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# **Exide Phase 1 Closure Plan**

## **Schedule Extension and Delay of Wastewater Treatment Plant Removal**

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is overseeing the cleanup activities of the Exide Technologies (Exide) Facility located at 2700 South Indiana Street, Vernon California, which has operated for nearly 100 years. The Closure Plan was approved in December 2016, and the Closure Implementation Plan was approved in October 2017. Closure and clean-up of the 15-Acre Exide Facility that was shut-down in 2014, is anticipated to be completed in three phases. We are currently in the first Phase (Phase 1) and the closure activities began back in November 2017. Timely closure of the Facility is important to the people who live and work in communities near the Vernon Facility.

DTSC raised concerns to Exide several months ago that Phase 1 of the Closure process was behind schedule. DTSC then directed Exide to submit a revised schedule to complete Phase 1 of Closure at the Vernon Facility. DTSC required Exide to propose a revised schedule that reflects the current status of Facility Closure and provide reasonable actions Exide will take to meet all remaining deadlines within a revised timeframe. Exide submitted a revised schedule (2019 Schedule) that proposes to complete Phase 1 Closure by December 2021 and to delay the closure of the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) until Phase 2 of Closure. This revised completion date delays the original Phase 1 completion date by approximately 15 months. The schedule for Phase 2 will be included in the closure plan for Phase 2.

The proposed schedule change and delaying of the WWTP closure are Class 1\* permit modifications that require DTSC approval and public notification as described in California Code of Regulations (CCR) § 66270.42(a). DTSC, instead of Exide, is conducting this public notification. This is common practice for non-time critical work for Exide matters to allow as much public participation as feasible and to maintain a consistent outreach message to the public. Exide is responsible for all costs associated with public outreach in conjunction with DTSC's Closure oversight work.

DTSC has prepared a fact sheet and other supporting documentation on the proposed changes to the Facility Closure Plan and has made them available for review on DTSC's Exide Facility Closure web page at <https://dtsc.ca.gov/facility-closure/>. **Please Contact DTSC's Closure Project Manager, Matt Wetter**, with any questions at 1-916-255-6629 or [matthew.wetter@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:matthew.wetter@dtsc.ca.gov) or 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California.