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**Sunoco Noise**

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Mon, Mar 1, 2021 at 7:19 AM

To: John McMullan &lt;jmcmullan@middletowndelcopa.gov&gt;, Mark Kirchgasser &lt;mark.kirchgasser@middletowndelcopa.gov&gt;, bok.read@middletowndelcopa.gov

Good Morning -

I am following-up on Glen Riddle's request (during the February 8 Township Meeting) for the Township to monitor and intervene with respect to unreasonable noise coming from the condemned land at Glen Riddle that is the Sunoco worksite. As you may know, we received complaints from residents on Saturday 2/27/2021 regarding excessive noise from the Sunoco work site. In response, myself and others from the property management team recorded decibel readings consistently between 73-89 during the duration of the Sunoco work day. We understand the grading permit to have been issued contingent upon reasonable sound measures being put in place. This is obviously not happening.

There was no engineer report at the last township meeting. Without that information, our observations lead us to believe that the drilling has begun and this noise is associated with the drilling. The engineer has previously stated that the drilling will continue through May at Glen Riddle.

Attached please find a petition from February 2021, requesting the township intervene on the sound issues to protect the health, safety, well-being & welfare of township residents living at Glen Riddle.

Below please find some details that we researched regarding unreasonable noise:

- measures of prolonged sound can cause an unsafe environment around 'outdoor human activity';
- hearing damage can occur if loud decibel noise occurs over 80 for 2 hours;
- thresholds for sound during an 8-hour time frame;

# EPA Identifies Noise Levels Affecting Health and Welfare

Environment Protection Agency

<https://archive.epa.gov/epa/aboutepa/epa-identifies-noise-levels-affecting-health-and-welfare.htm>

Noise levels for various areas are identified according to the use of the area. Levels of 45 decibels are associated with indoor residential areas, hospitals and schools, whereas 55 decibels is identified for certain outdoor areas where human activity takes place. The level of 70 decibels is identified for all areas in order to prevent hearing loss.

## Common Sources of Noise and Decibel Levels

Centers for Disease Control

[https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/hearing\\_loss/what\\_noises\\_cause\\_hearing\\_loss.html](https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/hearing_loss/what_noises_cause_hearing_loss.html)

Examples of construction:            dB:            Damage:

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Gas-powered lawnmowers and leaf blowers	80-85	Damage to hearing possible after 2 hours of exposure

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Tue, Mar 2, 2021 at 11:25 AM

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Yesterday, March 1, 2021 decibel measures were taken at four locations around the Glen Riddle property, three times throughout the day: in the morning, early afternoon and late afternoon / early evening. Findings were consistently over 71 decibels. One location was consistently over 84 at each reading.

As you know, this noise is caused by the Sunoco work. We would like to know what sound measures the township is finding to ensure compliance with the ordinances and regulations set forth in the grading permit and 'side letter' with Sunoco. It's important to note that our research has found that this level of noise is determined harmful by the EPA and CDC.

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Wed, Mar 10, 2021 at 6:34 PM

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Good Afternoon -

Since my last communication there has been no improvement to the daily, high sound coming from Sunoco and negatively impacting the health, safety and wellbeing of the Middletown residents living at Glen Riddle.

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Thu, Mar 4, 2021 at 12:35 PM

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More of the same sound issues in excess of 85 decibels have been observed and recored at Glen Riddle on Tuesday, Wednesday and today. A reading of 92 was also recorded today.

Thank you,  
Steve

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