EAST LANSING, MI (WLNS) – The FRIB isn’t set to be complete until 2020, but that didn’t stop crews from driving through the elements to complete a big concrete pour.

“Scheduled 360 truckloads of concrete will be coming in about 3,600 yards.”

Enough to fill two Olympic size swimming pools, 250 driveways, the project’s largest pour yet.

Averaging a truck load every two minutes from Grand Ledge, Lake Lansing and Brighton facilities.

This is the largest pour for FRIB. 6 News is being told 250 an hour, now you might be wondering with this cold weather, why not wait. 6 News was told this is actually better for preventing cracks in the foundation.

“It’s cheaper to build and you’ll get much better durability or better concrete performance when it’s cured cold,” said Reid Goniwiecha, vice president of technology sales, Superior Materials.

Otherwise crews would have to load up on ice or liquid nitrogen to keep it cool, creating more costs for the development.

“We’re actually eight weeks ahead of schedule and going strong.”

Chris Thronson says about 100 other guys aside from concrete crews are helping keep the project ahead of schedule.

“We are going to get to a point where they’re going to be able to install the scientific equipment and that to me is a real milestone, that’s when the science starts happening.”

Until then crews will continue to pour concrete and work on filling in the foundation of the $730 million project.

Tuesday’s pour is one of 15 scheduled through-outs the projects life-span. The Facility for Rare Isotope Beams will help researchers discover new applications for medicine, national security and biology.