



# SMALL BUSINESS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

*Serving Small Businesses and the Environment*

## **Environmental Regulatory Assistance Resource for Small Businesses**

Small businesses have a lifeline to call for environmental regulatory compliance issues. Mandated by federal law, every state must provide no-cost environmental technical assistance to their small business constituents. At a minimum, they must provide assistance with air quality compliance issues. Some programs provide assistance on other environmental regulations including water and waste.

This can mean real savings for small businesses that face a stiff learning curve for complex environmental regulations and potential costly fines and penalties for non-compliance. These savings add up when you consider that, according to the U.S. Small Business Administration, small businesses make up 99.7 percent of U.S. employer firms, 63 percent of net new private-sector jobs, 37 percent of high-tech employment and 98 percent of firms exporting goods.

The services provided in your state are part of a national network of Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs (SBEAP) which is coordinated through a National Steering Committee. In addition to providing free technical assistance to small business owners across the country, the program evaluates and comments on state and federal regulations and helps determine the appropriate paths to compliance. The SBEAPs recently launched a new website, <https://nationalsbeap.org/> which is a resource for program participants and small businesses. You can find your state specific contact at: <https://nationalsbeap.org/states>

Small business owners are encouraged to contact their state SBEAP today for assistance understanding environmental regulations that apply to their operations.

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### **About the Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs (SBEAPs)**

*The Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs were created under Section 507 of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. For more than 20 years, the SBEAPs have provided extensive, hands-on technical assistance to small businesses across the country to help them understand and comply with complex environmental regulations.*

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