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Subject: RE: Exide NPL VIRTUAL Press Event

Hi DTSC friends (and Erin),
While we at EPA share your enthusiasm for communicating to the public about a federal-state partnership to address EJ generally, and lead/Pb specifically, we need to be careful to not be seen as prejudging the outcome of the State's request. Thus we'll decline your kind invitation to take part in the press conference.

That said, we're happy to contribute a quote from our top official (Regional Administrator Martha Guzman) to your press release, should that be of interest to you. And we may release a statement of our own after you make the announcement, which of course we'd be happy to share with you ahead of time.

Regards,

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Hi Julia!

The main focus is the opportunity of such a partnership with EPA, in order to provide nationwide awareness and resources of the problem and solution. We plan to touch on progress made thus far and what we think this partnership can do for the community and the state. I can schedule time to talk through materials with you in the coming days, or I can share via email for your review and feedback.

Thanks!

Ali

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EXTERNAL:

Hi Diana,

Thanks for the additional info! Is there by chance a comms strategy you could share with us? Is the general focus of the press conference collaboration with EPA and listing Exide, or will other matters be addressed as well (for example, the bankruptcy lawsuit, their current cost recovery litigation or a federal budget ask)?

Thanks!

Julia

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Thank you Mike for looping in Julia, appreciated. As Allison's mentioned, if you are planning to participate in the virtual press conference, we were able to finalize a date and time that works for the Secretary, DTSC Director, and members of the legislature. Its Friday, July 1, from 1-2:00PM, we welcome USEPA to attend and speak, or just be prepared with a statement in response to our announcement? Please let us know what's your preference.

Thank you in advance for your time.

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EXTERNAL:

Thanks, Allison, for reaching out. We really appreciate your info-sharing and coordination with us feds. I'm looping in Julia, EPA Region 9's public affairs lead for Exide.

Regards,

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Good morning Mike,

I'm out sick, for the most part, but keeping things moving on the planning front for the Exide NPL press announcement. We've decided to hold a VIRTUAL press conference for the end of this month. The dates below are being floated to the Legislature for consideration. Would USEPA like to attend and speak, or just be prepared with a statement in response to our announcement? I've included Erin, Meredith, and Diana, DTSC's Legislative Deputy for awareness, and to answer any questions, in the event I cannot.

- Monday, June 27th – Between 1:00 – 4:00 pm (moveable meetings)
- Wednesday, June 29th – 9:00 – 10:00 am, Between 1:00 – 3:00 pm, or 4:00 – 5:00 pm
- Thursday, June 30th – 10:00 – 11:00 am, 1:30 – 3:00 pm,
- Friday, July 1st – 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Thank you – Enjoy your day!

Ali

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