

COMMUNITY UPDATE

The mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances by restoring contaminated resources, enforcing hazardous waste laws, reducing hazardous waste generation, and encouraging the manufacture of chemically safer products.

PUBLIC COMMENTS SOUGHT ON PROPERTIES CLEANUP IN SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES OF THE FORMER EXIDE TECHNOLOGIES FACILITY

NOTICE OF PREPARATION AND NOTICE OF SCOPING MEETINGS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

A *Notice of Preparation* (NOP) is currently available for public review and comment. The purpose of the NOP is to solicit guidance from agencies and the public for the scope and content of the environmental information to be included in the *Environmental Impact Report* (EIR). The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is the *lead regulatory agency* overseeing investigation and approving cleanup plans for the sensitive land uses (e.g. residential, educational, recreational) within the Preliminary Investigation Area (PIA), which is the area within an approximately 1.7 mile radius of the Exide Technologies Facility (see Figure 1). The Project would be an expansion and acceleration of cleanup efforts within the PIA with priority given to highest concentration of lead in soil with greatest potential for exposure. Further prioritization for properties will be considered based on demographics and property characteristics, such as bare soils accessible, and if children (under 7 years) and pregnant women reside on the property. Under the *California Environmental Quality Act* (CEQA), DTSC will prepare an EIR that will include Project-level (approximately 2,500 properties) and Program-level (remaining properties) analyses of the cleanup for the purposes of mitigating potential exposure risks from lead impacted soils. This fact sheet provides information on:

- Project Background
- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
 - NOP Comment Period
 - Scoping Meetings
- Additional Information Sources
- Information Repository Locations
- Who to Contact at DTSC for Information

PROJECT BACKGROUND

DTSC is the lead state regulatory agency overseeing investigation and approving cleanup plans for the Preliminary Investigation Area (PIA) which is the area within an approximately 1.7 mile radius of the former Exide Technologies Facility (see Figure 1). The PIA is located in seven jurisdictions: Cities of Bell, Commerce, Huntington Park, Los Angeles, Maywood, and Vernon and the County of Los Angeles.

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Investigation and remediation inside the PIA has occurred in locations referred to as the Northern Assessment Area and the Southern Assessment Area. The remediation has been completed in compliance with the Interim Measures Work Plan dated November 2015 that was approved by DTSC.

A draft cleanup plan will be developed by DTSC and it will be subject to public comment for the properties identified for cleanup. It is anticipated that remediation of impacted soils would consist of soil excavation of approximately 18 inches in accessible areas using small construction equipment. DTSC intends to explore the feasibility of clustering the remediation and having multiple remediation crews operating simultaneously in order to expedite the cleanup. Therefore, the EIR will evaluate clustering of activities in a way that would minimize impacts to the community. DTSC's goal is to remediate approximately 2,500 properties within a year, resulting in an average of 50 properties per week.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) CEQA is a state law that requires the lead agency of a project to consider and disclose the environmental effects of its proposed actions before approving such actions. DTSC has been designated as the lead agency for completing the CEQA process for the Properties Cleanup in surrounding communities of the former Exide Technologies Facility. The purpose of the cleanup is to mitigate potential exposure risks from lead impacted soils. The EIR will provide an evaluation of the potential environmental effects of the cleanup.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE NOP June 16, 2016 through July 18, 2016

A 30-day comment period for the NOP will begin June 16, 2016 and will end on July 18, 2016 to receive public comments on the scope of the EIR. **All public comments must be postmarked or e-mailed by July 18, 2016 and sent to:**

Mr. Steven Ross, Project Manager
Department of Toxic Substances Control
8800 Cal Center Drive
Sacramento, CA 95826
E-mail: ExidePIACleanup@dtsc.ca.gov

DTSC will consider all public comments received during the public comment period in the EIR preparation.

