

COMMUNITY UPDATE

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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.

Extension of Public Comment Period and Public Hearing on Exide's Draft Closure Plan and DTSC's Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Exide Technologies Battery Recycling Facility

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) Permitting Division has extended the public comment period to end on March 28, 2016. DTSC invites you to review and comment on the Exide Technologies Battery Recycling Facility's (Exide's) draft Closure Plan for the facility located at 2700 South Indiana Street in Vernon, CA. DTSC also invites you to review and comment on DTSC's Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) which identifies the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed activities described in the draft Closure Plan. Approval of a Closure Plan would begin cleanup and deconstruction of buildings at the facility.

Previously, DTSC opened a 30-day public comment period from May 28 to June 29, 2015, and held a scoping meeting on June 18, 2015, to solicit public input on the scope of DTSC's DEIR. This public notice extends the current public comment period to end on March 28, 2016 for the draft Closure Plan and DEIR. DTSC will also hold a public hearing on February 3, 2016, at the Commerce City Council Chambers located at 2535 Commerce Way in Commerce, CA, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. At this hearing, you can provide oral or written comments and any supporting data on the draft Closure Plan and DEIR for consideration before DTSC approves a Closure Plan and certifies a Final EIR.



Public Hearing



Public Comment Period
December 8, 2015 through
March 28, 2016

You may also provide oral comment on the draft Closure Plan and DEIR at the Public Hearing on:

Wednesday, February 3, 2016
6:00-9:00pm

City Council Chambers
City of Commerce
2535 Commerce Way
Commerce CA 90040

Written comments must be submitted by March 28, 2016 to:

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Si prefiere hablar con alguien en español acerca de esta información, favor de llamar a Carlos Ortega 818-717-6698.



Exide History

The facility, located at 2700 South Indiana Street, operated in Vernon for over 90 years. Most recently, Exide used this facility for secondary lead recycling to recover lead from automotive batteries and other lead-bearing materials. Exide received spent (used) lead-acid batteries and other lead-bearing materials and recycled them to recover lead.

Why is a Closure Plan being prepared?

The Closure Plan describes how Exide will clean and deconstruct the facility. In April 2015, Exide withdrew its application for a Hazardous Waste Facility Permit after DTSC informed Exide of its plans to deny the permit application. DTSC terminated the facility's interim status authorization to manage hazardous waste in May 2015. As a result, DTSC's regulations required Exide to submit a Closure Plan to describe how the facility will be closed in a manner that is protective of public health and the environment. Exide must implement a DTSC-approved Closure Plan to close the facility. The draft Closure Plan is available for review at the locations listed in this notice.

Why is a DEIR being prepared?

Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC must evaluate and consider the potential environmental impacts associated with activities planned in the Closure Plan. DTSC, acting as the lead agency, prepared a DEIR, State Clearinghouse No. 2015051081, which identifies significant environmental effects related to air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, geology, and soils that DTSC anticipates as a result of the Closure Plan activities. DTSC is asking for public comments on this document. The DEIR is available for review at the locations listed in this notice.

Public Comment Procedures

During this public comment period, any interested person may submit written comments and data in support of his or her comments on the draft Closure Plan and DEIR. In addition, DTSC will hold a public hearing on February 3, 2016, for any person to submit oral or written comments and any supporting data concerning the draft Closure Plan and DEIR. Reasonable limits will be set for time allowed for oral comments. A written transcript of the oral comments provided during the hearing will be made available to the public. The transcript, and all written comments and supporting data submitted by March 28, 2016, will be considered in making a final decision.

All persons who believe any segment of the draft Closure Plan or DEIR is inappropriate, must raise all issues and submit all arguments and factual grounds supporting their position, including all supporting material, by the close of the public comment period. All supporting materials must be included in full and may not be incorporated by reference, unless they are already part of the administrative record, or consist of State or Federal statutes and regulations, DTSC or USEPA documents of general applicability, or other generally available reference materials. The comment period has been extended from the standard 45-day review period and set for more than 105 days so that the public has ample opportunity to review documents, provide comments, and submit supporting materials. After considering all comments, DTSC will issue a written response to comments that will be available to the public.

Please send written comments by March 28, 2016, to:

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You can review copies of both documents at:

Resurrection Catholic Church Office
3324 E. Opal Street
Los Angeles, CA 90023
(323) 268-1141

Robert L. Stevenson Branch Library
803 Spence Street
Los Angeles, CA 90023
(323) 268-4710

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

Maywood Cesar Chavez Library
4323 Slauson Ave.
Maywood, CA 90270
(323) 771-8600

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

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

DTSC Cypress Regional Office
5796 Corporate Avenue
Cypress, CA 90630
(714) 484-5300

DTSC Sacramento Regional Office
8800 Cal Center Drive
Sacramento, CA 95826
(916) 255-3758

City Terrace Public Library
4063 E. City Terrace Drive
Los Angeles CA 90063
(323) 261-0295

You can also find the plans on our website:

<http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/Projects/UpdateExideSuspension.cfm>

The full administrative record is available from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at DTSC's Sacramento Regional office, Mondays through Fridays, excluding state holidays. All data submitted by Exide is available as part of the administrative record.

Department of Toxic Substances Control

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Please call (916) 255-3758 or email pubreqact@dtsc.ca.gov to make the necessary arrangements.

Additional information is also available at our website.

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