

Newcomer Training



**National
Small Business
Environmental
Assistance Program**

July 29, 2025

Welcome to 2025 NSBEAP Newcomer Training

If you need to step away from your screen, please remain logged in.

*Make sure your mic is muted and your camera is off
unless you are presenting or asking a question.*

Please keep questions brief to allow everyone an opportunity to participate.

*All training sessions will be recorded and made available
on our YouTube channel and the Annual Training webpage.*

*We encourage you to make the most of our break sessions
by engaging with fellow participants.*



NSC Updates and Leadership

- **Chris Lynch**
NSC Chair (NV)
- **Lucy Cross**
NSC Vice Chair (AR)

National Small Business Environmental Assistance Program **507 Program Overview**

Who are we, how are we organized, and what should you know about the SBEAP.



What are SBEAPs?

- **Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs are state-level programs, as mandated by federal statute:**
 - 507 Programs
 - Small Business Stationary Sources Technical and Environmental Compliance Assistance Programs (SBTCPs)
 - Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs (SBEAPs)
- **Basic goal**
 - Provide free, confidential, technical assistance to small businesses on environmental questions



Why do we exist?

➤ **Clean Air Act, as Amended in 1990**

- Section 507 in each state:
 - Mandates the establishment of a small business stationary source technical and environmental compliance assistance program.
 - Outlines the role of the Small Business Environmental Ombudsman
 - Provides for the creation of a Compliance Advisory Panel (CAP)

How do we define a small business?

- Using CAA section 507 definition is baseline, but can be expanded if state deems it necessary
- Employs 100 or fewer individuals
- Not a major stationary source
- Does not emit more than 50 tons per year of any regulated pollutant
- Emits less than 75 tons per year of all regulated pollutants
- There are 34.8 million small businesses in America, or 99.9% of all businesses. These businesses provide 45.9% of all private workforce (59 million).
- In 2022-2023, 80% of net new jobs are created by small businesses (sba.gov)
- <https://advocacy.sba.gov/2024/11/19/2024-small-business-profiles-for-the-states-territories-and-nation/>



Where are the SBEAPs?

- State environmental regulatory agencies
 - Air Division
 - Executive Department
- State universities
- Small Business Development Centers
- Economic development agencies
- Other state agencies such as commerce
- Staffing ranges from 0.25 FTE to 100 FTE (avg. 2.7 to 7)
- Our impact: ~100,000 directly assisted with permits or site visits
 - Over 11 million clients served through outreach, newsletters, or comments

How does this help regulatory divisions?

- Allows for direct answers to small business questions
 - Promotes greater understanding and less confusion of requirements
 - Facilitates more complete and accurate permit applications
 - Teaches more accurate records and reporting
 - Provides Air Pollution Control Agencies better understanding of activities at a business
 - Fosters relationships with small businesses which makes them more willing to ask for help to be in compliance rather than wait until enforcement
 - Encourages getting into and maintaining compliance rather than a revolving door of enforcement



Working together across the nation for our small businesses

- National Steering Committee
- Website resources
- Annual Training
- Educational webinars
- Technical training
- Promotion opportunities
- Connections to other associations

National Steering Committee



- The National Steering Committee (NSC) has a mission *"To serve, support, and strengthen the Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs through representation and collaboration."*
- The NSC is made up of state representatives from each of the 10 EPA regions.
- Currently, there are five subcommittees where other individuals from State Small Business and Environmental Assistance Programs can participate in the national group. The subcommittees are Planning, Education, Technical, Promotion and Website. Each subcommittee is also asked to provide a representative for monthly NSC calls.
- NSC provides comments on U.S. EPA rulemaking or other policy areas as needed to represent small businesses.



