Construction Activities Prior to Permit Issuance
(non-PSD projects only)

For any project that is not subject to major New Source Review [paragraphs 1200-03-09-.01(4) or (5)], the policies of the TN Division of Air Pollution Control allow for certain activities to go forward prior to the issuance of a construction permit. In other words, there are certain activities (of a more general nature), which the Division does not typically consider to be “construction” of the new or modified source.

Examples of activities which normally may occur prior to permit issuance:

1. General site grading at the source location
2. Construction of a general slab, which does not include dedicated footers/foundations for specific equipment related to the air contaminant source
3. Construction of a general building at the source location
4. Installation of utility piping, conduit, wiring, etc., which does not include unique devices for specific equipment related to the project
5. On-site storage of process equipment in a location other than where it is (eventually) to be operated

In short, activities of a general nature that are not directly related to the installation or modification of specific equipment related to the air contaminant source, can normally take place prior to the issuance of a construction permit (for projects that are not subject to major New Source Review).