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS

DTSC invites you to participate at a DTSC hosted Public Scoping Meeting to solicit input regarding the scope and content of the environmental information to be included in the EIR. Your participation is encouraged. Please join us at one of the following meetings (see Figure 2):

Date	Time	Location
Saturday, June 25, 2016	10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon	Raul R. Perez Memorial Park (Perez Park) 6208 Alameda Street Huntington Park, CA 90255
Thursday, June 30, 2016	6:30 PM to 8:30 PM	Commerce Council Chambers 2535 Commerce Way Commerce, CA 90040

Translation services will be provided at the meetings. In addition, the public may also submit comments during the NOP review period at the DTSC address shown above. Project documents are available for public review at the Information

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Repository locations listed in this Fact Sheet. DTSC will consider all NOP public comments received during the public comment period in preparing the EIR.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SOURCES

DTSC will continue to keep the public informed during the EIR process. A notice will be sent to anyone who has requested notification of the availability of the Draft EIR for review and comment. . Project information can be found at DTSC's main website: (<http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/Projects/UpdateExideSuspension.cfm>). This website provides a useful overview of the project.

Site documents are also available for electronic review on DTSC's EnviroStor website at www.EnviroStor.dtsc.ca.gov. Select Advanced Search and enter "Exide Residential Cleanup" or go to www.dtsc.ca.gov, under QUICK LINKS, and click "Exide". If you would like DTSC to notify you via e-mail when new EnviroStor documents, such as workplans and reports, are available online for the cleanup, please click on the "Sign Up for E-mail Alerts" link to the right of the site name, and complete the sign up form.

All documents made available to the public by DTSC can be made available in an alternate format (i.e., Braille, large print, etc.) or in another language as appropriate, in accordance with State and Federal law. Please contact Susan Castro-Valenzuela, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, toll free at 844-225-3887 or by email at Susan.Castro-Valenzuela@dtsc.ca.gov for assistance with alternative information formats.

INFORMATION REPOSITORY LOCATIONS

Project documents (NOP and fact sheet) are available for public review at the following Information Repositories:

Commerce Public Library
5655 Jillson Street
Commerce, CA 90040
(323) 722-6660

Maywood Cesar Chavez Public Library
4323 Slauson Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90270
(323) 771-8600

City Terrace Library
4025 E. City Terrace Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90063
(323) 261-0295

DTSC Regional Office
9211 Oakdale Avenue
Chatsworth, CA 91311
Monday – Friday: 8 am to 5 pm
(818) 717-6500

Huntington Park Public Library
6518 Miles Avenue
Huntington Park, CA 90255
(323) 583-1461

Bell Library
4411 Gage Avenue
Bell, CA 90201
(323) 560-2149

Resurrection Catholic Church
3324 E. Opal Street
Los Angeles, CA 90270
(323) 268-1141

DTSC Regional Office
8800 Cal Center Drive
Sacramento, CA 95826
(916) 255-3758
Monday – Friday: 8 am to 5 pm
(916) 255-3758

Robert Louis Stevenson Library
803 Spence Street
Los Angeles, CA 90033
(323) 268-1141

Vernon Public Library
4305 Santa Fe Avenue
Vernon, CA 90058
(323) 582-8811

Anthony Quinn Library
3965 Cesar E. Chavez Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90063
(323) 264-7715

DTSC Regional Office
5796 Corporate Avenue
Cypress, CA 90630
Monday – Friday: 8 am to 5 pm
(714) 484-5300

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WHOM TO CONTACT AT DTSC FOR INFORMATION

If you have any questions about the project, NOP, EIR or other project related activities, please contact: Susan Castro-Valenzuela, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, toll free at 844-225-3887 or email at Susan.Castro-Valenzuela@dtsc.ca.gov.

MEDIA INQUIRIES

For news media inquiries only, please contact Sandy Nax, DTSC Public Information Officer at (916) 327-6114 or email at Sandy.Nax@dtsc.ca.gov.

