



Bureau of Air Quality



DEP's Small Business Environmental Assistance Program

Small Business Compliance Advisory Committee
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Small Business Definition

Small Business Definition Under the Clean Air Act (CAA):

- is owned or operated by a person that employs 100 or fewer individuals,
- is a small business concern as defined in the Small Business Act [15 U.S.C. 631 et seq.];
- is not a major stationary source;
- does not emit 50 tons or more per year of any regulated pollutant; and
- emits less than 75 tons per year of all regulated pollutants.

History of Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs

Federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990	Sections 7.7, 7.8, and 7.9 added to Pennsylvania Air Pollution Control Act (APCA) on July 9, 1992
<p>Required all states to establish:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Small business stationary source technical and environmental compliance assistance program• A designated State office within the relevant State agency to serve as ombudsman for small business stationary sources• Compliance Advisory Panel <p>All required 24 months after November 10, 1990</p>	<p>Commonwealth Established:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Small Business Stationary Source Technical and Environmental Compliance Assistance Program• Office of Small Business Ombudsman• Small Business Compliance Advisory Committee

Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs

- Small Business Stationary Source Technical and Environmental Compliance Assistance Program
 - This is a mouthful and not the best acronym (SBSSTECAP)
 - Now more commonly referred to as Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs, or SBEAPs
 - Also sometimes referred to as a 507 programs



Three-Legged Stool

What is the Small Business Environmental Assistance Program?

Section 507 of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments requires all States to develop a programs to help small businesses comply with air quality regulations. Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Bureau of Air Quality administers and organizes the program with the following 3 components:

- Compliance assistance consultant – Environmental Management Assistance Program (EMAP)
- Small Business Ombudsman (SBO) and
- Small Business Compliance Advisory Committee (SBCAC)

Program Coordination

- Bureau of Air Quality acts as the program administrator and coordinates with SBO, SBCAC, and program consultant (EMAP)
- Efforts of the complete program deliver all elements needed to effectively provide environmental and compliance assistance services to small businesses in Pennsylvania.
- Addresses small business concerns, such as:
 - What regulations affect me?
 - What do I need to do to comply?
 - How do I keep compliance costs down?
 - Where can I get information/help?



Environmental Management Assistance Program (EMAP)

EMAP & Small Business Development Centers

- EMAP's location within Small Business Development Centers (SBDC)
 - SBDC offices located throughout the Commonwealth at university campuses
 - Provide "one stop shop" for small businesses
- Funding for EMAP is provided by DEP's Bureau of Air Quality



Environmental Management Assistance Program (EMAP)

EMAP offers many resources to help Pennsylvania's small businesses:

- EMAP services are free and confidential
- Understanding and meeting technical requirements related to permit conditions and regulatory compliance affecting small business
- Assistance with recordkeeping and reporting
- Information on grants and local funding and energy efficiency
- Consulting services delivered via phone/email or site visits
- Toll Free Hotline 877-ASK-EMAP



Small Business Ombudsman

Small Business Ombudsman (SBO)

- Serves as the primary advocate for small businesses within Pennsylvania DEP and is primary point of contact for small business on issues relating to compliance with CAA and APCA.
- Small business owners with a question or issue with DEP can request assistance from the Ombudsman to voice their concerns and interests with the Department.
- Grants and loans for small business
 - Small Business Advantage Grant Program (SBAG)
 - Pollution Prevention Assistance Account Loan

Making sure small businesses continue to grow and succeed is important to the Commonwealth and to DEP



Small Business Compliance Advisory Committee

CAA and APCA require Pennsylvania to have a Small Business Compliance Advisory Committee (SBCAC)

- There are 11 member positions on SBCAC.
 - Four members appointed by the Governor, three of whom shall not be owners or representatives of owners of small business stationary sources.
 - Four members selected by the State legislature who are owners, or who represent owners, of small business stationary sources.
 - The DEP Small Business Ombudsman
 - The Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Secretary or his/her designee
 - The Secretary of DEP or his/her Designee



Small Business Compliance Advisory Committee

Purpose of Committee

- Provide guidance, recommendations, and opinions to DEP on the Small Business Environmental Assistance Program.
- Review and advise the department on rulemakings, State implementation plans and programs under APCA and the CAA which affect small business stationary sources.
- Review information for small business stationary sources to assure such information is understandable by the layperson.





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