

Knife River Kelso Concrete
2224 Talley Way
Kelso, WA 98626

NARRATIVE:

Knife River Corporation – Northwest (Knife River) is in the process of securing concrete supply demands for some larger building projects in the vicinity of our existing concrete plant. The existing plant has been onsite for approximately 28 years and is rated at 80 cubic yards / hour and is not able to keep up with the project supply demands. Therefore, Knife River is proposing to place a portable concrete plant onsite that has a 200 cubic yards / hour manufacturing rating. These plants may need to operate on occasion 24 hours a day 7 days a week, depending on project demands. Even though this site is surrounded by industrial uses we will make sure all onsite equipment have white noise (quieter backup) alarms in place. In 2009, Knife River installed two portable concrete plants at this site in the proposed area, so there is an existing concrete footing that the portable plant will be placed on. The site is currently covered by the Washington DOE Sand & Gravel permit and this proposal will not change where the trucks washout or the stormwater discharge and sampling location. Knife River has an application into the Southwest Clean Air Agency (SWCAA) for an air permit for the portable plant. The existing plant has an active SWCAA air permit. The site is currently contoured and gravel for erosion control and there is no proposed grading work. There is adequate electrical power and water onsite for the portable concrete plant. The truck entering and leaving the site will use the existing entrance and exit in place onto Talley Way. Projects usually schedule larger pours around rush hour traffic to avoid supply delays. This helps avoid disruption of the local traveling public on Talley Way. The project schedule is to start as soon as April 2023 and will continue onsite for about one year depending on project demand and delay.