

# U.S. EPA's Update

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# EPA Website

 Website on EPA's role in overseeing the Trust work of decontamination and deconstruction at the former Exide facility.

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- Past presentations and memos
- Related contacts

[www.epa.gov/ca/former-exide-battery-recycling-facility-vernon-california](http://www.epa.gov/ca/former-exide-battery-recycling-facility-vernon-california)

## Former Exide Battery Recycling Facility, Vernon, California

### EPA's Role in Overseeing Decontamination and Deconstruction

English | [En español](#)

This website provides information about EPA's role at the former Exide facility in Vernon, California. Information about the related effort by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to clean up the residential yards in the 1.7 mile radius from the Exide facility is available at the [DTSC website](#).

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Former Exide Facility at 2700 South Indiana Avenue, Vernon, CA. | [Click to Enlarge](#)

### Why is EPA Involved?

#### Background

Lead, a naturally occurring element, can be harmful to humans (particularly children) when ingested or inhaled. Exide and past companies ran a lead battery recycling facility at the Vernon, Calif., location for about 90 years; it closed in 2015. In 2020, Exide filed for bankruptcy which was resolved in a U.S. federal court settlement. The settlement set up the Vernon Environmental Response Trust (Trust) and directed EPA to oversee



#### Public Meeting

EPA will present an update at the next Exide [public meeting](#), on September 9. Please join us!

#### Latest Updates

##### August 24, 2021

Last week, the Trust completed boarding up the remaining ancillary (or support) buildings. This week, the Trust continues the construction of the Full Enclosure Unit around the Segment 3 building. This work is expected to last until mid-September.



The Trust continues work on covering the Segment 3 building with a Full Enclosure Unit. | [Click Image to Enlarge](#)

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# Vernon Environmental Response Trust Project Status Report

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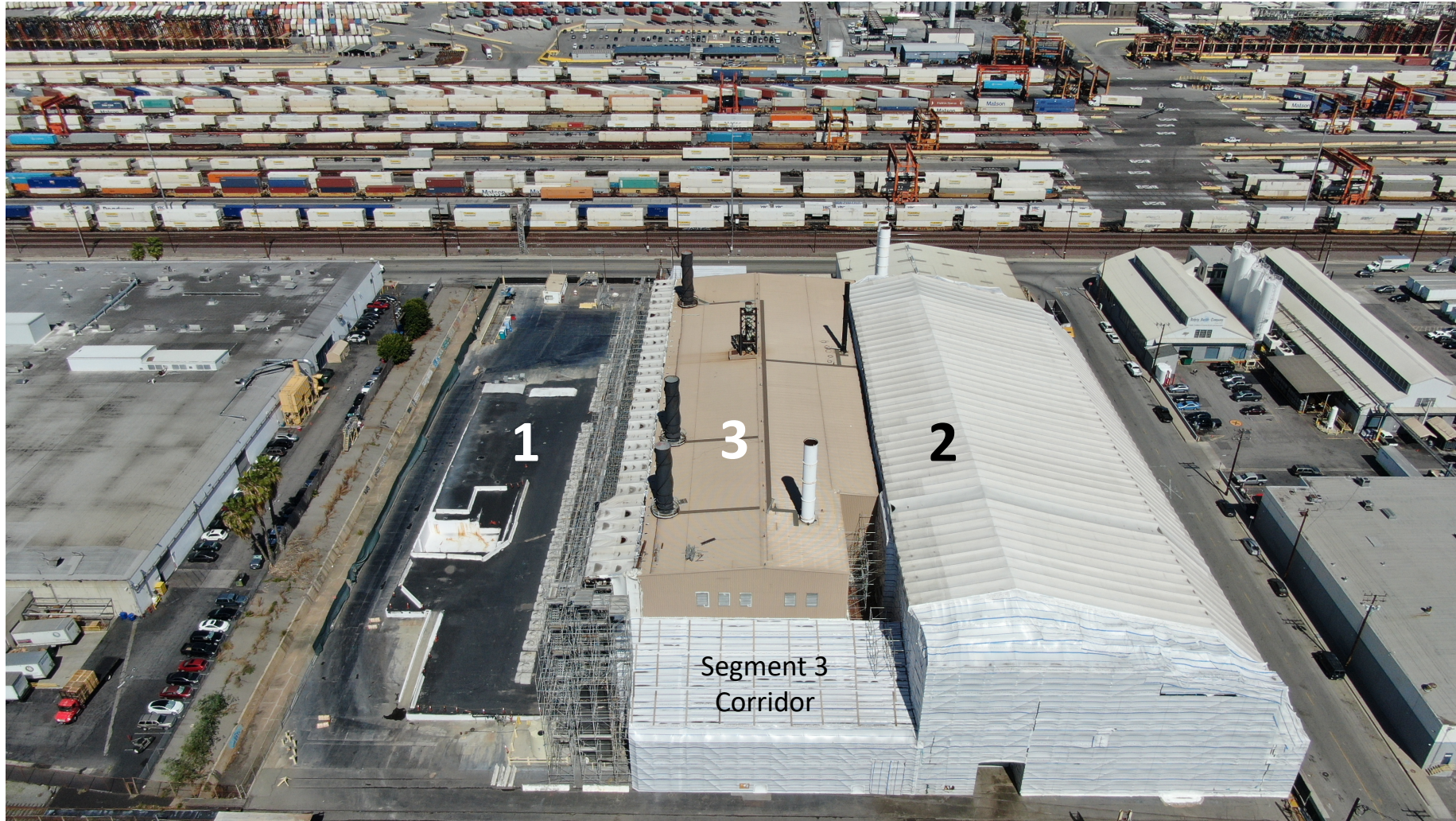
**PathForward Consulting, Inc.**