Website resources

National Small Business Environmental Assistance Program

[Contact Us](#)[Small Business](#)[State Contacts](#)[SBEAP Resources](#)[Environmental Compliance](#)[Committees](#)[News & Events](#)

- Created through a grant from EPA and currently hosted by K-State Pollution Prevention Institute.
- www.NationalSBEAP.org contains many resources for state programs and small businesses
 - Small business resources
 - Industry sector guides
 - Environmental compliance: featured rules, tools and compliance calendars
 - Sustainability information
 - Contact information for each state program
 - Links to subcommittee trainings
 - SBEAP/SBO resources
- Connect with other state SBEAPs/SBOs and technical assistance providers through a dedicated email link.



Connections to other associations and organizations

- The National SBEAP maintains many connections to other associations and organizations.
- We have representatives that are members of the following groups that routinely report to the NSC and represent the voice of the SBEAPs and small businesses during meetings.
 - National Association of Clean Air Agencies - NAACA
 - The Association of Air Pollution Control Agencies -AAPCA
 - Environmental Council of States - ECOS
 - US EPA Clean Air Act Advisory Committee - CAAAC
 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – U.S. EPA
- We also have connections with National trade associations, the Small Business Administration Office of Advocacy and National Compliance Assistance Centers.



EPA ASBO and Regional Air Small Business Liaisons

- The Asbestos and Small Business Ombudsman (ASBO) is the primary contact to EPA Headquarters. Helps develop tools at a national level, supports SBEAP training and website, and serves as a liaison between small businesses and EPA.
- The EPA Regional Air Small Business Liaison (RASBL) is the primary contact for SBEAPs and SBOs within each EPA region. RASBLs serve to connect SBEAPs/SBOs with EPA technical staff and keep them informed of pertinent issues within the agency.
 - RASBLs have technical knowledge of air emission regulations and connections with EPA technical experts. The RASBL role is flexible and can be tailored to meet the needs of each region. However, there are certain core functions that RASBLs are supposed to perform.





Asbestos and Small Business Ombuds (ASBO) Program

Tuesday, July 29, 2025

Presented by Paula Hoag, EPA's ASBO



AGENDA

- ASBO Program Overview
- Resources and Services
- Outreach and Engagement
- Ombuds Reporting
- Questions



