

# Mississippi

Small Business Environmental Assistance Program; Contact Melissa Collier

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## Big Wins

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1. Dental Rule Outreach program: Assisted our Permits Division with contacting the Dentists/Dental Offices in MS to inform them about the Rule and to get them to submit the One-Time Compliance forms. Of the 1,826 packets delivered, we received compliance forms from 636 dentists/offices and an overall response from 1005 of those contacted.

*Great job!!!!* – ANONYMOUS

## Challenges

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1. Not being able to conduct in person training.
2. Connecting with small businesses to provide them assistance when you work under the umbrella of a regulatory agency.

## 2021 / 2022 Excitement & Priorities

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1. Our program is receiving most of its assistance requests through referrals from our Agency's Compliance and Permitting Divisions. The Divisions are more interested in a collaborative effort to assist small businesses with compliance and permitting needs.

## Help Wanted

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1. Gaining the trust of the small business community/trade associations when you work within a regulatory agency

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

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1. Our SBEAP is housed within the MS Dept. of Environmental Quality in the Office of Community Engagement
2. 2.5 FTEs

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