

Web Meeting for the Exide Technologies Advisory Group

April 29, 2020

2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Welcome! ¡Bienvenido!

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Agenda

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks by Co-Chairs
2. DTSC Presentations
3. Advisory Group Questions and Discussion
4. Public Comments and Questions
5. Closing Comments by Co-Chairs
6. Closing

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Presenters:

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California Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response

- The Director of the California Department of Public Health is **ordering all individuals living in the State of California to stay home or at their place of residence**, except as needed to maintain continuity of operation of the federal critical infrastructure sectors.
- Who are trusted sources of news?
 - U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC)
 - California Department of Public Health (CDPH)
 - Your County Public Health Department (Los Angeles)
- More information: <https://covid19.ca.gov/>

Safety Tips for All – COVID19.CA.GOV

- Follow the advice of public health officials.
- Cough into your elbow or a tissue.
- Stay home when told by government.
- Train yourself not to touch your face.
- Wash your hands often with soap for 20 seconds.
- Plan what to do if family and friends get sick.
- Get a flu shot.
- Get a thermometer and cold and fever medicines.
- Stock up on food, supplies and soap to last 2 weeks.



Health & Safety During the COVID-19 Outbreak

- Cleanups will only take place under the current COVID-19 orders if staff, contractors, and residents follow health and safety requirements.
- Fact Sheet:
 1. **Face masks** or coverings at all times
 2. **Six feet of space** between residents and staff or contractors
 3. **Handwashing stations** and hand sanitizer for crews
 4. **Gloves** worn by staff and contractors at all times



Health & Safety During the COVID-19 Outbreak Exide Residential Cleanup

DTSC provides essential government services that protect California's people and environment from the harmful effects of toxic substances. The Exide Residential Cleanup protects communities from the harmful effects of lead in soil. All cleanups follow federal, state, and local health and safety requirements.

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Additional health & safety requirements to protect workers and the community

While in the community, DTSC staff and contractors will wear gloves and a face mask or covering. The revised Health & Safety Plan for the Exide Residential Cleanup includes:

1. Staff and contractors will wear a **face mask*** or covering at all times, not only during excavation
2. **Six feet** of space will be kept between residents and staff or contractors

3. **Handwashing** stations and hand sanitizer will be provided for working crews.

4. **Gloves** will be worn by staff and contractors at all times. Upon request before in-person meetings, DTSC can provide gloves and a face mask or covering to residents for their comfort as well.

Communicating with DTSC at your property, by phone, or video conference

In preparation for cleanup, some meetings will require staff and contractors to be physically present at properties. Staff and contractors will remain outside homes, and can communicate through phone or video conference if residents feel more comfortable staying inside their

home during those meetings. For your safety, do not communicate directly with work crews at residences during cleanup. Please communicate with DTSC staff if you have questions by calling the hotline at **(844) 225-3887** or calling your staff contact directly.

More Information on Cleanup Activities

During the current COVID-19 outbreak, DTSC continues to communicate with residents and property owners who are eligible for cleanups. To find out if your property is eligible, please visit <https://dtsc.ca.gov/exide> or call the Exide Cleanup Project Information Hotline at **(844) 225-3887**.





Residential Cleanup: COVID-19 Related Outreach and Analysis for Participation

Presenter:

Cesar Campos

Public Engagement Supervisor
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Exide Outreach During COVID-19 (Background)

- Exide Residential Cleanup project is a high contact project
 - PPU Specialists, Field Operations Staff, and workers would come into contact with hundreds of people a day
- Participation in cleanups is highly dependent on making sure residents feel comfortable with the process -- phone outreach makes this more difficult
- Social distancing measures are not conducive for performing this type of outreach.

Immediate Project Adaptations for COVID-19 Response

- Since March 19, DTSC has focused on finishing properties that began before the early March rains started.
 - 24 active sites at the time of Stay-At-Home orders, that needed to be closed.
- DTSC has paused on opening new excavation sites that were scheduled.

