General Talking Points

- Protecting human health by reducing lead exposure, especially children's, is a top EPA priority.

- The Lead Collaboration Pilot was established to promote collaboration with a broad range of stakeholders to ensure a comprehensive approach to addressing lead at residential sites. EPA has selected the Central Metal site to participate in the Lead Collaboration Pilot.

- As a part of the Lead Collaboration Pilot, the Superfund Division will be collaborating with local health departments, community groups and others to increase communication and assistance programs as the site investigation continues.

Exide:

- DTSC has made a significant investment working with the impacted communities, local and federal government officials, and public health officials:
  - ordering the facility to close.
  - implementing the investigation, and cleanup of the facility and the surrounding area.
  - conducted (with EPA) oversight of the decontaminated and deconstructed of the two remaining segments of the lead battery processing and smelting operations.

- EPA understands and acknowledges the negative impacts Exide operations, and the subsequent bankruptcy has had on the surrounding community. EPA will be available to support DTSC as the investigation and cleanup moves forward.

- EPA will continue to partner, coordinate, and collaborate with the State of California to maintain continuity and to keep the community protected from remaining contamination as a result of operations at the facility. For many years our two agencies have worked together at a variety of Sites, and we look forward to our roles as co-regulators continuing.

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