

CONSTRUCTION AND NIGHT WORK NOTIFICATION UPDATE

Washington Gas Project: Valve Replacement in Montgomery County
on River Road (MD 190) between Brookdale Rd and Western Ave NW
Bethesda, MD 20816 and Washington, DC 20016

Project reference number: S15V15-2022-REP

- As of November 2, 2022 -

Dear Neighbor,

At Washington Gas, safety is our highest priority as we continue reliably meeting the energy needs of our customers. Today, natural gas is the fuel of choice for more than nine out of ten new homebuyers in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area, and Washington Gas serves more than 1.2 million customers throughout the region. As the region continues to grow, rehabilitation of our existing infrastructure is critical to maintaining a safe and reliable natural gas system.

Washington Gas will soon be performing work in your area. This project will enhance safety and reliability along with upgrading the infrastructure to allow for improved routine integrity inspection using in-line robotic techniques. This important project is just one of many infrastructure improvements being made across the region.

This construction and night work notification update is a follow-up to the September 28, 2022 notification.

Project Overview

Washington Gas will replace and upgrade an existing valve located on southbound lanes of River Road (MD 190), between Brookdale Rd and Western Ave NW in Bethesda, MD 20816 and Washington, DC 20016. The scope of this project is within public right-of-way requiring permits by Maryland State Highway Association and District Department of Transportation. This work will not affect the natural gas service to homes or businesses. A map of the approximate location of construction is below:



Schedule Update

In coordination with permitting agencies, construction is now planned to start on or near the week of November 7, 2022 and is estimated to be complete within 4-6 weeks. Typical work hours are 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday or as approved by permitting authorities. Construction schedules may be affected by weather and other unforeseen circumstances.

Night Work Notice

Night work may also occur during construction to ensure timely completion of the valve replacement. Also, near the end of the project, crews will work 24 hours a day for a period of 1-3 days to safely and efficiently reconnect the system. **This work will be performed in accordance with noise waivers and approvals. The Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection noise waiver certificate is attached. Nightwork is now expected to occur in or near the week of December 5, 2022.**

How Might This Affect My Commute?

During construction, two-way traffic and access to bus stops will be maintained on River Road. A single southbound lane to remain open during work. Follow traffic control signage, barricades, and possible flagger direction for traffic information. Traffic controls are in accordance with plans approved by Maryland State Highway Association and District Department of Transportation or as authorized by inspectors.

What Can I Expect During Construction?

During construction, the sidewalk along River Rd north of Western Ave will be closed and a temporary crosswalk will be installed at Brookdale Rd. For your safety, crossing guards will be at the temporary crossing to stop traffic for pedestrians utilizing this crosswalk. You may feel and hear construction activity and you can expect to see Washington Gas and contractor vehicles and equipment and a well illuminated work area. For your safety and the safety of construction personnel, do not cross construction barriers, enter construction areas, or approach vehicles or equipment. Be cautious of slow-moving construction vehicles entering and exiting work areas.

Restoration Plans

Restoration crews will make temporary restorations immediately following completion of the construction. Permanent restorations will be made in compliance with applicable local regulations and typically will occur within 45 days after all work is completed, weather permitting. Washington Gas will work to restore the area close to the as-found condition or to a condition specified by permitting authorities.

We strive to make every reasonable effort to minimize disturbance in your community. If you have questions or need additional information about this project, please contact:

THE PROJECT TEAM
703-750-5222, community@washgas.com
with project reference number: S15V15-2022-REP

Thank you for your patience as our construction crews perform this important work in your community.

Thomas Crowther, P.E.
Project Engineer, Corporate Engineering
Washington Gas

***Have a question unrelated to this project? Contact Customer Service and Billing: 844-WASHGAS.
To report a potential natural gas leak, reach our emergency leak line at 844-WASHGAS 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
Washington Gas responds around the clock to investigate all reported gas leaks. For more information about natural gas safety, visit www.washingtongas.com/safety***



**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**



NOISE WAIVER CERTIFICATE

ISSUED TO: Washington Gas/Thomas Crowther
Owner/Operator

Valid From: October 24, 2022

Valid To: November 23, 2022

Type of Waiver: Temporary

Authorizing: Nighttime construction work associated with natural gas service upgrades on River Rd at Western Ave., Bethesda. 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 Monday to Friday from 9:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.
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 must 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 must be maintained on site containing detailed information concerning any complaints received regarding noise from this construction project.

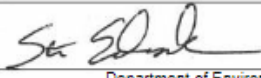
16. DEP may suspend or revoke this approval for any violation of the terms and conditions and may make modifications to the terms and conditions based on the results of noise monitoring or the noise impact of certain activities.

Case 20222202

This certificate must be available at the work site.

Location of Work: River Road at Western Ave.

Town: Bethesda **Zip:** 20816

Approved By:  **Date:** October 21, 2022
Department of Environmental Protection

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Peter Fosselman, Bethesda Regional Services Center
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INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS CERTIFICATE CAN BE OBTAINED FROM
ENERGY, CLIMATE AND COMPLIANCE DIVISION
MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
2425 REEDIE DRIVE, 4TH FLOOR, WHEATON, MARYLAND 20902
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<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DEP/contact/noise-documents.html#wavers>