# Agenda

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- 1. Facility Work Progress**
- 2. Ambient Air Sampling**
- 3. Upcoming Work**

# Segments 1, 2 and 3 – March 2021



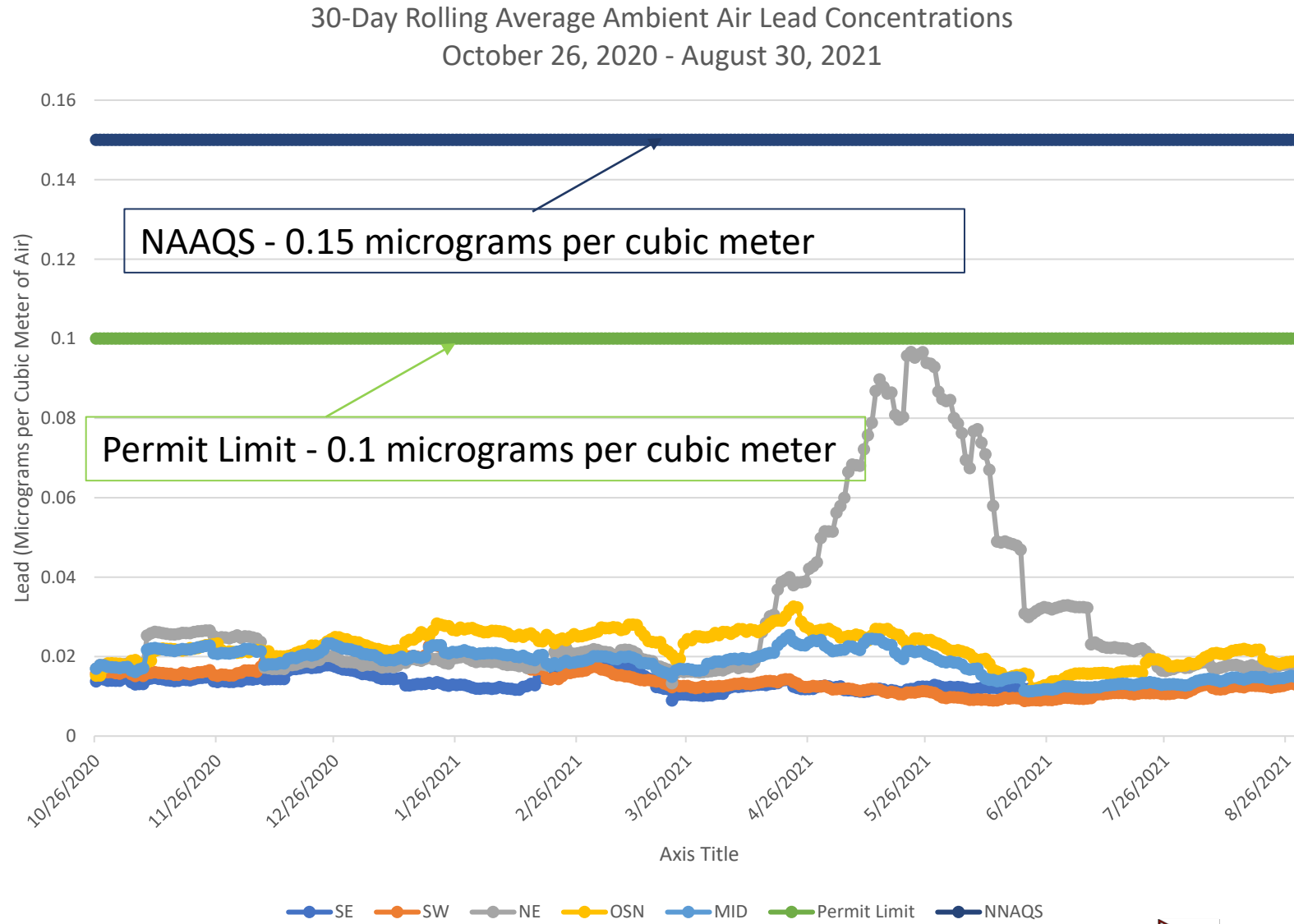
# Segments 1, 2 and 3 – May 2021



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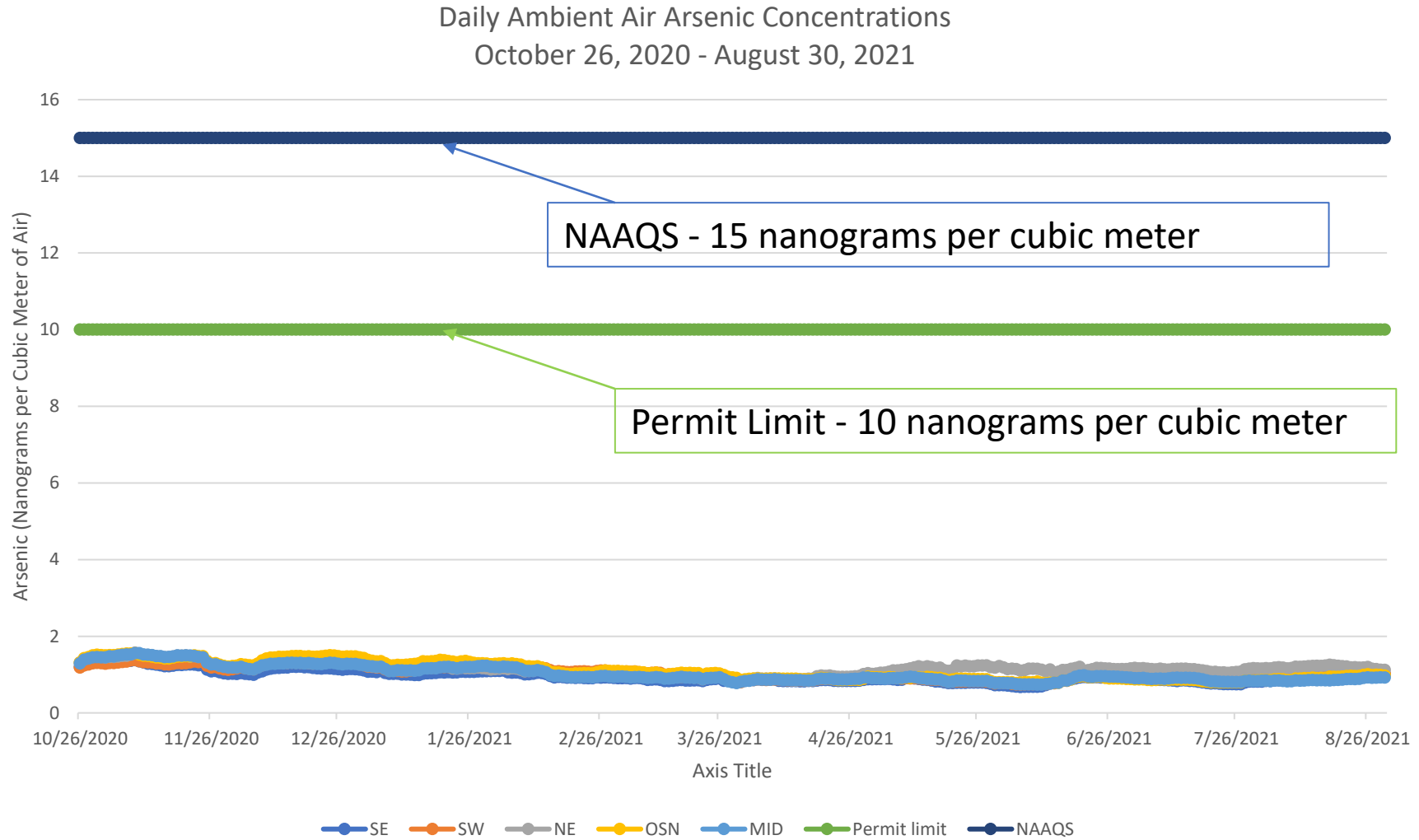


# VERT Compliance – Daily Ambient Air Monitoring -Lead





# VERT Compliance – Daily Ambient Air Monitoring - Arsenic



# Enhanced Dust Suppression Measures



# Segment 3 Baghouse Building – Ongoing Work



Segment 3 FEU Roof Truss Installation



Segment 3 Baghouse Deconstruction