

# Minnesota

## Small Business Environmental Assistance Program

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### Big Wins

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1. SBEAP staff transitioned to all remote work
2. Grants - \$200,000 total; reduced VOC by 1100 pounds and CO2e 1,420,000 pound
  - a. Solvent and coating (VOC reduction)
  - b. EtO alternatives
  - c. Refrigerants (reduce GHG emissions)
3. Creating interactive training videos - multimedia, types of AQ permit, Control Equipment Rule, Climate Change mitigation and adaptation
4. GHG emission reduction - Refrigeration
5. Outreach to unpermitted gravel pits
6. SB Loan - dry cleaners, body shops, chloride reduction projects

### Challenges

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1. SB Loan funds cannot meet demand
2. Facilities with TCE want grant and not loan to switch

### 2021 / 2022 Excitement & Priorities

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1. Perc phase out at dry cleaners begins
2. Modeling parameter data assistance
3. Air permitting in EJ areas
4. Continue to work with Agency Air Program to provide technical assistance and small business perspective in Agency actions

### Help Wanted

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1. In general, it is great to learn from other programs.

### Structure and Stats (Where are you housed? and How many Full Time Equivalent (FTEs)?)

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1. Regulatory agency -- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
2. 3.7 FTE SBEAP and SBO

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