce, Huntington Park, Bell, Vernon, and Maywood.
- Properties with high levels of lead in soil, and high risk for exposure, will be cleaned up by removing contaminated soil, backfilling with clean soil, and re-landscaping.

What did Exide do?

- Exide operated a lead-acid battery recycling facility in the City of Vernon, CA.
- Exide is not currently operating, and DTSC is working to safely close the facility. When operating, it processed an average of 120,000 tons of lead per year, or approximately 11 million batteries per year.
- Based on soil testing conducted by DTSC, Exide's contamination may potentially reach up to 1.7 miles away from the facility, which includes about 10,000 properties.

What is DTSC's plan to expedite testing and cleanup?

- Governor Brown proposed a plan to ensure all residential properties, schools, daycare centers, and parks within a 1.7 mile radius of Exide are tested.
- DTSC will use these funds to expedite and expand testing of all residential properties, schools, daycare centers, and parks around the former Exide facility in Vernon, CA.
- Properties with high levels of lead in soil, and high risk for exposure will be cleaned up.
- This means about 10,000 properties would be tested and about 2,500 properties would be cleaned up by July 2018.



This map shows the 1.7 mile radius from Exide. Residential properties, schools, daycare centers, and parks within this area are eligible for lead soil testing from DTSC. A larger version of this map is available at www.ExideCleanup.org.



Photo: Testing soil for lead.

How do I sign up for soil testing?

Step 1

Check to see if you live within the 1.7 mile radius shown on the map in this fact sheet. You can also call DTSC at 1-844-225-3887 to

find out, or see a larger version of the map at www.ExideCleanup.org. Only properties within this 1.7 mile area are eligible for soil testing at this time.

Step 2

If you live within the 1.7 mile area, owners or tenants can give permission for soil testing by filling out and signing an Access Agreement form, available at www.ExideCleanup.org.

Step 3

Once you have filled out the Access Agreement, print it, sign it, and send a paper copy to the address listed on the form. If you have any questions, call 1-844-225-3887.



Photos: Testing soil for lead, testing exterior paint for lead, and re-landscaped properties after cleanup.

What to Expect Next

- Once the access agreement is received, DTSC will contact you to schedule soil testing.
- The testing crew will take five small samples of soil in your front and back yard and will also test your outside paint for lead. You do not need to be home for the testing.
- Once the soil test results are confirmed, DTSC will let you know if your yard will require cleanup.
- If cleanup is needed, DTSC will schedule a convenient date for you. It takes about a week to remove the contaminated soil, replace it with clean soil, and re-landscape. After the cleanup, DTSC offers an interior cleaning with a HEPA vacuum, and other surfaces cleaned to remove dust.

How can I help protect my family from exposure to lead?

Sources of lead include battery facilities and other industrial operations, lead paint and water pipes, and home renovation and hobby items. Exposure can occur through eating or breathing in this metal. To lower the risk of exposure to lead in soil:

- Cover bare areas of soil in your yard
- When possible, do not let kids play on bare soil
- Take off shoes before coming into your home
- Wet mop floors instead of dry sweeping
- Wipe windowsills and other surfaces where dust collect with a wet cloth
- Wash hands and toys often

How can lead affect my health?

- Eating lead or breathing high levels of lead dust can cause lead poisoning, which can damage the brain, kidneys, liver, and other organs.
- Children less than 6 years old and pregnant women are at higher risk. Lead poisoning can affect children's growth, learning, and behavior.
- A blood test is the only way to know if a person has lead poisoning.
- Most children with lead poisoning do not look or act sick.

How can I get a free blood lead test?

Free blood lead testing is available to any person who lives, works, or goes to school in the communities near Exide. Call the Blood Lead Screening Hotline at 1-844-888-2290. All results are confidential.



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For more information:
www.ExideCleanup.org
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