For more information about our department, please visit our website at www.dtsc.ca.gov

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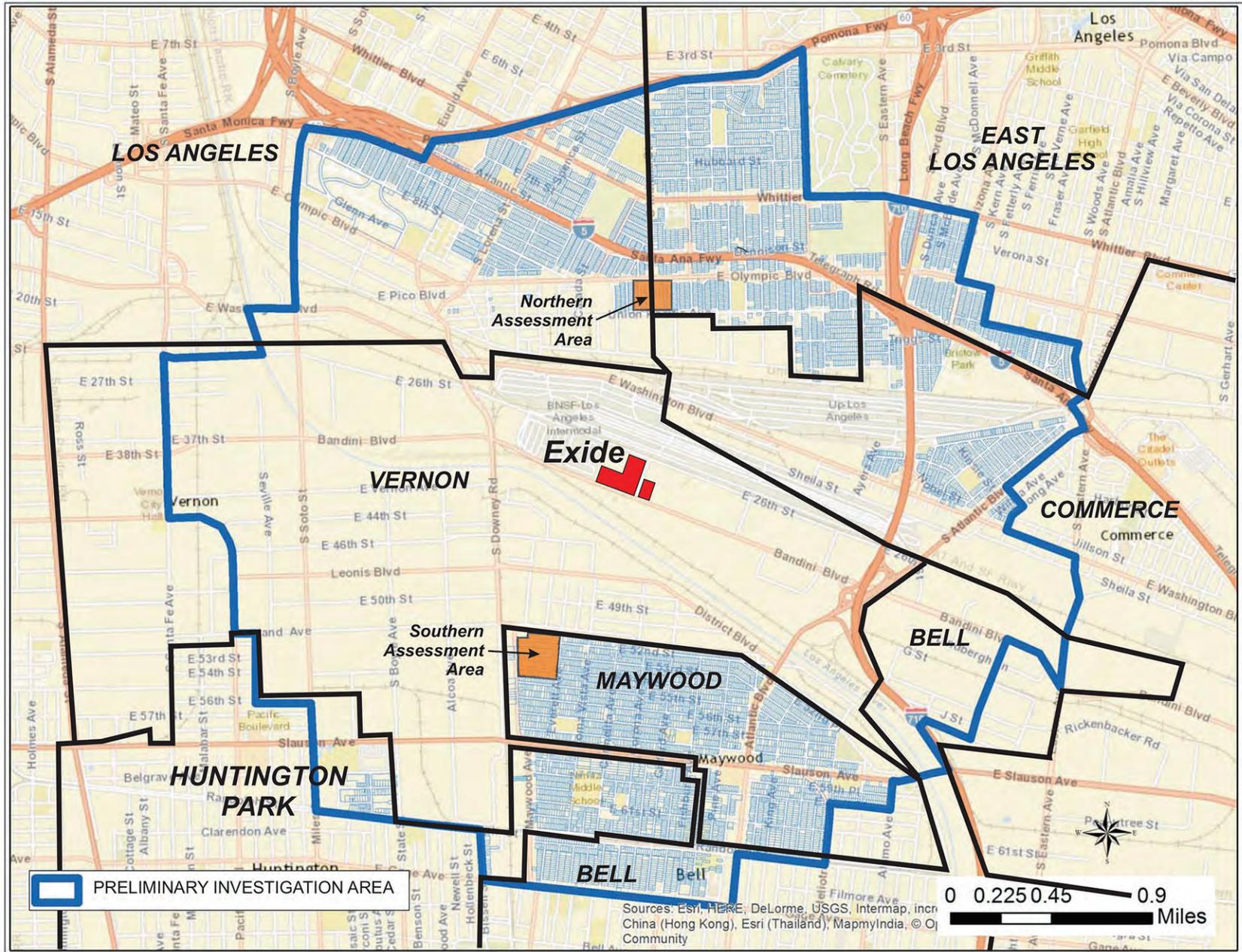


