



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND



NOISE WAIVER CERTIFICATE

ISSUED TO: Washington Gas/Craig McKennon
Owner/Operator

Valid From: July 25, 2024

Valid To: August 23, 2024

Type of Waiver: Temporary

Authorizing:

Nighttime construction work associated with natural gas service upgrades on River Rd at three locations in Bethesda (see below). Continuous operations are required once a natural gas pipe has been cut until the work is completed. The work will include construction equipment, generator, pipe cutter, welding equipment, and backhoe and be performed under the following conditions:

1. **After hours work will occur from 5:00 p.m. on Mondays to 7:00 a.m. on Sundays.**
2. All machinery and trucks utilized at this job site for night work shall be outfitted with OSHA approved white noise back-up alarms or use other approved non-tonal signaling methods.
3. All reasonable efforts should be made to perform the noisiest activities during daytime hours.
4. Machinery shall be inspected daily and equipped with proper noise attenuation measures to minimize construction noise, including, but not limited to well-maintained and effective mufflers. Moving parts shall be well lubricated to avoid unnecessary noise from squeaking parts. Machinery access doors and hatches should remain closed when the units are in operation and all machinery should be operated at the minimum level necessary to get the job done. Minimize banging, clattering, buzzing and other annoying types of noises.
5. Equipment shall be operated at the minimum power level necessary to complete the task in a safe manner.
6. Select equipment for low noise emission design.
7. Noise mitigation barriers shall be erected around loud pieces of stationary machinery (e.g., generators, pumps, portable lights, etc.).
8. All onsite staff, including delivery truck drivers, shall be notified of noise mitigation procedures prior to work.
9. Slamming of tailgates and dropping of materials into empty trucks are prohibited.
10. Where possible, the local power grid should be used to reduce the use of internal combustion powered machinery.
11. Prolonged idling of machinery and vehicles must be avoided. If machinery or vehicles are not utilized for long periods, they should be shut off to reduce idling noise.
12. On site communication shall be done without shouting.
13. Regular communications should be provided to nearby residential properties, so they are aware of the work schedule and expected noise related to construction activities.
14. Noise levels should be monitored at sensitive receptor locations and kept in a log on site, which shall be available for inspection and review upon request.
15. A log should be maintained on site containing detailed information concerning any complaints received regarding noise from this construction project.

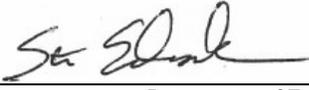
16. DEP may suspend or revoke this approval for any violation of the terms and conditions and may make modifications to the terms and conditions based on the results of noise monitoring or the noise impact of certain activities.

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This certificate must be available at the work site.

Location of Work: 1) River Road between Wilson Ln and Winston Dr; 2) River Rd and Goldsboro Rd; and 3) River Rd and Western Ave

Town: Bethesda **Zip:** 20816

Approved By:  **Date:** July 24, 2024
Department of Environmental Protection

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INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS CERTIFICATE CAN BE OBTAINED FROM
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<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DEP/contact/noise-documents.html#wavers>