EXIDE

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SUBJECT: STATUS OF STREAM CHANNEL EMERGENCY MEASURE IMPLEMENTATION, EXIDE TECHNOLOGIES, 2700 SOUTH INDIANA STREET, VERNON, CALIFORNIA

On March 29, 2005, Exide Technologies (formerly GNB) implemented the DTSC-approved Stream Channel Emergency Interim Measure Workplan (Workplan) to remove soil from the base and banks of the Stream Channel. The entire Channel is constructed of concrete and is approximately 1,400 feet in length with a width of 16 feet at the bottom and 20 feet at the top. The channel is entirely fenced with the exception of approximately 90 feet running from the southern boundary of the Baker Commodities fence line to the rail crossing. The channel empties into the main channel of the LA River after passing beneath the aforementioned crossing. Triggered by elevated concentrations of lead (Pb) resulting from soil and sediment sampling conducted in August 2004, DTSC directed Exide to submit a Workplan that addresses the threat posed by contaminated Stream Channel soil and sediments.

During DTSC's oversight (March 29, 2005), a bobcock and backhoe were being used to scrape, scoop and load contaminated soil onto the haul truck for temporary stockpiling inside the Exide facility. Stockpile area is located in an open area next to the wall of the manufacturing building. DTSC inspected the temporary stockpile area and noticed that the stockpile area was overlain by heavy plastic sheets. The edge of the stockpile area is lined with dirt bags which serves as containment for soil and debris while stockpiling continues. DTSC representatives (Liang and Jess) also observed a stockpile of soil at the channel floor, as well. Analysis of the stockpile soil indicated the soil as hazardous. During soil removal, DTSC observed an air monitoring equipment in place near the stream channel area where work is being conducted.

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On April 7, 2005, Exide informed DTSC that the first truckload of dirt was shipped to Beating, Nevada for disposal. By a rough estimate, approximately 60 cubic yards of soil materials were removed from the bank and approximately 10 cubic yards were removed from the channel floor. To date, the channel floor has been steam-washed and most of the channel bank has been paved with asphalt, except for the area of the bank where water pipes where located. Exide plans to finish paving the subject area (channel bank) by Saturday, April 9, 2005.

Implementation of this Stream Channel Emergency Measure Workplan primarily address the human Environmental Indicator aspect of the Exide Vernon Facility. An EI form will be forwarded to indicate that the human EI has been achieved in so far as Exide Facility is concerned.

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