REGION 3
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103

October 19, 2026

Muhlenberg School District
801 Bellevue Avenue
Reading, PA 19605

Re: Consent to Enter Property: Former Exide Technologies Laureldale Superfund Site
3000 Montrose Avenue, Laureldale, PA 19605

Dear Muhlenberg School District,

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is requesting consent to enter the exterior portions of the following Muhlenberg School District properties: 801 Bellevue Avenue; 610 Sharp Avenue; 400 Sharp Avenue; and 801 E Bellevue Avenue (the Properties), as part of the ongoing remedial investigation to evaluate the nature and extent of contamination associated with the Former Exide Technologies Laureldale Superfund site.

EPA's request for entry is made under Section 104 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA or Superfund), 42 U.S.C. § 9604. Entry to the properties is authorized under CERCLA to, among other things, "effectuate a response action" (see section 104(e)(3)(D) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9604(e)(3)(D)). The response action at this time is the ongoing investigation mentioned above. The referenced Muhlenberg School District properties are within the boundaries of the site and entry is needed to determine the nature and extent of site-related contamination.

The current site boundaries extend to a radius of 1-to-1.5-miles around the former Exide Technologies battery recycling facility at 3000 Montrose Avenue. Due to decades of fugitive air emissions from the Facility, many properties within a 1-mile radius of the site have been identified with lead contaminated soil. Lead is a contaminant that is especially toxic to children under the age of seven years old, as well as expectant mothers.

EPA would like to begin assessing the properties in November 2026. The assessment activities would include sampling surface and subsurface soils. Each sampling event would take

approximately one hour. EPA intends to leave the properties in the same condition it found the properties on entry.

To accommodate school operations, sampling can be scheduled during non-school hours when no students are present. Because EPA may need to take more than one round of samples, we are requesting the consent to enter to perform the assessment through November 2027. Please note that EPA will provide a copy of any sampling results to a designated representative of the properties.

Please review, sign, and date the enclosed Consent to Enter form, which describes the proposed response activities by November 6, 2026.

The form may be returned to me via email at Smith.Thomas@epa.gov or via mail to the address listed below my signature. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 215-814-5718, or by email. Your legal counsel may contact the EPA Assistant Regional Counsel Ethan Rauf at (215) 814-2490, or by email at rauf.ethan@epa.gov.

For more information about the site, please visit the webpage at: www.epa.gov/superfund/exide-lauredale.

Sincerely,

Tom Smith
Remedial Project Manager
U.S. EPA Region 3

U.S. EPA Region 3
Attn: Tom Smith (3SD21)
1600 John F. Kennedy Blvd.
Philadelphia, PA 19103

ENCLOSURES

1. Consent to Enter Properties Form
2. Site Map

CONSENT TO ENTER PROPERTY

Property Address: 801 Bellevue Avenue, Reading, PA 19605

1. The undersigned understands that:

   (a) The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") is requesting consent to enter the above-described property ("Property") to perform a soil investigation in connection with the Former Exide Technologies Laureldale Superfund Site ("Site").

   (b) The investigation is being performed to determine the nature and extent of contamination in surface and subsurface soils from historical smelter operations at the Site.

   (c) EPA's investigation is being performed pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9601, et seq.

2. The undersigned consents to entry to the Property by EPA and their employees, agents, contractors, and authorized representatives for purposes of:

   (a) Collecting samples from various media including, but not limited to, surface and subsurface soils;

   (b) Clearing of debris, undergrowth, and brush to ensure suitable access for sampling; and

   (c) Performing a land survey to record topography, sampling locations, and relevant property features.

3. EPA intends to begin the above-described activities ("Response Activities") on or around November 1, 2026 and anticipates that multiple rounds of sampling may be required over a twelve-month period. The undersigned provides consent to entry for the Response Activities at reasonable times during the estimated twelve-month period beginning on or around November 1, 2026. EPA intends to provide the undersigned with notice at least one (1) week in advance of each entry hereunder by contacting the owner at the email address and phone number provided.

4. The undersigned understands that the above-described Response Activities may involve between three (3) and ten (10) EPA and/or contractor personnel at any one time.

5. EPA intends to leave the Property in the same condition it finds the Property on the date EPA first enters the Property under this Consent to Enter, subject to the availability of appropriated funds. Nothing herein shall be interpreted as or constitute a commitment

or requirement that the United States obligate or pay funds in contravention of the Anti-Deficiency Act, 31 U.S.C. § 1341.6.

6. The undersigned provides consent for the above-described Response Activities until the earlier of:

   (a) The transfer of the Property to another person or entity;

   (b) The undersigned's revocation of consent; or

   (c) The undersigned's receipt of notice from EPA that access to the Property is no longer needed in connection with the Response Activities at the Property.

