



May 29, 2013

Mr. Barry Schneider
Co-chair, Second Avenue Subway Taskforce
Manhattan Community Board 8
505 Park Avenue, Suite 620
New York, NY 10022

Dear Barry:

As requested at the Second Avenue Subway Taskforce meeting on May 23rd, we have looked into blasting activities at the 86th Street Station during the month of May.

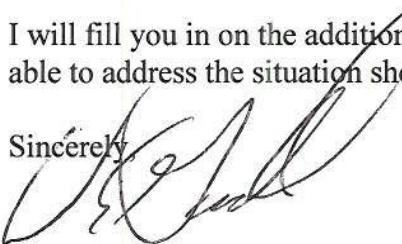
Although our seismographs measured just one exceedance for ground vibrations (on May 8th), we did find that the overpressure limit of 133dB was exceeded on a number of occasions during the month. Overpressure, if high enough, could cause windows and other items in apartments to vibrate and/or rattle.

We have asked the contractor to assess immediately what additional mitigation methods can be taken to address this issue and to deploy them.

We also reviewed our records on complaints received for excessive vibration during the month. We received only one.

I will fill you in on the additional actions we will take as soon as possible. I am confident we will be able to address the situation shortly.

Sincerely,



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Senior Vice President
Second Avenue Subway Program Executive
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