ASBO PROGRAM OVERVIEW

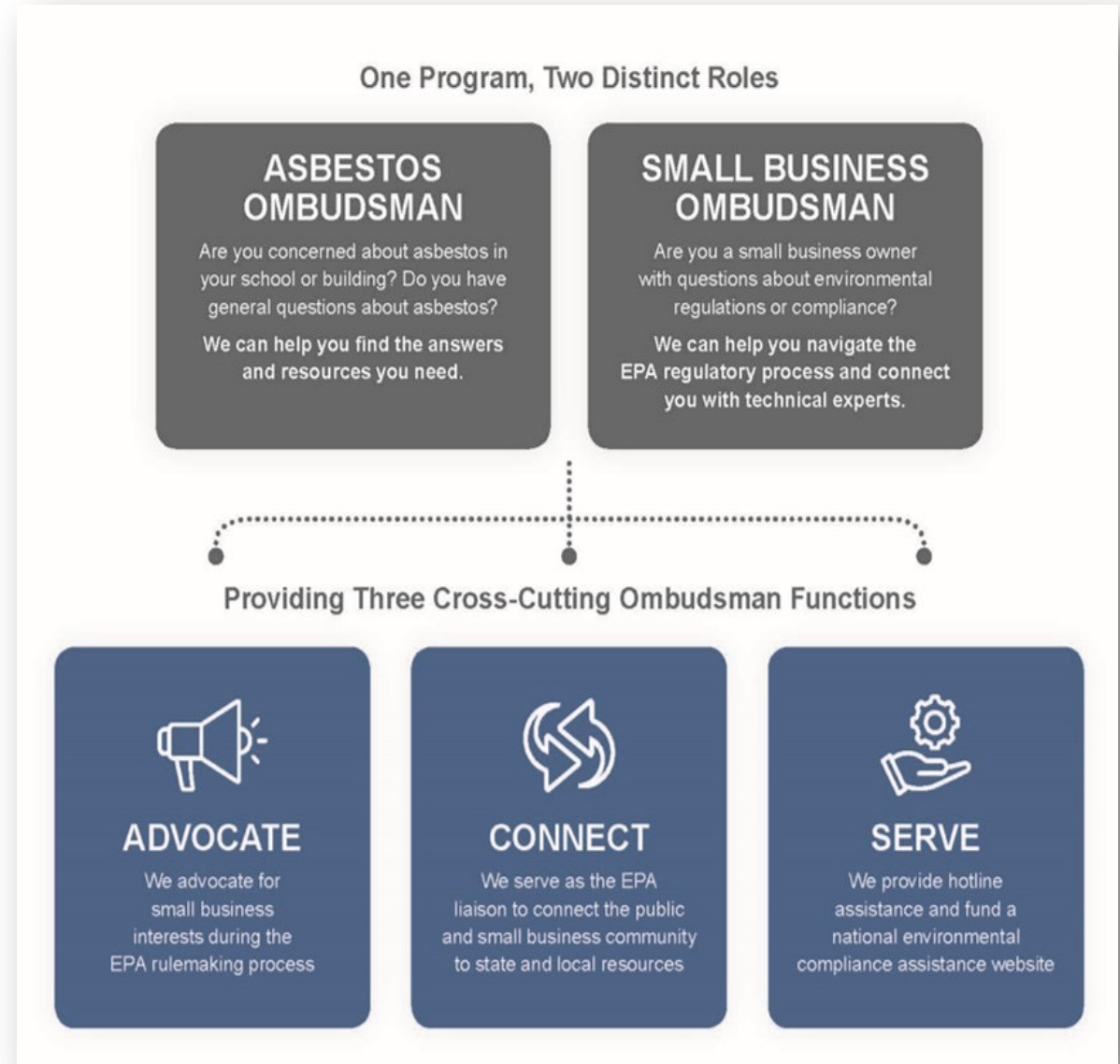


Asbestos and Small Business Ombuds (ASBO) Program

Informal, informational liaison for the general public, small business community, and EPA; providing technical resources and contact information on asbestos, environmental regulations and compliance assistance

Statutory Authority and Policy Directives:

- Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act
- Clean Air Act – Section 507
- EPA's RFA Policy – Section 213 Program



About the Ombudsman Profession

- An ombudsperson or ombud is an official in charge of serving as a representative, or an advocate for a fair process, by addressing questions or investigating public complaints
- The ombudsman profession has standards of practice, with the three main pillars to serve as an ***independent, impartial and confidential*** resource to help ensure operational excellence



- [1996 Alternative Dispute Resolution Act](#): encourages the use of an ombuds to resolve conflicts
- Administrative Conference of the U.S.'s [2016 Final Report: Use of Ombuds in Federal Agencies](#)

ASBO RESOURCES & SERVICES



ASBO HOTLINE & Ombuds Assistance


- Live staff support to assist the public and small businesses on asbestos concerns and regulatory compliance
- Most technical asbestos and compliance questions are deferred to the state level for local resources and assistance needs
- Range of calls and questions come through the hotline; great appreciation for live hotline support and to brainstorm/ problem solving next steps

[EPA Hotline Assistance](#)



ASBO's Monthly Bulletin

- ✓ Please subscribe to stay in touch! [Subscribe HERE](#)
- ✓ EPA and nation-wide environmental updates, resource, highlights for the regulated small business community

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EPA's Asbestos and Small Business Ombudsman Program

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE REGULATED SMALL BUSINESS COMMUNITY

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POLICY & REGULATION

Miscellaneous Coating Manufacturing: National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP)

This regulation establishes emission limits and work practice requirements for new and existing miscellaneous coating manufacturing operations, including process vessels, storage tanks, wastewater, transfer operations, equipment leaks, and heat exchange systems, and implements section 112(d) of the Clean Air Act (CAA) by requiring all major sources to meet hazardous air pollutant (HAP) emission standards reflecting application of the maximum achievable control technology (MACT). The HAP emitted from miscellaneous coating manufacturing facilities include toluene, xylene, glycol ethers, and methyl isobutyl ketone. Exposure to these substances has been demonstrated to cause adverse health effects such as irritation of the lung, eye, and mucous membranes, effects on the central nervous system, and cancer.

