

Public Notice: Exide Technologies - Laureldale, PA

DATE OF THIS NOTICE: 6/9/2020

PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing its proposed remedy of implementation of engineering and institutional controls under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), as amended for the Exide Technologies facility (Facility) in Laureldale, PA.

Summary of Proposed Action:

RCRA Corrective Action - Cleanup Proposal

FACILITY DESCRIPTION: The 40-acre Facility is located at 3000 Montrose Avenue, Reading, PA 19605. The Facility began operating as a battery manufacturing plant in the mid-1930s under the ownership of the Bowers Battery Company. General Battery Corporation purchased the facility in 1958, which was later acquired by Exide in 1987. For many years Exide operated a lead smelter and recycled lead batteries. Spent lead-acid batteries were sent to a battery breaker unit where lead, plastic and acid are separated. The recycled lead is smelted and cast into lead-alloy bars to produce new battery plates. Exide discontinued the battery manufacturing operations in 2010. In 2013, Exide ceased all lead recycling operations. Currently, Exide utilizes the facility for the recycling of non-hazardous plastic materials.

INFORMATION AVAILABILITY: Information regarding EPA's proposed remedy is available on EPA's website at <https://www.epa.gov/hwcorrectiveactionsites/hazardous-waste-cleanup-exide-technologies-reading-pennsylvania>. The Administrative Record, which contains all the information considered in EPA's proposed remedy, is available at U.S. EPA Mid-Atlantic Region, Mail Code: 3LD20, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA. 19103. Office hours are: Mon-Fri, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM. For additional information, contact: Project Manager, **Khai Dao** at EPA Mid-Atlantic's address listed above; Phone: 215-814-5467 or Email: dao.khai@epa.gov.

COMMENT PROCESS: Persons to comment on EPA's proposed decision must submit comments to EPA within the 45-day comment period ending **7/24/2020**. Interested persons may also request a public hearing on this proposed remedy. All comments and/or requests for a hearing must be submitted in writing via mail, fax, or email to the EPA Project Manager, Khai Dao as listed above, and must be received prior to **7/24/2020**. All comments will be considered in making a final decision.

FINAL DECISION: EPA will make a final decision after considering all comments, consistent with applicable RCRA requirements and regulations. If the remedy is substantially unchanged from the one in this notice, EPA will issue a final decision and inform all persons who submitted written comments or requested notice of EPA's final determination. If the remedy is significantly different from the one proposed, EPA will issue a public notice explaining the new remedy and will reopen the comment period.