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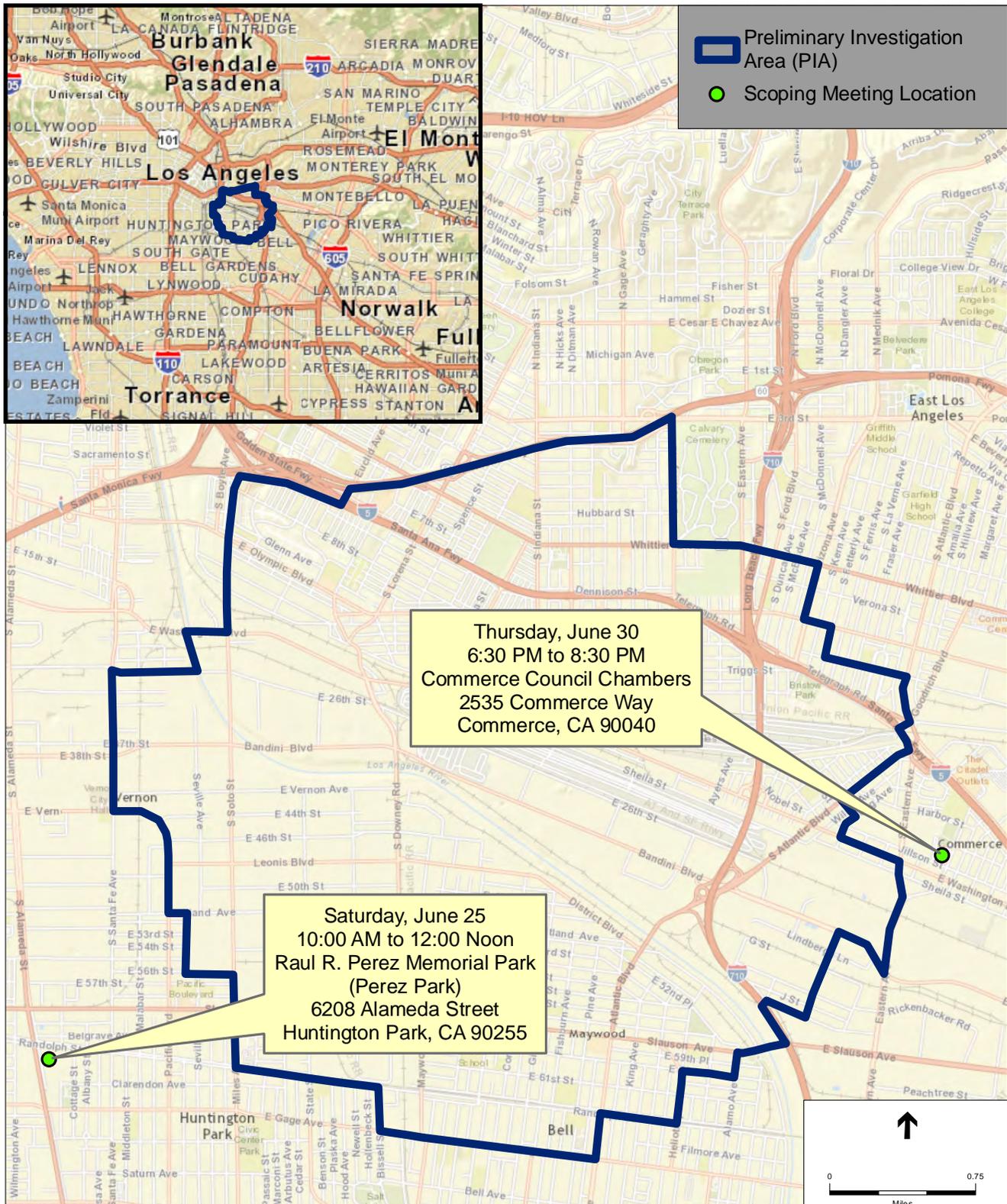




SOURCE: DTSC, 2016

Exide Technologies Project

Figure 1
Preliminary Investigation Area



SOURCE: Google Maps, 2015 (Aerial).

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Figure 2

Preliminary Investigation Area (PIA) and Scoping Meeting Locations