



SMALL BUSINESS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Serving Small Businesses and the Environment

Who we are

SBEAPs help small businesses and other assistance providers access environmental compliance and sustainable practices information. We offer free and confidential assistance and can act as small business advocates on environmental regulations. State program staff allocations range from 0.1 to 84 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

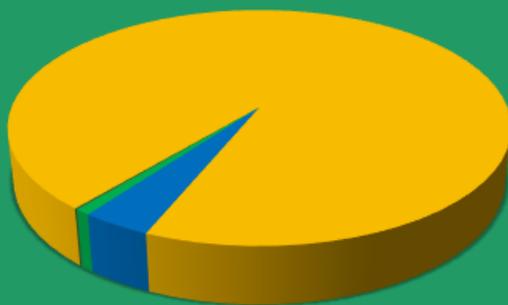
Working partnerships include—

- 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
- Construction/contractors
- Dental offices
- Dry-cleaner/laundry service
- Manufacturing
- Metal fabricating/finishing
- Painting and coating
- Plating and polishing
- Printing/graphic arts
- Many more

Technical assistance by type



Phone calls/emails
304,865

Permit assistance
22,118

Site visits
5,241

Webinars/workshops
1,079

2019 audience impact

- **3,213,700** clients served
- **1,596,100** online resource visits
- **2,585,200** publications distributed
- **295,300** 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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Based on data from 38 programs in 36 states or territories



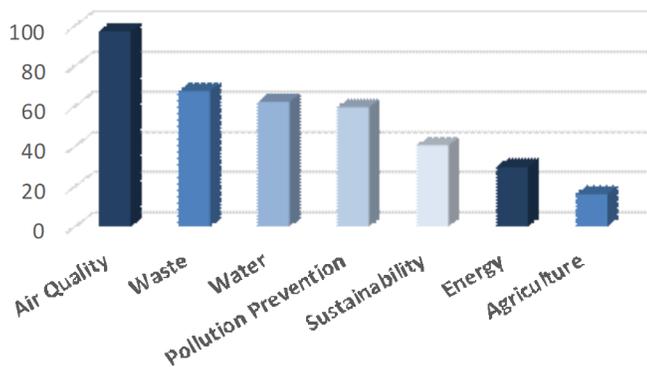
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How we make an impact

Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs throughout the country offer compliance assistance in many areas. All programs provide assistance with air quality, and 81% 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



Results Snapshot:

An SBEAP grant program reduced annual air emissions by 185 tons VOCs, 0.6 tons of nitrogen oxide, and 6.5 tons fine particulates.

"During my time with U.S. EPA and working with state governments, Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs and the National SBEAP served as a critical conduit for Clean Air Act compliance assistance, small business issues, and priority regulatory reforms. Our office benefited tremendously from their work and our relationship with SBEAP leadership."
Clint Woods, former Deputy Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation, U.S. EPA

What our clients say

"With employees wearing multiple hats and trying to stay on top of all the regulations, it makes it difficult at times and having that resource available to contact has been great."

"I would have closed my business if it hadn't been for the help I received."

"Intending to do the right thing does not always equal the right thing but with your help, we can get there quicker."

Case study: The success of NevilleBuilt

NevilleBuilt Trailers is a leading manufacturer of grain hoppers and livestock and drop-deck equipment trailers, primarily serving the agricultural community. In 1984, after financial hardships on his farm, Dick Neville and his oldest son, Marvin, built a trailer for their own use. A neighbor commented he would like to have one, and from there, they created a business that grew from a few trailers per year to several hundred per year, now employing 45 full-time and two part-time employees. In February 2018 NevilleBuilt contacted the Kansas SBEAP, part of the Pollution Prevention Institute of Kansas State University, for assistance in obtaining air permits for its facility. In addition to helping NevilleBuilt with air permits, SBEAP also assisted with hazardous waste compliance and suggested possible ways to reduce emissions. NevilleBuilt decided to substitute acetone for its current solvent, reducing air emissions by five tons of VOCs and three tons of HAPs. The company also worked with a pollution prevention intern who helped identify ways to reduce energy costs through lighting changes and maintenance of the compressed-air system. In June of 2020 NevilleBuilt was recognized by the National Steering Committee with a Small Business Environmental Stewardship Award.

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