

May 2, 2013

Thanks for your patience and cooperation during the past year's construction on our campus. We'd like to take a moment to update you on construction noise mitigation during the Final Exams period through May 14, 2013. We appreciate your engagement as we work together to limit the impacts of campus construction on our resident students.

Recognizing the importance of the upcoming Final Exams period, we are extending the prohibition on construction activities likely to be exceptionally noisy until 9:00 am on weekdays. There will be no exceptionally noisy work from 8:00 – 9:00 am on campus. This will be in effect at the sites for all of GW's major construction projects, including: School of Public Health and Health Sciences (SPHHS); Science and Engineering Hall (SEH); the new museum project; the G Street Garage and Law Learning Clinic project; and the adjacent Law Learning Townhomes project. Construction hours on the Ross Hall renovation projects are being coordinated with the specific academic schedule of the Medical School. Finally, museum construction noise will be further restricted by Law School final exams through May 3. Additionally, there will be no work at major projects on Saturday, May 11.

One exception to the above restrictions is the work associated with the emergency replacement of Gelman Library's HVAC system that may include some periods of above average interior noise during late night hours. This work is being coordinated with Gelman staff to minimize noise impacts on library users and Gelman staff is securing alternative study locations for these periods. For Study Zone locations, please visit <http://students.gwu.edu/studyzone>. Additionally, this will also require the closure of 22nd Street (between G and H Streets) on Saturday, May 4 and Saturday, May 11 for equipment delivery related to this work which is not anticipated to create exceptional noise. Aside from this, work at the Gelman Library Entrance Floor Renovation Project (Gelman) is limited 24/7 to interior work that cannot be heard on other floors and exterior work which cannot be heard inside the building.

Remember, workers can work from 7:00 to 9:00 am during Finals, but the work may not include activities that are defined as "exceptionally noisy," such as: surface scraping and asphalt/concrete demolition; filling of dump trucks/dumpsters with large rubble or scrap metal (soil is permitted); jack hammering; driving of piles; repeated/continuous honking/idling in vicinity of residence halls, and; loud/boisterous outdoor conversations within immediate proximity/adjacent to residence halls. Also prohibited outdoors before 9:00am, using grinders, concrete/masonry saws, chipping hammers. We have several tools to help you mitigate possible construction noise, including free earplugs and white noise machines that can be loaned for the school year. There are also several free white noise options that you can run on your computers or smart phones, here's one we found:

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/whitenoise-lite/id292987597?mt=8>.

Please use contact info below to email/tweet us and we'll arrange to provide you earplugs or loan you a portable machine. If you have questions regarding construction activities that have been prohibited during early hours due to their exceptionally noisy conditions, please email talktogw@gwu.edu or campaign@gwu.edu, tweet [@GWDSAHelps](https://twitter.com/GWDSAHelps), or visit neighborhood.gwu.edu for more information on any of these projects.

We wish you success on your finals and all the best for this summer.

Sincerely,

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