

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

To: Office of Planning and Research
State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street, Room 212
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From: Department of Toxic Substances Control
Exide Program
5796 Corporate Avenue
Cypress, CA 90630

Subject: FILING OF NOTICE OF DETERMINATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 21108 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE

Project Title: Addendum to the Closure Plan for Exide Technologies Battery Recycling Facility, For Non-Regulated Units/Structures Decontamination and Deconstruction

State Clearinghouse Number: #2015051081

Project Location: 2700 South Indiana Avenue, Vernon, CA 90058

County: Los Angeles

Project Applicant: Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC)

Project Description: The project addressed in this Addendum involves the decontamination and deconstruction of the remaining non-regulated buildings or units at the project site (hereafter referred to as the “Exide Facility Non-Regulated Buildings Decontamination and Demo Plan”).¹ The decontamination and deconstruction approach would generally follow the procedures outlined in the approved Exide Facility Closure Plan and Exide Facility Closure Implementation Plan (CIP) to ensure that the lead-containing dusts are safely removed from the on-site structures prior to deconstruction to protect both site workers and the surrounding community. The proposed modification to the project would export a total of approximately 3,500 cubic yards of material and would import a total of approximately 380 cubic yards of material, resulting in a total of 238 truckloads of material (assuming 18 truckloads for in haul of imported backfill, and 220 truckloads for outhaul of exported material).

All work activities would be performed in compliance with the mitigation measures and project conditions set forth in the Final Environmental Impact Report Closure Plan’s (EIR) Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program (MMRP) or any subsequent amendments of the MMRP. Furthermore, all work activities would be conducted pursuant to the requirements of the project’s Title V Permit and SCAQMD Rule 1420.1 (including restrictions on the type of equipment that can be used). Due to the high lead levels detected during the lead in dust assessment work, all field activities would be conducted under a negative pressure building enclosure. In addition, all deconstruction work would be conducted in compliance with all applicable provisions of SCAQMD Rules, including Rule 1403.

Background: DTSC is the lead State Agency overseeing the Closure of the Former Exide Technologies Battery Recycling Facility (Facility), located at 2700 South Indiana Street in Vernon, California. The previously approved Exide Facility Closure Plan outlines a phased multi-year approach for the removal and decontamination of contaminated materials, equipment, structures, and soils at the Facility. The associated project activities were analyzed in the Final EIR, certified on December 8, 2016. National Engineering and Consulting Group Inc. (NEC), on behalf of DTSC, has prepared a decontamination and demolition plan for the decontamination and deconstruction of any of the remaining non-regulated buildings or units at the project site (i.e., Exide Facility Non-Regulated Buildings Decontamination and Demo Plan) in April 2023.

In the Exide Facility Non-Regulated Buildings Decontamination and Demo Plan, DTSC identified other structures and non-regulated units on the project site to decontaminate and/or deconstruct, some of which have been tested for contamination via building hazardous material survey and lead in dust assessments conducted in 2021 and 2022. While the Final EIR included the decontamination of the roofs and surrounding paved areas of these other structures and non-regulated units, it did not include decontamination of the entire structures or units nor deconstruction or demolition activities. Although the Final EIR acknowledged that removal could be required if confirmation sampling results showed levels of contamination above performance standards. Thus, the proposed decontamination and deconstruction of these other structures and non-regulated units are not fully covered under the Final EIR. Therefore, this Addendum to the Final EIR is prepared to include the proposed modification to the project, which includes the decontamination and deconstruction of the other structures and non-regulated units and associated and auxiliary structures at the former Exide Facility.

As Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC approved the above-described project on April 20, 2023 and has made the following determinations:

¹ National Engineering and Consulting Group Inc. (NEC). 2023. *Non-Regulated Buildings Decontamination and Demo Plan - Former Exide Technologies, Lead Recycling Facility, 2700 South Indiana Street, Vernon, California*. PDF. April.

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of project approval.
4. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for this project.
5. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

The administrative record for this project is available to the public by appointment at the following location:

Department of Toxic Substances Control
Exide Facility Closure and Cleanup for Exide Program
5796 Corporate Avenue
Cypress, CA 90630

Additional project information is available on EnviroStor: www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/

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April 20, 2023

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