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. Programs range in size 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.

These programs receive no federal funding. They are supported by state air permit fees.

How our programs work

Each program has three parts:

- Technical assistance
- Ombudsman advocate
- Advisory panel

Working partnerships include:

- 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
- Various manufacturing
- Many more

Technical assistance by type

- Site visits: 3,860
- Permit assistance: 20,270
- Phone calls/emails: 199,970
- Webinars/workshops: 1,380

Based on data from 37 programs

2015 audience impact

- 1,793,000 clients served
- 1,282,000 online resource visits
- 703,300 publications distributed
- 91,700 webinar/workshop attendees

To find more resources on your state’s Small Business Environmental Assistance Program visit www.nationalsbeap.org or call 1-800-578-8898.
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 compliance assistance in the following areas.

Case study: The success of Minuteman Press

Minuteman Press, a small Kansas printer, has worked with its SBEAP program for a number of years. As part of it’s efforts to go beyond compliance, it changed from petroleum-based ink to all soy-or vegetable-based ink and pressroom cleaners. This change resulted in reductions of VOC emissions by 22 percent and HAP emissions by 93 percent. Minuteman Press conducts waste audits annually and recycles more than 83 percent of the waste. Minuteman Press is a Sustainable Green Printer and won a National SBEAP award in 2012.

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