

The following is the Santa Barbara County APCD's general guideline on what type of construction is permissible before an ATC is obtained:

1. We do not recommend that any equipment requiring an air pollution permit be purchased (or similar financial commitments be made) until the Authority to Construct permit for the equipment is acquired. One important reason is that there are analyses performed during the permitting process (e.g., new source review, health risk assessment, air quality impact assessment, CEQA) that may necessitate a change or modification of the equipment for which the application was submitted. For example, although all parties might agree on what BACT may be for a certain device prior to application submittal, the permit analysis may require a change to the selected device or to the process of which it is a part. Thus, while the APCD can not prohibit such purchases, our position is that any procurement prior to acquisition of the ATC is done *at the company's risk*.
2. If a company chooses to risk procuring the equipment prior to obtaining the final ATC permit, the equipment may be delivered and stored on site in its original container at a location other than where it will eventually be operated.
3. General site grading at the source location is permissible *at the company's risk*.
4. Construction of a general slab, which does not include dedicated footers/foundations for specific equipment related to the air contaminant source, is permissible *at the company's risk*.
5. Construction of a general building at the source location is permissible *at the company's risk*.