7. The undersigned agrees to notify the following individual, or such other person as may be identified by EPA in the future, of any pending transfer of the Property, a change in the undersigned's contact information, and/or the undersigned's revocation of consent to perform the above-described activities:

   Tom Smith
   Remedial Project Manager (3SD21)
   215-814-5718

8. The undersigned below represents that he/she is authorized to consent to the entry provided herein.

Print Name: Cindy L. Mengle, Board President Signature: _____

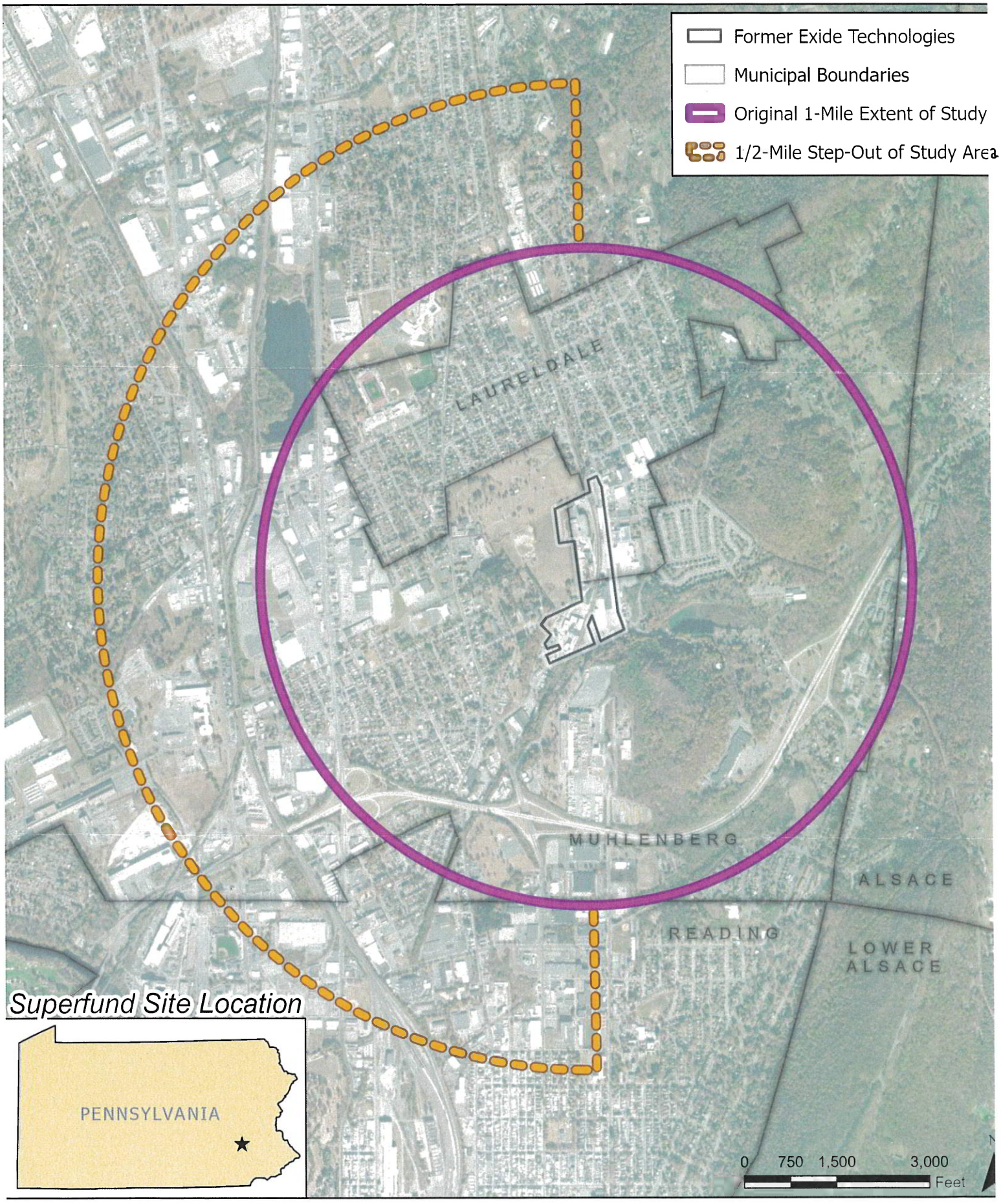
Telephone: 610-921-8000 ext. 1271 Email: menglec@muhlsdk12.net

Date: _____

Return signed form to EPA via e-mail, mail or at the local drop-box:

Email	Mailing Address	Local Drop Box
Tom Smith Smith.Thomas@epa.gov	U.S. EPA Attention: Tom Smith (3SD21) 1600 John F. Kennedy Blvd Philadelphia, PA 19103	601B Water Street Temple, PA 19560

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