



# Former Exide Technologies Site

Laureldale, Pennsylvania

## SUMMARY

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) began cleanup work at the Former Exide Technologies Site in Laureldale, Pennsylvania in April 2021.

The site consists of an approximately 40-acre former lead battery recycling and manufacturing facility.

EPA's cleanup efforts include dismantling and decontaminating, when necessary, the smelter components, including the five baghouses and associated duct work. These structures are deteriorating and are contaminated.

**Groundwater contamination is localized and has remained static within the facility property boundaries. There are no direct exposures to the groundwater contamination. Stormwater runoff is collected and treated by the on-site treatment systems.**

**The facility and the surrounding community are connected to a treated public water supply.**



## ACTIVITY ON SITE

EPA personnel and contractors, equipment, and vehicles will be present on-site.

**EPA activities will not result in road or lane closures for this phase of work. Air monitoring will take place throughout cleanup activities.**



## BACKGROUND

Lead batteries were recycled and manufactured for many years at this property. In 2016, Exide began closure procedures with the oversight of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP).

In May 2020, Exide filed for bankruptcy and their work at the Site stopped.

Due to the bankruptcy, EPA performed an evaluation of the Site in January 2021. EPA's evaluation found environmental conditions that need a cleanup plan.

## PAST EPA INVOLVEMENT AND CLEANUP EFFORTS

Before the bankruptcy, EPA's Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Corrective Action Program and PADEP were overseeing the investigation and cleanup of the facility and the impacted soils in the surrounding community.

EPA and PADEP will continue to work together on the Former Exide Technologies Site.



## Community Involvement

Throughout the cleanup, EPA will update the community about the progress of the cleanup.



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**We want to hear your voice!**

EPA will be preparing a Community Involvement Plan (CIP), our site-specific roadmap, to inform and engage the community in the EPA Removal process. In order to develop the CIP, EPA conducts community interviews, including over the phone, with residents, local and elected officials, and other stakeholders. This helps EPA gather important information, identify key community needs, concerns, and questions.

**If you are interested in being interviewed, please contact Alexander Mandell at 215-814-5517 or [mandell.alexander@epa.gov](mailto:mandell.alexander@epa.gov).**

**Next Steps**

In addition to this cleanup action, EPA will further evaluate on-site drainage ditches, the un-named tributary, and other smelter related structures/equipment for potential future actions, if necessary.



**Questions? Contact Us**

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To learn more about the activities taking place at the Former Exide Technologies Facility in Laureldale, PA, please visit:

<https://www.epa.gov/hwcorrectiveactionsites/hazardous-waste-cleanup-exide-trust-reading-aka-former-exide-technologies>



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