



Hello,

This is Bob Lougen from the Croatan Civic League. Below is an update from Carrie Pace at Dominion...

Here are some CVOW construction progress updates at SMR...

**Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD)** – all five drill holes under Lake Rudee/General Booth were completed on July 9.

- With the prior completion of HDD under Lake Christine, we are done with all HDD drilling!
- In the coming weeks, we will continue at both HDD Lake Christine and Lake Rudee/General Booth “stuffing bundles” to hold each circuit, fiber, etc. in those pipes. They look like a bundle of long black tubes of several different sizes going into the hole at the same time. Bundle installation is low noise.

**Direct Pipe (DP)** – East side of Rifle Range. We have completed 6 of the 9 DPs from the Rifle Range under the beach.

- The *last three* DPs are in progress in various stages. The tides and weather determine when we can begin installing the HDPE conduit in the pipes.
- We expect to finish drilling these last three DPs, weather-permitting, by the end of next week.
- We are on pace to pull in all HDPE conduit through the pipes by the beginning of August, weather-permitting.
- In about the first two weeks of August, the concrete drill pads in the DP pit will be removed. This requires using a jack hammer to break up the concrete. This work will only be performed daytime.

**Transition Joint Bay (TJB)** – west side of Rifle Range

- The custom sound blanket for the pile hammer is expected to arrive by the end of this week, and will be fitted and tested after the inclement weather passes.
- TJB pit 1-5 has been excavated. All steel piles have been driven, and will be tolerance tested (quality control) by a smaller hammer in the pit. The hammer will test each pile about 10 times before moving to the next pile. Testing is only during the daytime.
- Daytime pile driving continues for TJB 6-9, and is on pace to finish at the end of July, weather-permitting. We will return later to excavate this pit and perform testing on the piles.

**Bottom line** – in August, there will be a significant decrease in construction activity at the Rifle Range. Most crews will transition to day shift and there will be no more drilling or pile driving.

We are working on confirming the follow-up meeting date for Croatan with the Vice Mayor, and will share details once available. Please do not hesitate to connect with

any questions!

Warmly,

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