Construction Stormwater Permitting

If your project will disturb more than one acre of land you will need to obtain Construction Stormwater Permit Coverage – just like you have for years now- but there are changes in the way you will obtain coverage. Beginning August 1, 2017, the City of Cleveland will be a Qualified Local Program (QLP) for Construction Stormwater.

If your project is within the City Limits you will make your application to the City of Cleveland – Development and Engineering Services Department Stormwater Division instead of applying to the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC). Your application will be in the form of a Notice of Intent (NOI) on the City's website. Your application will include all the same materials you previously gave to TDEC such as the NOI, your Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), etc. You will also need to turn in all the drawings you previously provided to the Development and Engineering Services Department showing site plan, grading & drainage plan and erosion and sediment control plan, as well as any detention calculations.

Once you have turned in all the required materials the City will determine if all the materials necessary for the permit have been submitted and contact you if there is missing information. Once the application is complete, the City will review your application and issue coverage under the NPDES Construction General Permit. Site contractors will still be required to perform twice weekly site inspections just like when the permit coverage was issued by TDEC. Once your site is stabilized you will submit a Notice of Termination (NOT) to the City instead of TDEC to terminate coverage on your Construction General Permit.

Necessary forms are located on the City of Cleveland website. Should you have comments or questions please feel free to contact the Development and Engineering Services Department Stormwater Division at (423) 479-1913 or visit us at www.clevelandtn.gov/stormwater.