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Dear Sir/Mdm

Permit System for Quieter Works on Selected Sundays and Public Holidays

The National Environment Agency (NEA) has been reviewing the prohibited working periods on Sundays and public holidays (Sun/PH) for construction work¹, which was introduced in two phases on 1 Sep 2010 and 1 Sep 2011 to address public concerns on construction noise pollution.

2. NEA will be introducing a permit system to allow specific quieter works to be carried out on selected Sun/PH on a case-by-case basis and subject to stringent conditions.

3. For approved exemption cases, contractors must adhere to noise limits, which are more stringent than the current limits for Sundays and Public Holidays, install real-time noise monitoring meters, and may only work during approved hours. Further, all work within 50 metres of residential areas is prohibited. Contractors that do not comply with the permit conditions will have their permits revoked and may face enforcement action.

4. NEA will accept applications for exemption from 3 January 2017. Contractors must submit their application form via cn_permit@nea.gov.sg at least one month before the start of the exemption period they are applying for. NEA will notify contractors if their applications are successful at least one week before the requested exemption date.

5. Application forms for the permit can be found at <http://nea.gov.sg/services-forms/licences-permits-building-plan-clearances/construction-industry>.

6. Any further enquiry regarding the new permit system can be directed to cn_permit@nea.gov.sg.

Yours sincerely,



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¹ Applicable to construction sites that are located within 150 metres of noise-sensitive premises e.g. hospitals, home for the aged and sick, schools and residential buildings.