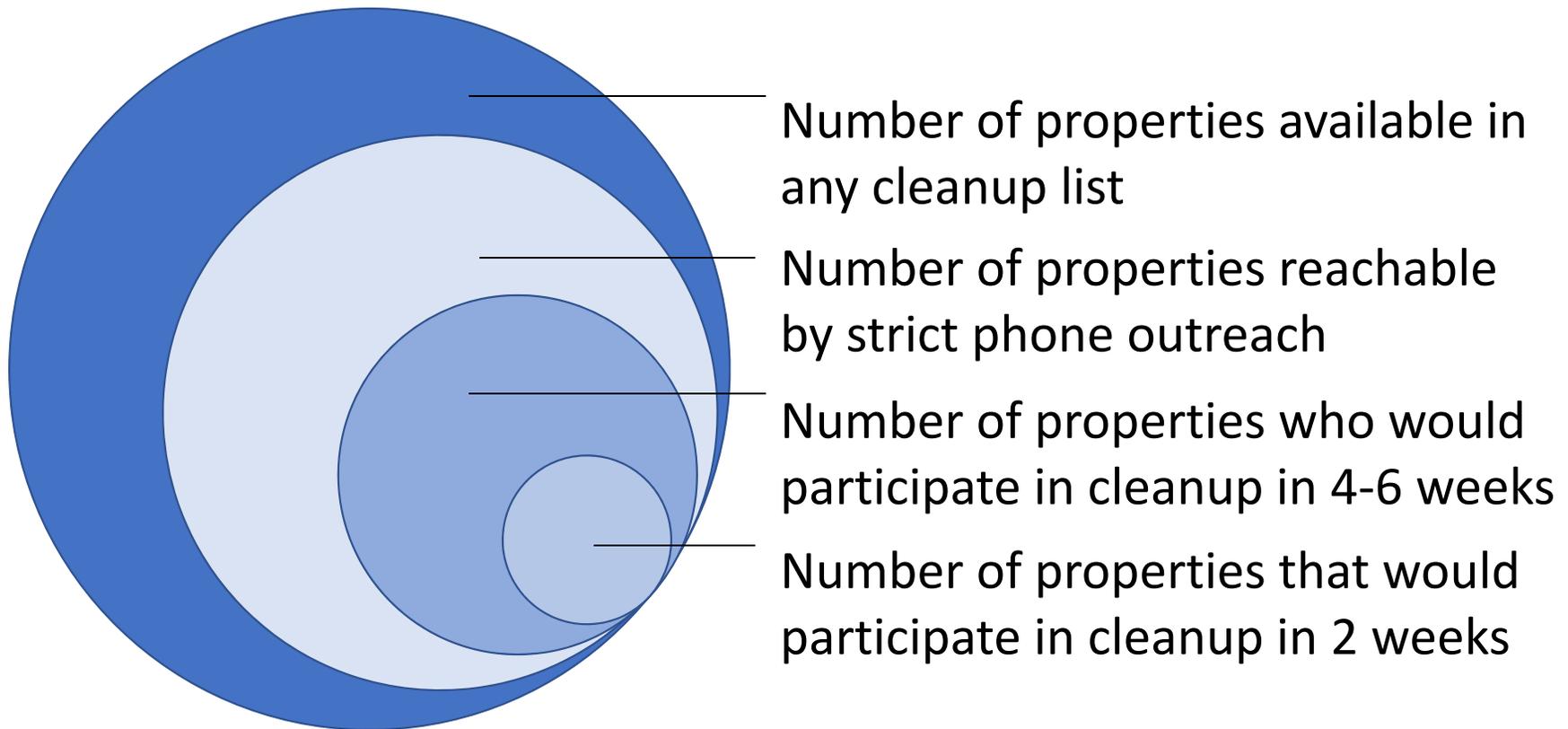
Identifying Expected Project Participation

- Question: How many eligible properties are likely to move into cleanup in the near future?
- Before COVID-19, 63% of eligible properties could be expected to move into cleanup, measured by:
 - Number of properties in the queue
 - Number of appointments for confirmation soil sampling
 - Number of properties cleaned up in previous contracts

