

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ) ABOUT LA COUNTY'S RESPONSE TO CONTAMINATION FROM THE EXIDE BATTERY PLANT IN VERNON, CA

1. What is the problem?

Operations at the former Exide battery recycling plant in Vernon released harmful levels of lead and arsenic into surrounding communities. Exposure to high levels of these chemicals increases the risk of cancer, breathing diseases, and learning problems. More than 100,000 people who live, work, and play near and around the former Exide plant may be at risk.

2. What is being done to solve the problem?

To protect the public's health, specially-trained workers are cleaning affected homes and yards in these areas. Exide and the California Department of Toxic Substance Control are responsible for all cleaning activities. However, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health is working with affected communities to make sure all cleaning is successful and responsive to community needs. During the next few weeks, you may see County staff taking these actions:

ACTION 1

FIND



Quickly find contaminated areas.

ACTION 2

CLEAN



Facilitate lead removal and cleaning of homes, yards, and public spaces.

ACTION 3

INFORM



Provide information, health screenings, and other resources to community members.

Where to go for more information:

Visit www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/exide

or call 1-800-LA-4-LEAD (1-800-524-5323)

