

An announcement from Brian H. Simmons, Esquire, Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney concerning the seismic survey and the placement of geophone equipment by Seitel Data, Ltd.

Mayor Walker,

Per our phone conversations late yesterday afternoon, the following is a proposed announcement for you to post on the Aliquippa website and your Facebook page regarding Seitel's operations:

Seitel Data, Ltd. is in the process of conducting a seismic survey project in the area, including within the City of Aliquippa. The City would like to clear up any confusion about Seitel and its operations in Aliquippa. By way of background, Seitel's project is to create a 3D image of the Earth's interior layers. In densely populated areas such as Aliquippa, Seitel uses a process called vibroseis, which involves trucks applying energy waves to the surface on roadways. This energy is reflected back up to the earth's surface and recorded by geophone receivers placed temporarily within public rights-of-way. The energy and the geophones are harmless.

Although Seitel had received approval from PennDOT and the City of Aliquippa to conduct its seismic operations last fall, it only recently began laying out its geophone equipment within the rights-of-way. We understand that some residents believe that Seitel is improperly placing the geophone receivers in resident's yards. This issue arose because the road right-of-way does not stop at the end of the paved roadway. It typically extends 5 to 10 or more feet beyond the paved roadway, occasionally into the yards.

The City understands that this could be viewed as a problem and apologizes for any confusion. As a result, the City has requested and Seitel has agreed to immediately attempt to reposition the geophones laid out in the rights-of-way as close as possible to the edge of the paved portion of the road rights-of-way.

Seitel anticipates completing its operations within the next few weeks. Nevertheless, at Mayor Walker's request, Seitel has also agreed to attend the next City meetings on February 26th and March 5th to further explain its operations and answer any questions from citizens or City council members.

Thank you,

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