Field Cutting Quiet Tile Ceiling Panels

- Start by creating a large clean work surface that the panels can be cut on. Both the face and back of the panels will likely come in contact with the surface so constant cleaning of the surface may be necessary depending on how many panels need cut.

- Use a clean metal straight edge that can be placed on the face of the panels without harming the face of the panel.

- Use a clean, sharp, standard utility knife to cut through the face of the panel using the straight edge as a blade guide.

- Continue cutting through the face of the panel until you have cut through the ceiling tile and the viscoelastic center.

- In the cut groove, score through the layer of drywall once or twice so that you can bend and snap the drywall backwards.
  - Depending on the knife being used it may be necessary to peel away the cut portion of the face tile and viscoelastic membrane

- After snapping the drywall backwards flip the panel over and cut through the backing paper of the drywall at the crease of the bend.
  - Depending on how deep you scored the drywall a rasp or sanding block may be needed to clean up the edge of the drywall after removing it.

** Before any cutting or modifying of the panels is done be sure that each equipment operator or close by personnel have the proper eye, ear, and breathing protection.**