



To our customers, neighbors and employees:

You may have noticed some preliminary work beginning on the Rod & Reel property. As we prepare for the anticipated construction of the new facilities, I want to take the time to bring you up to date about the process.

To support the structures, we need to drive piles. As part of the planning process, we need to know how deep those piles must go, so we are going to commence driving test piles at points selected by the engineers. The crane is on site to facilitate the driving of the test piles. The piles should be delivered to the site this week. While the schedule is subject to change due to factors outside our control, we anticipate that we will begin driving the test piles next week, beginning on Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> and that the work will take three days. The contractor needs to return the next Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, to tap (drive) the piles some more to test them again, which will not take more than one day. That should conclude the pile testing process.

Driving piles can be a noisy process, but it is necessary to build a structure that is stable, safe, and appropriate for the property's characteristics (including the soils below grade). Part of the parking lot will be inaccessible during the work and for approximately one week, the ends of the piles will obstruct some parking spaces until the piles can be cut off to the appropriate grade.

We apologize for the noise and any inconvenience to our customers, neighbors and employees, but with any construction, there are necessary disruptions to daily life. We will take all appropriate steps to minimize those disruptions while also taking prudent safety precautions for the work site.

Finally, I want to clarify that this week's work is only preliminary testing work. We are not ready to commence work on the actual project and as soon as we are, we'll again let you know.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact our community liaison, Wesley Donovan, at 410-286-2113 or if by mail, Rod & Reel, Inc., Attn: Wesley Donovan, 4165 Mears Avenue, Chesapeake Beach, Maryland 20732.

Sincerely,



Gerald W. Donovan, Chairman

Rod & Reel, Inc.