



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Mr. Brent Walker  
The Berg Corporation  
2519 Wilkens Ave.  
Baltimore, MD 21223

Re: Noise Suppression Plan for the Elizabeth House Demolition Activities at 1400 Fenwick La., Silver Spring

Dear Mr. Walker:

This letter acknowledges receipt of the Noise Suppression Plan (NSP) documents submitted on January 15, 2025, and the updated document submitted on September 4, 2025, for razing the old Elizabeth House, 1400 Fenwick La., Silver Spring.

We have completed our review of the plan and found it sufficient. and approve this plan with the following terms and conditions:

1. This approval is specific to demolition activities associated with razing the building at 1400 Fenwick La., Silver Spring.
2. The 85 A-Weighted decibel (dBA) limit only applies from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, for the activities specified in item 1 above. At all other times, including weekday Federal holidays, the maximum noise levels must comply with the noise limits specified in Section 31B-6 of the Montgomery County Code.
3. Demolition operations will use pneumatic demo hammers, BROKK robotic demo machines with hydraulic breakers, and hydraulic excavators with concrete processing attachments.
4. The demolition equipment shall be operated at the minimum power level necessary to complete the task safely.
5. The sound level will be monitored periodically at the edge of the elevated decks and around the site's perimeter. When active demolition is underway, it is recommended that readings be taken hourly and documented in a daily log kept at the site, which shall be available for inspection and review upon request.
6. If demolition activities regularly exceed 85 dbA, the Berg team will install temporary sound control barriers adjacent to the noise-producing activity.
7. All onsite equipment shall be outfitted with OSHA-approved white noise backup alarms.
8. Communicate frequently with the nearby residential community so residents know the work schedule, expected nature, and timing of demolition activities.
9. Slamming tailgates and intentionally dropping materials into empty trucks are prohibited. Before work, advise all onsite staff, including delivery and dump truck drivers, of noise mitigation procedures.

10. Hauling trucks and equipment shall be operated at the minimum power level necessary to complete the task safely.
11. Noise mitigation barriers should be erected around loud pieces of stationary machinery (e.g., generators, air compressors, concrete pumps, etc.) where practicable.
12. Avoid prolonged equipment idle. If equipment is not utilized for long periods, the operator should shut off the equipment to reduce idling noise.
13. Schedule the more noise-intensive activities for less intrusive times, such as mid-morning to mid-afternoon.
14. Construction equipment shall be equipped with well-maintained and adequate mufflers, and moving parts shall be well-lubricated to avoid unnecessary noise from squeaking parts. Equipment access doors and hatches should remain closed when the units are in operation. Minimize banging, clattering, buzzing, and other annoying types of noise.
15. Where possible, use the local power grid to reduce the use of generators and internal combustion-powered tools.
16. You must maintain a log on site containing detailed information about any noise complaints received from this project.
17. DEP may suspend, modify, or revoke this approval for any violation of the terms and conditions of the Noise Suppression Plan.
18. A copy of this approval and the Noise Suppression Plan must be available at the construction site.

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Martin at 240-777-7746 or [steve.martin@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:steve.martin@montgomerycountymd.gov).

Sincerely,



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