

EPA/Exide Public Meeting

September 27, 2000

Muhlenberg Middle School

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) held a public meeting on September 27, 2000 at the Muhlenberg Middle School, 801 E. Bellevue Street, Reading, PA to present and explain the proposed Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) that was recently issued to Exide in August 2000. As part of the AOC requirements, Exide will collect soil samples in Laureldale Borough and Muhlenberg Township to assess the extent of soil lead concentrations that are above EPA's screening level. Each property within the boundary of the screening level will be sampled for lead in soil. Properties that have an average lead exposure above the determined lead cleanup levels will be cleaned-up.

The meeting was attended by a total of 37 people, including representatives of EPA, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP), the local government, and citizens. This was an opportunity for the public to comment on the AOC and to present any issues and concerns. Comments and oral testimony given at the meeting and comments received during the comment period were considered and addressed by EPA in the [Response to Comments](#) and summarized in the [RTC fact sheet](#).