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PRESS CONFERENCE & RALLY AGAINST A GROSS POLLUTER IN VERNON

East and Southeast LA cities come together to demand the immediate shutdown of Exide Technologies.

Southeast and East Los Angeles residents join forces to demand the immediate shut down of Exide Technologies, a dangerous polluter and serial violator of health protective environmental laws and regulations.

For decades Exide has been contaminating the community with high amounts of lead and arsenic. In April, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) temporarily shut Exide down because it found that the facility was presenting an imminent and substantial danger to the health and safety of the community. DTSC's Order sparked a heated process between the facility operators, Exide Technologies Inc., and the inactive oversight agencies responsible with protecting community health.

The community residents surrounding Exide are outraged at the inaction of both DTSC and AQMD, and other agencies charged with protecting public health. Therefore, the community residents of East and Southeast Los Angeles feel that it's time that their voices are heard.

Organizers, residents and impacted community members are holding a march, protest, die-in and press conference in front of the facility located at 2700 S. Indiana Street in Vernon on October 30, 2013 to make their voices heard, and demand a full shutdown of the facility.

The march will begin at 4:30 pm on the corner of Bandini and Downey Road in the city of Vernon and will proceed towards the Exide facility located at 2700 S. Indiana Street. Vernon, CA, on Wednesday October 30, 2013.

The community demands more than the broken promises it has received from Exide's oversight agencies. Please join us in this effort to elevate the voices of those most impacted by this facility's dangerous pollution.

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