



LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION**

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**Meeting Notice of Regular Meeting**

**DATE:** Thursday, October 10, 2024

**TIME:** 10:30 a.m.

**LOCATION:** 313 N. Figueroa St., CR 804 or Conference Call: 844-291-6364  
Los Angeles, CA 90012 Access: 3699012

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**Agenda**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS, ADVISORS, AND GUESTS
- III. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
- IV. ACTION TO EXCUSE EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES
- V. ACTION FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- VI. PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT
  - Public Health and COVID-19 Updates – Dr. Anish Mahajan, Chief Deputy Director
- VII. PRESENTATION
  - Mobile Vaccine & Testing Team: People Experiencing Homelessness Unit – Heidi Lopez, PH Nursing Supervisor and Gema Morales-Meyer, Director of Clinic Services
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS
  - Action for Approval of Exide Recommendation Letter - Janet Scully
- IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- X. THE OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBER(S) OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION ON ITEMS OF INTEREST THAT IS WITHIN THE SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION OF THE COMMISSION IS LIMITED FOR TWO MINUTES
- XI. ADJOURNMENT

**Public Health Commissioners:** Chairperson Commissioner, Crystal Crawford, J.D.; Vice-Chairperson Commissioner, Patrick T. Dowling, M.D., M.P.H.; Commissioner Kenny Green; Commissioner Alina Dorian, Ph.D. Commissioner, Diego H. Rodrigues, LMFT, MA



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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
EPA Docket Center Superfund  
[EPA-HQ-OLEM-2024-0376]  
Mail Code 28221T  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20460

**Re: Support for Adding the Former Exide Facility in Vernon, California, and the Surrounding Impacted Communities to the Superfund National Priorities List**

Dear Administrator Regan,

The Los Angeles County Public Health Commission (the Commission) strongly supports the EPA's recent proposal, announced on September 4, 2024, to add the former Exide Technologies facility in Vernon, California, along with the surrounding impacted areas, to the Superfund National Priorities List (NPL). We believe that this designation is crucial to addressing the ongoing public health risks caused by the site's contamination, and we welcome the public comment period as an important step in the process.

For decades, Exide's operations released harmful toxins into nearby neighborhoods, creating lasting health hazards for local residents. Despite the facility shutting down in 2015, communities remain exposed to pollutants linked to increased risks of cancer, lead poisoning, respiratory conditions, and learning disabilities. The Commission recognizes the severe public health impact of these hazards and has been working alongside other agencies to respond to the community's immediate and long-term needs, including advocating for comprehensive removal of the contaminants.

While efforts by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health have included free lead testing, remediation programs, and developmental support for children, these measures are not enough to fully address the scale of the contamination. The inclusion of the Exide site in the NPL will bring additional resources to expand and accelerate cleanup efforts, working in conjunction with the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) and other agencies already involved.

We urge the EPA to collaborate closely with California state agencies to ensure that this critical remediation is carried out as swiftly and thoroughly as possible, providing long-overdue relief to these communities. Residents have endured the consequences of this environmental disaster for far too long, and it is essential that we act quickly to correct this injustice.

Administrator Regan

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Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. The Commission looks forward to working alongside the EPA and other partners as this process moves forward to ensure that the health and safety of these communities are fully protected.

Respectfully,

Crystal Crawford  
Chair, Los Angeles County Public Health Commission

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