ENHANCING THE VERNON BATTERY RECYCLING FACILITY

INSTALLING ADDITIONAL TECHNOLOGY TO TREAT AIR EMISSIONS, COMPLY WITH NEW CALIFORNIA REGULATIONS AND GET EMPLOYEES BACK TO WORK

As directed by the South Coast Air Quality Management District, Exide is installing additional air emission control technology at its Vernon recycling facility.

Installation of new equipment will help the Company comply with California’s stringent new health, safety and environmental laws.

The project represents a $5 million capital investment by Exide, bringing the Company’s total investment in environmental, health and safety measures at the Vernon recycling facility to $20 million since 2010.

The additional $5 million investment will fund the installation of additional and expanded ventilation and filtration systems, designed to enhance the capture and treatment of emissions.

Once completed, the new investments will allow the recycling facility to reopen and employ approximately 130 people.

The equipment installation plan has been approved by regulators and will be continuously monitored by an independent environmental consultant.

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (the District) has reviewed and approved Exide’s plan to control dust during construction and maintenance to control emissions.

The District has also hired an independent, third-party consultant to provide daily oversight during the construction phase. The consultant will provide reports about Exide’s progress to regulators and make the reports available to the public on the District’s website.

EXIDE—BY THE NUMBERS

- $20 MILLION
  Total environmental, health and safety investments Exide will have made in its Vernon facility since 2010.

- 25,000
  Number of batteries that can be recycled daily at the Vernon facility once the plant is reopened, helping protect the environment.

- 95%
  Reduction in arsenic emissions due to measures taken since 2010.

- 60 YEARS
  Combined safety experience between two new executives hired to oversee the Vernon facility enhancements.

- 130
  Employees at the Exide Vernon facility when fully operational.
Additional equipment and enhanced systems will help Exide meet California’s tough new air quality standards.

To reopen, the plant must meet the strictest environmental standards in the nation, which are administered by the South Coast Air Quality Management District. The plant must also meet the standards administered by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control.

To help ensure the job is done properly and meets regulatory requirements, Exide has appointed two new executives to oversee construction and compliance at its Vernon facility. Together, these executives have more than 60 years of combined environmental, health and safety experience.

As construction gets underway, the Company is establishing a proactive community involvement program to begin an open and regular dialogue with the community, both about the current construction project and about operations at the facility going forward.

Once the facility reopens, it will continue to employ approximately 130 people, most of them area residents. The majority of those jobs will be union jobs, providing good wages and significant benefits.

The health of Exide’s workforce and the local community is a top priority.

Recycling used batteries helps protect the environment.

This type of recycling keeps used batteries from being disposed of improperly or shipped outside the United States where regulations are lacking.

California has a mandate to recycle as much as possible to keep recyclable materials from the waste stream. Recycling batteries is a crucial element in the state’s overall policy goals for sustainability.

Exide’s Vernon facility has the capacity to recycle as many as 25,000 batteries per day.

As one of only two battery recycling facilities west of the Rocky Mountains, Exide is committed to completing construction at its Vernon facility and resuming its recycling operations while complying with state and local health, safety and environmental rules and regulations.

What Happens Next at Exide?

Exide is installing additional technology at its Vernon recycling facility that will allow the facility to meet California’s tough, new air-quality standards. The facility will only resume its recycling operations after the installation is completed in accordance with District rules and permit requirements.

Reopening the facility will save approximately 130 jobs, most filled by area residents.

The Company will provide regular updates to the community about the current construction project and about operations at the recycling facility going forward.

For more information about Exide and the enhancement efforts at its Vernon facility, please visit www.exide.com.