

Fact Sheet

Our mission 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.

Exide Technologies Inc. Update 2700 South Indiana Street, Vernon, California

The purpose of this fact sheet is to provide you an update of the activities at the Exide Technologies, Inc. (Exide) facility since 2006. Exide is a metal (lead) recovery/recycling facility located in the City of Vernon. In June 2006, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) received substantial public comments on a draft Hazardous Waste Facility Permit for Exide operations. Based on significant public input and other regulatory changes, considerable improvements have been completed at the facility. DTSC and the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) have been working together to provide oversight of activities and ongoing improvements at the facility. The following is a summary of the upgrades and changes that have taken place at Exide since 2006.

Facility Changes Under DTSC Oversight:

- **Permitting Actions:** The DTSC permitting actions include the reassessment of hazardous waste tanks, routine cleaning and on-going surface coating & sealing of the manufacturing areas, resurfacing of the waste water treatment plant secondary containment, and installation of a shoe/boot washing stations for employees.
- **Enforcement Actions:** The DTSC enforcement team has been conducting comprehensive annual inspections at Exide and has cited Exide for violations of the hazardous waste control laws. These violations involve unauthorized storage of spent lead acid batteries in two off-site warehouses and in their west yard area. Exide has corrected these violations. In addition, DTSC has cited Exide for accumulating hazardous waste sludge in their storm water retention pond (retention pond). DTSC is now requiring Exide to include the retention pond as a regulated unit in their permit application. This will correct the violation and provide proper regulatory oversight over the design and operation of the retention pond.
- **Cleanup Actions:** Under DTSC's direction, Exide has undertaken several on-site and off-site cleanup actions. Approximately 1,050,000 square feet of area has been cleaned up and 40 cubic yards of contaminated material has been removed and recycled. DTSC continues to direct Exide to investigate the extent of the contamination at and around the Exide site and undertake cleanup actions as needed to protect public health and the environment.

Hazardous Waste Facility Permit Update:

Based on public comments and significant changes to the operations at Exide, DTSC will restart the entire permitting process. A new Hazardous Waste Permit Application reflecting the current Exide operation, including the structural and operational improvements completed since 2006 and proposed future changes has been submitted. The new permit application is currently under DTSC review.

A new Human Health Risk Assessment (HHRA) is also being prepared to fully evaluate any potential human health risks posed by updated Exide operations. DTSC and SCAQMD are working together to review the HHRA and will continue to



provide surveillance over the site operation.

Additionally, a new Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will be prepared to assess any environmental impact associated with the facility's operation. The new EIR will also reflect the changes to Exide operations.

SCAQMD Participation

Exide is also regulated by the SCAQMD. Exide holds permits issued by the SCAQMD and is subject to air quality rules and regulations. In November 2010, SCAQMD adopted Rule 1420.1 – Emissions Standards for Lead from Large Lead-Acid Battery Recycling Facilities. This recently adopted rule imposed on Exide has even more stringent monitoring, operating and reporting requirements in order to meet the new lowered federal emissions standards for lead. Rule 1420.1 requires total facility enclosure, additional air monitoring and sampling, annual source testing and additional housekeeping measures.

To report air quality complaints to the SCAQMD, please call **1.800.CUT.SMOG**. For Spanish speaking complainants, please call **1.800.876.3666**.

SCAQMD is the air pollution control agency for all of Orange County and the urban portions of Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

Community Meeting in October 2011

DTSC will hold a public meeting in October, 2011 to discuss the EIR and to receive input from members of the community on the issues to be addressed in the EIR. A Fact Sheet announcing the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the new EIR and the time and location of community meeting will be mailed in October, 2011.

Where to Find Project Documents

Documents related to the site are available for your review at the following locations:

Department of Toxic Substances Control
9211 Oakdale Avenue, Chatsworth, CA 91311
Mon - Fri: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Please call (818) 717-6521 for an appointment

To view electronic versions of project documents, please visit DTSC's EnviroStor website:

<http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/>

Enter "Vernon" as the City and select "EXIDE TECHNOLOGIES, HAZ WASTE - OPERATING PERMIT". Click on the link for "Report".

If you would like DTSC to notify you via email when new EnviroStor documents, such as workplans and reports, are available online for these sites, please click on the "Sign Up for Email Alerts" link to the right of the site name, and complete the signup form.

All documents made available to the public by the DTSC can be made available in alternate format (i.e. Braille, large print, etc.) or in another language as appropriate, in accordance with State and Federal law. Please contact Maya Akula for assistance.

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