



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND



NOISE WAIVER CERTIFICATE

ISSUED TO: Belfast Valley Contractors c/o Jackie Florentino
Owner/Operator

Valid From: May 14, 2024

Valid To: June 12, 2024

Type of Waiver: Temporary

Authorizing:

After-hours construction activities related to several large concrete pours at 10400 Fernwood Rd, Bethesda. The concrete pours must be accomplished as one continuous pour. Due to the volume of concrete involved, the work hours need to be expanded beyond the normal daytime hours (7:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.). This will help alleviate pedestrian safety impacts and traffic congestion related to the number of concrete trucks that must access the site. The work shall be performed under the following conditions:

1. This Temporary Noise Waiver applies only to concrete pouring activities performed Monday to Friday from 3:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. No other after-hours work may be performed as part of this Temporary Noise Waiver.
2. Trucks delivering concrete shall utilize a pull through traffic pattern to avoid backup alarm noise.
3. All machinery utilized at this job site shall be outfitted with OSHA approved white noise back-up alarms. Approved non-tonal signaling methods may also be used.
4. Trucks and related equipment shall be operated at the minimum power level necessary to complete the task in a safe manner.
5. Only non-impact tools shall be used for after-hours precast panel installation work.
6. All reasonable efforts should be made to perform the noisiest activities as early in evening as possible.
7. Onsite communications shall be done without shouting.
8. 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.
9. All onsite staff, including delivery truck drivers, should be notified of noise mitigation procedures prior to work.
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. Regular communications must be provided to nearby hotels and residential buildings, so they are aware of the work schedule and expected noise related to construction activities.
13. Noise levels should be monitored at regular intervals at sensitive nearby receptors. The decibel levels and locations of the monitoring sites should be kept in a log on site, which shall be available for inspection and review upon request.
14. A log should be maintained on site containing detailed information concerning any complaints received regarding noise from this construction project.

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.

This certificate must be available at the work site.

Location of Work: 10400 Fernwood Rd

Town: Bethesda **Zip:** 20817

Approved By:  **Date:** May 14, 2024
Department of Environmental Protection

Cc: Bethesda - Chevy Chase Regional Services Center
MC Police, 2nd District, Bethesda Station
Stan Edwards, ECCD/DEP
Steve Martin, ECCD/DEP

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