The final rule will reduce HAP emissions by 4,900 tons per year for existing facilities that manufacture miscellaneous coatings. [Read the full article](#)

507 Program 5-Year Cooperative Agreement



- ASBO has traditionally funded the National SBEAP website and other collaborative resources
- KSU's PPI has served as the grantee for 10 years, received an EPA Administrator Award twice
- The current 5-year Cooperative Agreement is set to expire at the end of this month.

NationalSBEAP.org

Newest ASBO Resources

- ✓ Updated web-based [Smart Steps to Sustainability Guide for Small Businesses](#)
- ✓ Internal Stakeholder Engagement Planning Guide and Toolkit for EPA Rule-writers to encourage and support small entity engagement

From the EPA Office of Small & Disadvantaged Business Utilization

SMART STEPS TO SUSTAINABILITY

YOUR GUIDE TO A GREENER SMALL BUSINESS



Federal Initiatives

Resources

Create Your Own Plan

Outreach and Engagement



EPA and SBEAP Collaboration

- 507 Program Grant funding since 2015 and contractor support decades prior. Grant continuation currently on hold
- Annual SBEAP Training – planning and speaker coordination support, as well as attendance and funding
- Periodical regional SBEAP meeting planning and/or participation

*Photo from EPA R6 and SBEAP Meeting, Feb 2024



EPA's Office of Civil Enforcement (OCE)

- OCE plans and sets priorities for enforcement activities at EPA,
- Develops national enforcement policy and guidance,
- Participates in Agency rule-making to ensure that regulations contain clear and enforceable provisions, and
- responsible for implementing effective communication to alert regulated entities to potential compliance problems.
- OCE coordinates EPA's response to the annual RFA/SBREFA survey
- OCE/ASBO collaboration to increase Ombuds visibility with OECA's enforcement officers and develop best practices for assistance



SBA's National Ombudsman & SBA's Office of Advocacy



U.S. Small Business
Administration

- Met with the SBA's National Small Business Ombudsman, Spring 2025
 - Annual survey on the Regulatory Flexibility Act/Small Business Regulatory Enforcement and Fairness Act (RFA/SBREFA) required of federal agencies each year, EPA traditionally receives an A rating.
- SBA Office of Advocacy hosts regular environmental roundtable events and SB complaint referrals from their Red Tape Hotline to the ASBO

Ombuds Reporting



ASBO PROGRAM INQUIRY REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2022 DATA ANALYSIS

MESSAGE FROM THE OMBUDS

As the Asbestos and Small Business Ombudsman (ASBO or Ombudsman) for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), I am pleased to share this Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 ASBO Program Inquiry Report. The role of an ombudsman is to serve as an advocate for a fair process, and to offer an informal course in resolving disputes. This report serves to highlight the top issues brought to the Program in order to offer transparency and address topics of concern for Agency consideration.

OMBUDS REPORTING

Ombudsman reporting provides transparency, encourages accountability, and may be statutorily required.

