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Dear Contractors,

Please see the email from the Puget Sound Chapter, NECA, and Governor Inslee's clarification. The Governor's letter is not very straight forward, so anticipate that some of your construction projects may get shut down by your General Contractors effective tomorrow. If you do not receive notice from your General Contractor, then proceed as normal. If your job is shut down, you have the right to protect your property and material onsite and make sure you do.

We anticipate there will be further clarification in the next day or two, so please pay particular attention to your Washington projects.

Please see the message from the Puget Sound Chapter, NECA, below.

*This is not what we had hoped for. It is likely that many job sites will be shut down by tonight or tomorrow morning.*

*For now, I'll let you digest this and take your best shot at how this will affect the various contracts you have going on.*

*Wish I had better news.*

*If I obtain any further information, I'll pass it on. But likely, this is it for the foreseeable future.*

*Good luck and please keep me informed of the happenings out in the real world tomorrow.*

Thank you

Dear Stakeholders:

I am writing to you today in order to provide additional guidance regarding the impact of my Stay Home, Stay Healthy Proclamation (20-25) on construction. In general, commercial and residential construction is not authorized under the Proclamation because construction is not considered as an essential activity.

However, an exception to the order allows for construction in the following limited circumstances:

- a) Construction related to essential activities as described in the order;
- b) To further a public purpose related to a public or governmental function or facility, including but not limited to publicly financed low-income housing; or
- c) To prevent spoliation and avoid damage or unsafe conditions, and address emergency repairs at both non-essential businesses and residential structures.

To that end, it is permissible for workers who are building, construction superintendents, tradesmen, or tradeswomen, or other trades including, but not limited to, plumbers, electricians, carpenters, laborers, sheet metal, iron workers, masonry, pipe trades, fabricators, heavy equipment and crane operators, finishers, exterminators, pesticide applicators, cleaning and janitorial staff for commercial and governmental properties, security staff, operating engineers, HVAC technicians, painting, moving and relocation services, forestry and arborists, and other service providers to provide services consistent with this guidance.

All construction activity must meet social distancing, worker protection, and appropriate health screenings before proceeding.

Very truly yours,



Jay Inslee

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Thank you