



PUBLIC NOTICE

Request for Noise Suppression Plan Approval

May 20, 2024

The Department of Environmental Protection is currently reviewing a request for approval of a Noise Suppression Plan (NSP) permitting noise levels from construction activities up to 85 dBA (A-Weighted Decibels) as allowed under the Montgomery County Noise Control Ordinance, Chapter 31B, Section 31B-6. The Department will receive comments on the NSP for a minimum of ten (10) days after distribution of this notice.

The NSP approval is being requested by The BERG Corporation, 2519 Wilkens Ave., Baltimore, Maryland, to accommodate anticipated noise levels that sometimes may exceed the 75 dBA designated daytime construction noise standard as defined in the Montgomery County Noise Control Ordinance, Chapter 31B, Section 31B-6.

The project involves demolition work to remove the brick/block exterior façade from the vacant Elizabeth House structure. The work will take place off swing stage scaffolding and will involve the use of pneumatic demolition hammers and is expected to start in mid to late June and last approximately three to four months.

If approved, the 85 dBA noise level will be applicable weekdays from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The demolition work is scheduled to begin in early January 2024 and projected to last through May 2024. BERG will perform hourly sound monitoring around the perimeter of the site to assess noise levels.

The application and related documents are available for public inspection and may be viewed on the Department's website by visiting the Noise Waivers & Suppression Plans page at: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DEP/contact/noise-documents.html#wavers>.

Comments, questions, or requests to examine documents related to the NSP application may be directed to depnoisewaiver@montgomerycountymd.gov.