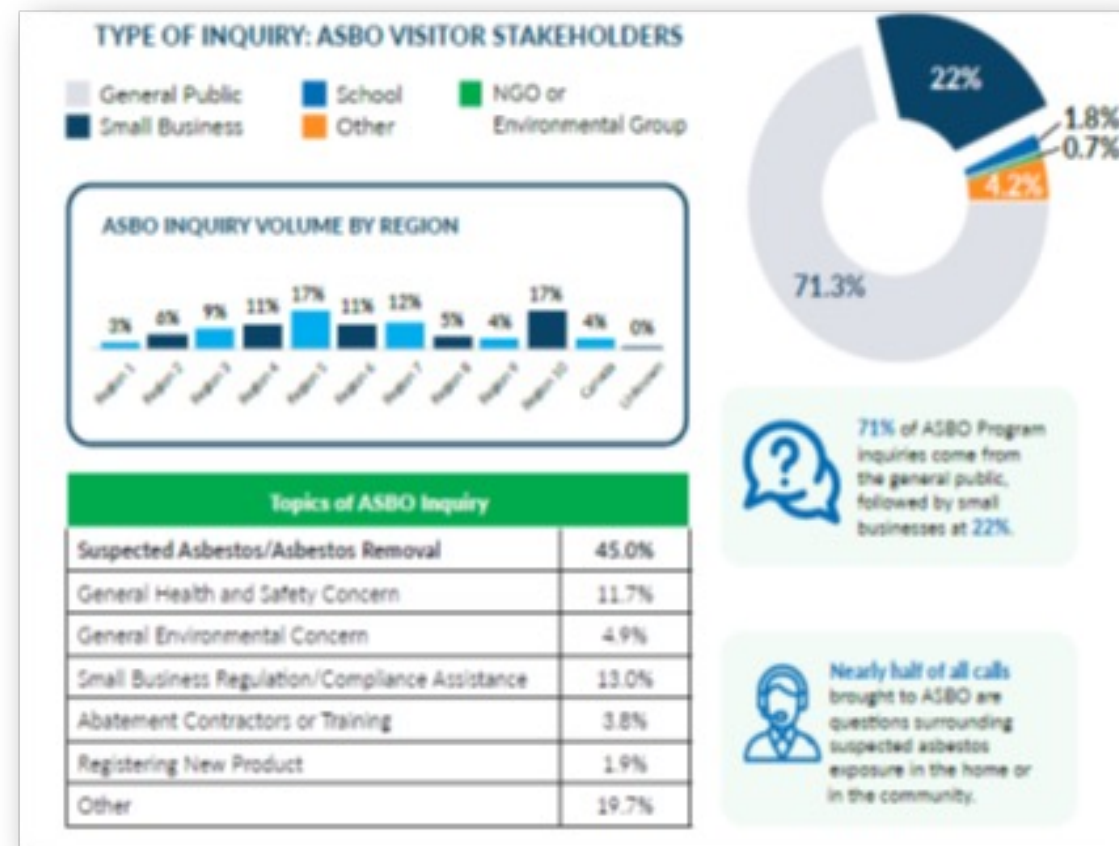
Upcoming ASBO Program
Inquiry Report, Spring 2026

Internal publication, every 3
years, [highlights available to the public online](#).

ASBO Public Inquiry Report Highlights

- 25% increase in overall inquiries compared to last year, with an 80% increase in small business requests for assistance
- 65% of inquiries are from the public, usually regarding asbestos
- 31% of all inquiries are small businesses, usually seeking compliance or product registration assistance

Updated stats as of July 2025



Contact us

ASBO Hotline:

800-368-5888 or (202)566-1970

Email:

asbo@epa.gov

Hoag.paula@epa.gov

Visit Our Website:

epa.gov/resources-small-businesses/asbo



The screenshot shows the EPA website's 'Resources for Small Businesses' page. At the top is the EPA logo and a search bar. Below the logo is a navigation bar with links: 'Environmental Topics', 'Laws & Regulations', 'Report a Violation', and 'About EPA'. A 'CONTACT US' link is on the right. The main heading is 'Resources for Small Businesses'. Below this is a large image of a pen and paper. To the right of the image is a box titled 'EPA Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization' with a description of its mission and a link to learn more. Below the image are three numbered tabs: 1, 2, and 3. At the bottom, there are three columns of links: 'Doing Business with EPA', 'Environmental Regulation and Compliance', and 'Additional Resources for Small Businesses'.

EPA United States Environmental Protection Agency

Search EPA.gov

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CONTACT US

Resources for Small Businesses

EPA Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization

EPA's Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization advocates and advances the business, regulatory, and environmental compliance concerns of small and socio-economically disadvantaged businesses.