Identifying Expected Project Participation

- Context: Global pandemic; high number of COVID-19 cases in LA County
- Conducted Surveys with over 300 randomly selected properties:
 - Better assess willingness of eligible properties to enter cleanup while COVID-19 stay home orders in place
 - Better understand community questions and concerns
 - Inform project decisions on field activities
- Also made additional calls and outreach to project stakeholders

Overview: Expected Project Participation



Survey Design

- Phone outreach to residents eligible for cleanup was conducted between March 23rd and April 23rd to 300 randomly selected eligible parcels across the project area.
- Key Goal:
 - To better understand expected participation across the project area by speaking directly with residents and property owners.
- Key Challenge:
 - Phone outreach alone does not reach as many people as in-person outreach.

Survey Questions

- Level of concern about COVID-19 in relation to the soil cleanup
- Willingness to participate in the soil cleanup
- Project safety measures
- Ages of people living at the property (Over 60 years old, 0-6 years old, school-aged K-12)
- Likelihood of participating in optional relocation
- Other considerations

Outreach

- 300+ property records through phone outreach
 - No response: 20.6%
 - Number disconnected or not in service: 27.1%
 - DTSC left a voicemail: 27.1%
 - Person responded: 28%
 - Call back from resident: 3.7%

Preliminary Results

- From the property owners who were reachable by phone, about 45% of people reached said they would be willing to start cleanup 4-6 weeks from their response date.
 - During the second round of surveying, when asked if they would be willing to move into cleanup in the next two 2 weeks, the number dropped to nearly 25%
- Overall, based on these results, we can identify a significant drop in expected participation (at least for some upcoming weeks).

Next Steps

- Continue reaching out to eligible properties to assess willingness to begin the cleanup process by providing an Access Agreement.
- Resume field activities at a reduced number of crews; ramp up to more crews over the summer.
- Communicate with contractors, other health agencies, and community leaders as field activities are set to resume.
- Provide additional information about health and safety requirements to residents and neighbors.
- Continue to support work activities that are not in the field.

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Residential Cleanup and Parkways Sampling Progress

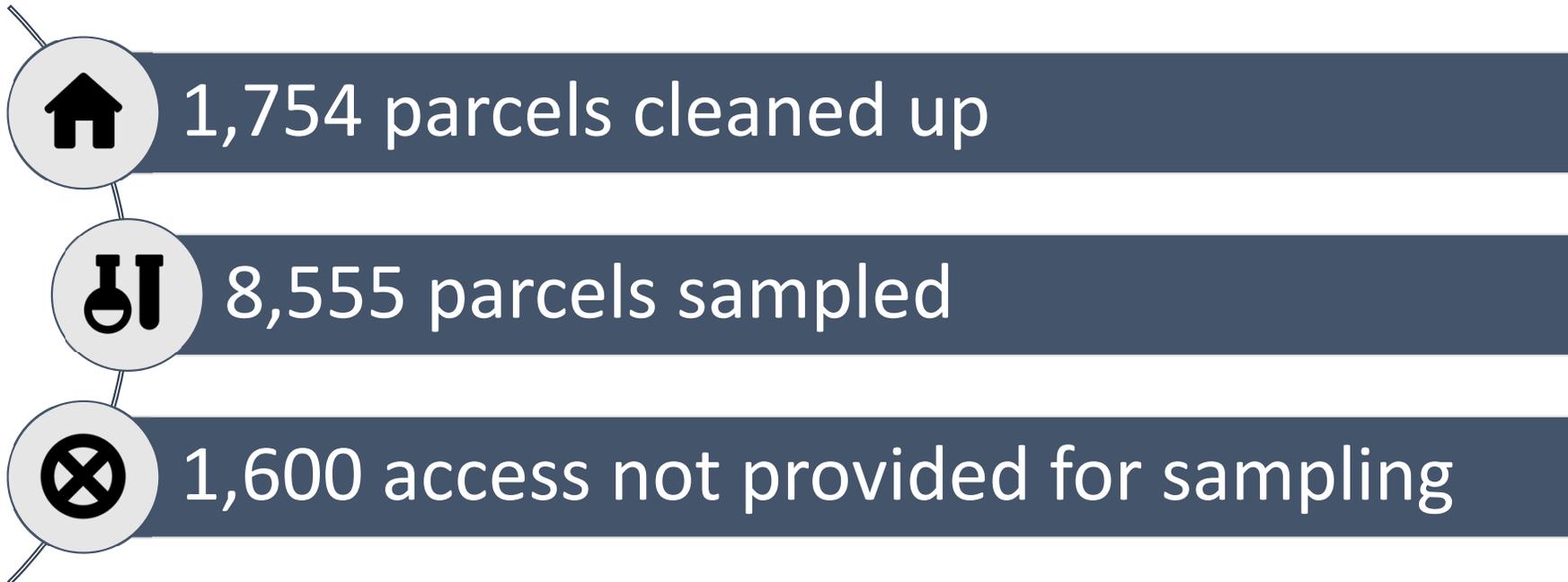
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Residential Cleanup Project Manager

