



November 9, 2011

Subject: Pile Driving to Begin as soon as November 15

Dear Residents, Owners, and Occupants:

The LOTT Clean Water Alliance has begun construction of needed improvements at the Budd Inlet Treatment Plant in downtown Olympia. The project involves construction of two new primary sedimentation basins and installation of supporting infrastructure, such as piping and odor control equipment.

Beginning around November 15, 2011, the contractor will start an extended period of pile driving, which is expected to be complete in late January 2012. Pile driving of steel pipe piles will take approximately one month, followed immediately by one month of sheet pile driving. Neighbors can expect loud pounding noise during working hours of 7:00 am to 4:00 pm (on rare occasions, until 6:00 pm), Monday through Friday. No construction activities will be conducted on November 24-25, December 25-26, or January 1-2.

Unfortunately, this noisy activity cannot be avoided. During project design, alternatives to pile driving were considered, but steel piles provide the highest level of structural support and reduce overall project costs considerably. In addition to the noise, pile driving creates vibrations. Although it is highly unlikely that the vibrations from pile driving are any cause for concern, LOTT will install several monitoring stations near the construction site to measure vibrations. If they exceed a threshold that indicates the potential to affect adjacent structures, LOTT has a mitigation plan that can be put in place to reduce the travel distance of vibrations.

Other construction impacts will include increased truck traffic in the area to remove excavated soil, another month-long period of grout-driven pile installation in the summer of 2012, and construction deliveries and activities during the project duration. The overall project is expected to take approximately 24 months to complete.

Beginning in December, you can view project updates from a link on our website (lottcleanwater.org) to the general contractor's project page. If you have questions or concerns regarding the construction activity, please contact LOTT's Construction Manager, Michelle Barnett at michellebarnett@lottcleanwater.org or (360) 528-5709. For general questions, please feel free to contact me at lisdennis-perez@lottcleanwater.org or (360) 528-5719.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa Dennis-Perez". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lisa Dennis-Perez
Public Communications Manager