

Merrimack Premium Outlets – Project Update

November 7, 2011

- The completion of major blasting activities on site has been delayed due to weather. At this time, it is anticipated that larger blasts should end by November 18th, with only minor trench blasting remaining. The drilling company's equipment should be removed off site by the 18th and will only return if trench work is needed.
- All six buildings now have roofs installed.
- A number of questions have been recently raised claiming that blasting is prohibited while it rains; this is not the case. In conformance with the Blasting Plan, blasting is permitted if rain or the forecast of rain is imminent provided that specific criteria are followed and the rain event is below specified levels (see final page of this update). Prior to all blasts, weather forecasts are checked. The Fire Department oversees all blasting activity.
- The widening and paving of Continental Blvd. is complete.
- After suspension, blasting activities were allowed to proceed east of the wellhead protection area on October 14th and within the wellhead protection area on October 25th. This was allowed because of the decreasing levels of nitrates. The most recent readings taken in early November indicate improved readings throughout most of the site, with nitrate levels reaching pre-construction levels in the lower pad area closest to the wellhead.
- The site is 60% paved, with the southern parking lot being graded at this time.
- Off site sewer work is almost complete.
- The on site water tank has been installed.
- Over 45 evergreens have been planted on a key earthen berm constructed near the northern property line that will help shield the adjoining neighborhood from the entrance roadway.

Entrance Berm



Emergency Roadway



Facade Progress





Water Tank

TABLE I

Merrimack Premium Outlet Weather Forecast Blasting Matrix

Chance of Precipitation	Time Period	Forecast Amount (inches)	Action
70% or Greater	Next morning	0.1 but less than 0.5 inches	No loading of explosives west of divide that day; blasting can commence east of divide
70% or Greater	Next morning	0.5 or more inches	No loading of explosives / blasting anywhere onsite for entire day
70% or Greater	Next afternoon (after 12:00PM)	0.1 but less than 0.5 inches	Blasting may commence during morning hours but must stop west of the divide by 12:00PM
70% or Greater	Next afternoon (after 12:00PM)	0.5 or more inches	Blasting may commence during morning hours but must stop everywhere by noon

Regardless of forecast, loading will terminate west of the divide if 0.1 inches of precipitation falls and only loaded holes will be blasted.
 Regardless of forecast, loading will terminate onsite if 0.5 inches of precipitation falls and only loaded holes will be blasted.

5 inches of snow will be equivalent to .5 inches of rain
 1 inch of snow will be equivalent to 0.1 inch of rain in the above table