Residential Cleanup Progress

As of April 24, 2020:



Residential Cleanup: Current Priorities

Up to 3,200 parcels with representative soil lead concentration:

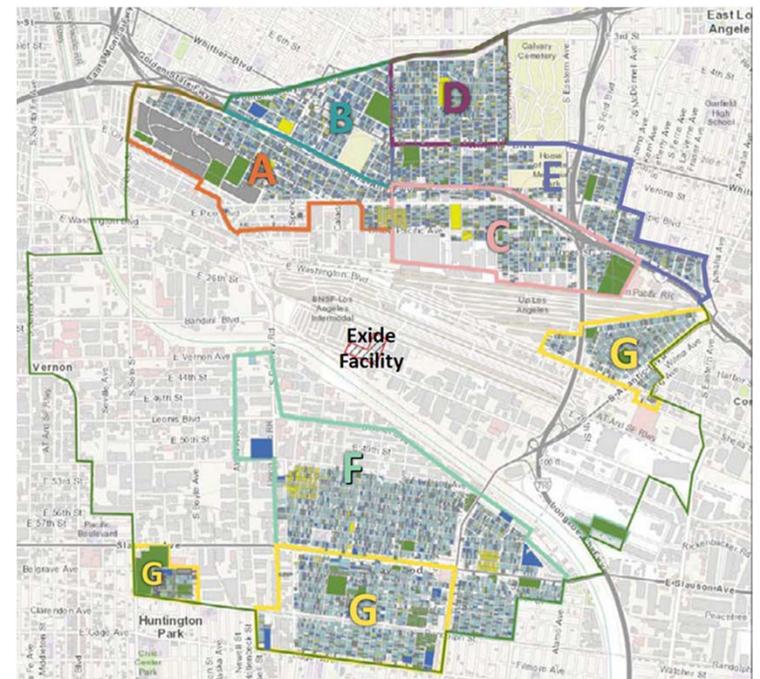
- 2,500 parcels - 400 parts per million and above
- 700 parcels - 300 to 399 parts per million and above



