A drive through campus today reminded me of how diverse the operations are within our division. From construction projects to recycling trucks, from dining workers at '53 Commons to Hinman mail employees, we support Dartmouth activities in many important ways. Be proud of your work and be sure to recognize your Campus Service colleagues with a wave or shout of thanks when you see them.

EH&S Conducts Noise Surveys

Thanks to EH&S's Mark Ewing for sharing this article.

As nearly 22 million workers are exposed to potentially damaging levels of noise in the workplace each year, noise monitoring is integral in every safety program for employees who are exposed to loud noise. Accurate measurements of employee noise exposures will determine who is at risk. In addition, noise level data is required to establish adequacy and appropriateness of hearing protectors as well as to identify areas which would require high noise warning signs.

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) guidelines require that workers' noise exposure be limited to 85 decibels as an 8-hour time weighted average. Mark Ewing, from Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) will be conducting noise level surveys in the coming months to accurately assess the Dartmouth Hearing Conservation Program. “We are excited to conduct noise level surveys to insure our employees are correctly identified and wearing the correct hearing protection. We’ll begin the program with FO&M and work with supervisors and employees to identify noise in other departments. A personal dosimeter, a small device with a microphone that is clipped to the shirt, will be used to register the level of sound.”

An Update on West End Projects

There’s a flurry of activity along West Wheelock Street and in the West End of campus these days.

- The Town of Hanover is installing sidewalks on both sides of West Street which will greatly improve safety for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles.
- As part of the West End construction projects, the Town is installing traffic islands at the intersection of W. Wheelock, Engineering Drive, and West Street. W. Wheelock Street will also be milled, paved and striped from 7 p.m. to 4 a.m. on Aug. 23-26.
- The Center for Engineering and Computer Science is obvious to passers-by these days, given the bright green exterior siding that is being installed. Plumbing, electrical and sprinkler systems are being installed, as are the chilled water and hot-water mains in front of Cummings and MacLane.
- A large crane is in place at the end of Tuck Mall to help assemble the steel structure of the Arthur L. Irving Institute for Energy & Society.

See more details on active construction projects at this Campus Services website.