



SMALL BUSINESS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Serving Small Businesses and the Environment

Who we are

We help small businesses and assistance providers access environmental compliance and sustainable business information. Our services are free and confidential and we act as your small business advocate on environmental issues. State program staff allocations range from 0.25 to 30 staff.

50 states and D.C.

2 territories



Did you know?

Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs were established as part of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

AND

These programs are supported through various state funding mechanisms, including state air permit fees.

How our programs work

Each program has three parts:

- Technical assistance
- Ombudsman advocate
- Advisory panel

Working partnerships include the following:

- Business community
- Trade associations
- Small business development centers
- U.S. EPA
- Pollution prevention programs
- Other state and local agencies

Small businesses we assist

- Auto body repair/refinishing
- Dry-cleaner/laundry service
- Furniture manufacturing/refinishing
- Metal fabricating/finishing
- Plating and polishing
- Painting and coating
- Construction/contractors
- Printing/graphic arts
- Manufacturing
- Many more

Technical assistance by type



Based on data from 48 programs

Phone calls/emails
291,735

Permit assistance
15,690

Site visits
6,250

Webinars/workshops
1,540

2016 audience impact

- **970,900** clients served
- **806,500** online resource visits
- **814,500** publications distributed
- **133,900** webinar/workshop attendees

To find more about resources available from your state's Small Business Environmental Assistance Program, visit www.nationalsbeap.org or call 1-800-578-8898.



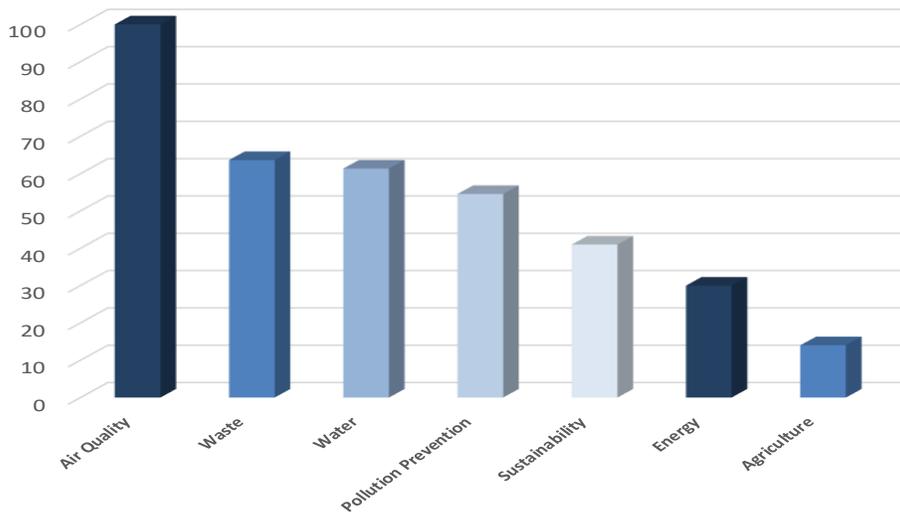
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How we make an impact

Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs throughout the country offer compliance assistance in many areas. All programs provide assistance with air quality, but several also offer additional services such as hazardous waste and pollution prevention technical assistance. These “multi-media” programs are a “one-stop-shop” for small businesses with limited resources. The chart below represents the percentage of programs providing technical assistance in the following areas.

Technical assistance areas



What our clients say

“SBEAP guided us every step of the way and we view them as an invaluable resource to businesses working with the Air Quality Department.”

“It would have taken me days to learn what this class presented (air permitting) in just about 7 hours.”

“Once again the SBEAP has proven to be a great asset to small business.”

“You guys were phenomenal! Your willingness to help in any circumstance speaks volumes about the organization.”

“Anytime I have a question, unsure if I have filled out the correct forms or included all information as required I always call SBEAP’s regional staff. The feedback is always cordial and very helpful.”

“SBEAP was very helpful and thorough in explaining asbestos regulations to me. They took the time to review regulations as they applied to the remodeling of my building.”

Case study: The success of Pik Rite

Pik Rite is a Pennsylvania manufacturer of high-quality equipment for the agricultural industry, along with a variety of truck mounted bodies that include vacuum tanks for septic and gas, dumps, and waste collection. For more than 12 years, the local SBEAP provided compliance assistance and guidance with multiple air permits. As Pik Rite grew, it successfully achieved ways to reduce its environmental footprint through lighting and HVAC upgrades, implementation of a solvent-recovery system, and by using material substitution to reduce hazardous air pollutants and volatile organic chemicals. These changes resulted in cost savings exceeding \$10,000 annually, while further reducing direct and indirect emissions. Pik Rite received Pennsylvania’s Agribusiness Achievement Award in 1997 and both the Small Business Environmental Stewardship Award from national SBEAP and the SBA Small Business Person of the Year Award in 2017.

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