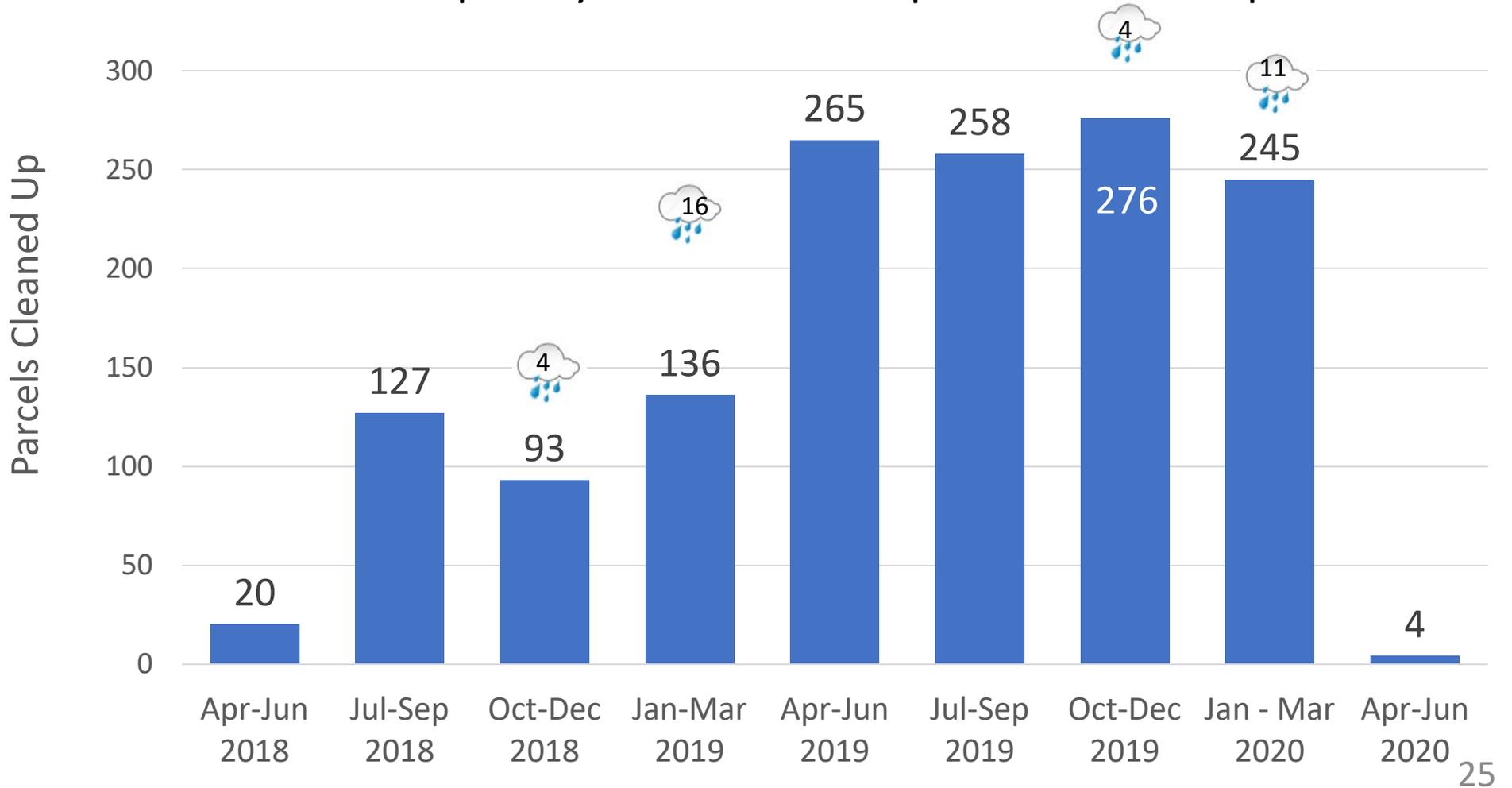
Parcels Cleaned Up by Local Jurisdiction

As of April 24, 2020:

- City of Bell – 58
- City of Commerce – 120
- City of Huntington Park – 130
- City of Los Angeles – 427
- City of Maywood – 398
- Unincorporated East Los Angeles – 621



Pace of Cleanups by Quarter: Apr 2018 – Apr 2020



Parkways: Soil Sampling and Health Risk Assessment Next Steps

- Spring 2020
 - DTSC to review Draft Investigation Report
 - Contractor to conduct Health Risk Assessment
- Summer 2020
 - Investigation Report
 - Health Risk Assessment Report
- Fall 2020
 - Public Comment Period for
 - Draft Cleanup Plan for Parkways
 - California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Document
- Spring 2021
 - Finalize Parkways Cleanup Plan

Please Fill Out a Parkways Survey

- Survey purpose: Find out how communities access and use parkways
- Available in English and Spanish
- Survey link and QR code:
www.dtsc.ca.gov/residential-parkways-soil-sampling-survey/



