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Exide's Vernon battery recycling facility is one of only two recycling facilities west of the Rocky Mountains recycling transportation and industrial batteries. When fully operational, the facility employs more than 130 people from in and around the Vernon area and recycles as many as 25,000 batteries per day.

The Vernon facility is not currently operating while Exide installs additional technology to comply with strict new California regulations. The Company remains committed to providing information and engaging the community during the enhancement process and beyond. The Vernon monthly update provides community members and other involved or interested parties with current information on planned and ongoing facility activities. The update will be published on a monthly basis.

## September Vernon Facility Update

- The South Coast Air Quality Management District's (SCAQMD) independent third-party monitor began oversight of construction and preparation activities at the facility.
- Exide continued its work with SCAQMD on draft permits for additional facility enhancement construction requiring specific approvals.
- Exide continued working towards a permanent permit for its Vernon facility from the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC).
- Exide submitted a comprehensive assessment and extensive information to DTSC as part of the thorough process to gain a permanent facility permit.
- Exide continued expanded soil sampling of additional areas North and South of its Vernon facility.
- Exide continued to provide funding to the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services (DPH) for blood lead screenings of residents in an area near the facility. The program was extended through November with DPH implementing additional outreach efforts in the community.
- SCAQMD held its first Community Advisory Committee meeting.
- Exide continued its work with and support for community non-profits, including support for the Vernon Chamber of Commerce's annual golf tournament.
- Exide continued to launch its extensive community engagement program, hosting multiple open houses and facility tours each week.