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SUBJECT: Invitation to serve on joint-agency, Exide-related Community Advisory Group (CAG)

Dear Mr. Enrique Manzanilla:

Public participation is critical and essential as decisions are made on the closure of the Exide Technologies facility in Vernon, and cleanup of residential yards in the surrounding community. Such participation will enable you and others who live and work in the community to be informed and to have input throughout the process as necessary decisions are made by the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), and other oversight agencies.

As announced at the April 9, 2015 community meeting at Resurrection Church, our two agencies are continuing to work closely together regarding oversight of Exide's plant closure.

As part of this effort, we are creating a Community Advisory Group (CAG) that will play a key role in reviewing and providing input on technical documents and issues connected with the cleanup and closure of Exide. DTSC is also in the process of providing funding for a technical advisor who will work directly with the group to interpret documents and assist the group in developing comments on our agencies' plans. We are hoping that you would consider serving on the CAG that will advise both DTSC and SCAQMD.

To assist you in your decision, we have scheduled a meeting for Thursday, May 28 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Resurrection Church Hall (3324 E. Opal St., L.A., 90023) to go over the roles and responsibilities of CAG members as well as a schedule of future meetings. We hope you can join us at the informational meeting, and will agree to become a member of the advisory group.

If you have further questions, or do not wish to participate on the advisory panel, please contact Jim Marxen, DTSC's Deputy Director for the Office of Communications at jim.marxen@dtsc.ca.gov, or 916-324-6544 or Derrick Alatorre, SCAQMD Assistant Deputy Executive Officer at dalatorre@aqmd.gov or 909-396-3122. Thank you for your involvement in this project.

Sincerely,

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