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September 19, 2013



Dr. Barry Wallerstein
Executive Officer
South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD)
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

RE: Exide Lead Battery Recycling Facility in Vernon, CA

Dear Dr. Wallerstein:

As you know, I have been very concerned with the harmful levels of air pollution in my district, including toxic emissions of lead and arsenic releases from the Exide lead battery recycling facility in Vernon. I appreciate the effort your agency is making to resolve these issues and to keep our office informed. Unfortunately, the new information this week regarding violations of South Coast AQMD's Rule 1420.1, specifically an exceedance of lead levels by the facility, requires a further and immediate review of the situation.

Toward that end, **I am organizing a community Town Hall meeting in my district on Tuesday, October 8 at Resurrection Catholic Church (3324 East Opal Street, Los Angeles, CA 90023) from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.** The goal of the town hall meeting is to help provide greater transparency, understanding, and information about the regulatory actions related to Exide.

I am writing to request your participation at the Town Hall, as it is critical that the SCAQMD present the latest updates on the status of the compliance, permitting and enforcement activities related to the Exide facility directly to the affected residents. In addition to your agency, I am also requesting participation from the Department of Toxics and Substances Control (DTSC) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA).

Additionally, while I understand the Department of Toxics and Substances Controls' order to temporarily shut down the facility was overturned by the court earlier this summer, in light of the recent reports of continued toxic emissions violations and a motion by the presiding judge to reconsider the injunction, I write to urge you to give serious consideration to a temporary abatement order until these issues are fully resolved.

My constituents need assurances that emissions levels from the facility are safe. Every night that goes by when they lack these assurances is one night too many.

Dr. Barry Wallerstein – *Exide Lead Battery Recycling Facility*

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I look forward to your immediate reply. To confirm your participation at the Town Hall, please contact my staff, Nidia Bautista, via email at nidia.bautista@sen.ca.gov or by phone (916) 651-4022.

Sincerely,



KEVIN DE LEÓN

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