More Information on Residential Cleanup and Parkways

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Facility Closure Progress

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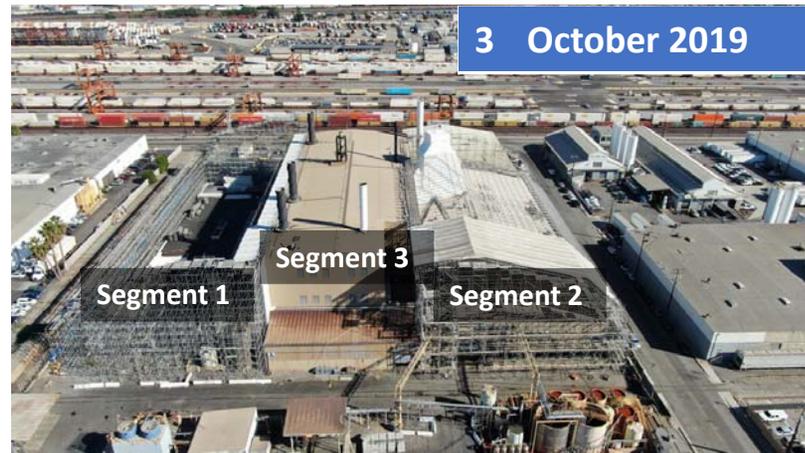
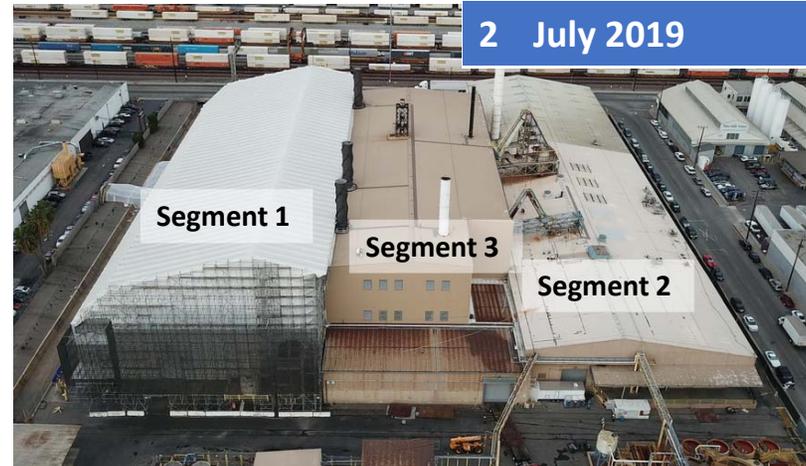
Phase 1 Closure: Approximately 65% Complete

- Phase 1 Closure involves decontamination, deconstruction, and disposal of above ground equipment used in hazardous waste management
 - Phase 2 Closure addresses soil and groundwater and will dovetail w/ Corrective Action
- Anticipated Completion of Phase 1 Closure is December 2021
 - Class 1* Permit Modification was public noticed in March 2020
 - Incorporates 15-month delay
 - Incorporates re-phasing of Wastewater Treatment Plant removal to Phase 2 Closure
 - All costs to close facility continue to be borne by Exide
- Closure work has been suspended since March 21 due to COVID-19 pandemic.
- On April 20, DTSC directed Exide to restart Closure work.

Phase 1 Closure During COVID-19 Pandemic

- During current shutdown, Exide is continuing to conduct security and stabilization measures to prevent release of contaminants from the facility
 - Third party QA Contractor is conducting weekly inspections
 - Third Party QA has a COVID-19 exposure prevention plan in place
- Before restarting Closure activities, Exide is required to submit an Addendum to their Health and Safety Plan that describes measures to be implemented to prevent spread of COVID-19.

Aerial Time Lapse



Segment 2: Equipment Removal and Decontamination (March 2020)



Segment 2: Building Deconstructed (April 2020)



April 2020

Segment 3: Ongoing Deconstruction and Decontamination



More Information on Facility Closure

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www.dtsc.ca.gov/facility-closure/ (scroll to video screenshot)

Advisory Group Questions and Discussion

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Thank You

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