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## Quality Industrial Coatings Selected for the Small Business Environmental Stewardship Award



**Courtdale, Pennsylvania-** Quality Industrial Coatings located in Courtdale, PA has been awarded the 2024 Small Business Environmental Stewardship Award for accomplishments in the areas of improving environmental performance, pollution prevention and sustainability. The award was issued by the National Steering Committee (NSC) of Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs (SBEAPs) & Small Business Ombudsmen (SBO).

Quality Industrial Coatings company consists of 9 full time employees and 1 part-time employee. The company operates two spray booths to coat plastic shrouds and other plastic parts. Quality Industrial Coatings looked for ways to reduce their environmental impact as business increased. The company worked with the Environmental Management Assistance Program (EMAP) of the Widener University Small Business Development Center (SBDC), a free service for small businesses in Pennsylvania. Together, Quality Industrial Coatings and EMAP evaluated compliance with air quality regulations and identified ways to reduce their air emissions. Quality Industrial Coatings implemented various product and operational changes that reduced their actual emissions to over 50% of their permitted levels and met new regulatory coating limits.

EMAP Environmental Consultant, Carrie Wintersteen, noted that, "I've worked with Steve Kaminstein, owner of Quality Industrial Coatings, for several years on various projects and I can tell he really cares about his employees and his community. I'm glad there is a way for a company like Quality Industrial Coatings to be recognized for reducing their emissions and their commitment to protecting the environment.

Steve Kaminstein stated "I am grateful to the Pennsylvania Small Business Development Centers for EMAP services. Without the help of this organization and the knowledge of Ms. Wintersteen, the requirements to be compliant with Air Quality would have been overwhelming".

SBEAP/SBO NSC Awards are the States' premier awards program for recognizing small businesses who have made significant contributions to protecting the environment. The awards program is sponsored by the SBEAP/SBO NSC in partnership with U.S. EPA Asbestos and Small Business Office. More information about the state SBEAP/SBO is available at <a href="https://nationalsbeap.org/">https://nationalsbeap.org/</a>.

For information about the services provided to Pennsylvania small businesses by the Environmental Management Assistance Program, visit <u>http://www.askemap.org</u>.

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About the Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs and Small Business Ombudsmen The Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs (SBEAP) and Small Business Ombudsmen (SBO) were created under Section 507 of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. For more than 25 years, the SBEAP/SBO have provided extensive, hands-on technical assistance to small businesses across the country to help them understand and comply with complex environmental regulations. The SBEAP/SBO website, <u>https://nationalsbeap.org/</u>, is a resource for program participants and small businesses. Find your state specific contact at: <u>https://nationalsbeap.org/states</u>. **#SBEAP #SmallBusiness**