[Learn about the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization.](#)

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Doing Business with EPA

- [Small Business Solutions and Opportunities](#)
- [Contracting with EPA](#)
- [Small Business Vendor Database](#)
- [Procurement Forecast](#)

Environmental Regulation and Compliance

- [EPA's Small Business Ombudsman](#)
- [About EPA Regulations](#)
- [Regulatory Flexibility for Small Entities](#)
- [Small Business Compliance](#)
- [Compliance Assistance Centers](#)

Additional Resources for Small Businesses

- [Small Business Administration](#)
- [Small Business Innovation Research \(SBIR\) Program](#)
- [National Small Business Environmental Assistance Program](#)
- [Energy Star for Small Business](#)
- [Environmental Compliance](#)
- [Information on Made in America Requirements and Waivers](#)
- [Sustainability](#)

National Small Business Environmental Assistance Program History of SBEAP

Going back in time: Where did we come from,
what have we accomplished, and how do we build from there?



Where did we start?

➤ The Clean Air Act – 1963!

- One of the first and most influential modern environmental laws for the United States.
- Goal of reducing and controlling air pollution nationwide
- Originally signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson
- Predates the EPA!



➤ The first big set of Amendments – 1970 (Richard Nixon)

- Required EPA (newly formed) to determine which air pollutants posed the greatest threat to public health and welfare and created National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)
- First list of Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs)
- National Emission Standards for HAPs (NESHAPs) were health-based



Where did we start?

- 1977 - Clean Air Act amendments (Jimmy Carter)
 - Regular review of NAAQS and permanent independent scientific review committee
- 1990 - Clean Air Act amendments (George H. W. Bush)
 - Codified HAP list and required creation of technology-based standards
 - Also required review every 8 years (Risk and Technology Review)
- New NESHAPs were going to affect a lot of small businesses
 - Dry cleaners were considered major source of air emissions (perchloroethylene)
 - Associations such as the Printers Industries of America (now merged into Printing United Alliance) lobbied that small businesses will need help with the new rules

Enter the SBEAP!

- Section 507 added due to lobby pressure from associations representing small businesses
- Required the core components of Ombudsman, Technical Assistance, and Compliance Advisory Panel
- EPA
 - was to issue guidelines
 - provided advisory opinions on program effectiveness
 - was done in part through the Asbestos and Small Business Ombudsman

Getting started

- SBEAPs began to form
 - States submitted State Implementation Plan (SIP) to EPA for approval of program
 - Became part of 40 CFR part 52 required to be submitted by November 15, 1992
- EPA Guidance released in January 1992
 - <https://p2infohouse.org/ref/32/31949.pdf>
 - Noted that many states may already have some type of technical assistance
 - Encouraged to continue ongoing technical and compliance assistance and wherever possible to include all appropriate State agencies to the process of proactive and reactive support to small businesses
 - Encouraged flexibility from the start and did not create prescribed method of program formation

Early leaders

➤ Karen V. Brown

- 1981 - Started with EPA
- 1982 - Office of the Small Business Ombudsman was established
- 1985 - Appointed as Small Business Ombudsman
- 1986 - Asbestos Ombudsman was added
- 1988 - Named Ombudsman
- 2000 - Left EPA
- 2006 - Awarded first leadership award, it bears her name
- Advocate for the early SBEAP:
Profiled in *Wall Street Journal* as an outstanding model of government working well for the people it serves and *Entrepreneur Magazine* described SBEAP as a friend to the small business community



Early leaders

- Dan Nickey (IA) – Longest tenured SBEAP at ~30 years
- LaRonda Bowen (CA) – Helped create the first SBEAP and wrote or co-wrote articles on SBEAP success.
 - From '02 article for *ECOS*, “Success in Our Own Backyards”
“Through their innovative, entrepreneurial approach to environmental education and compliance, every State, the District of Columbia, and two territories can be a success story right in their own backyard.”
- Annette Fulgenzi (IL)
- Rick Carleski (IA)
- Rudolph Cartier (NH)



Early organization

- 1995 - first report on SBEAP by ASBO to US Congress
- 1995 - National Steering Committee started
- 2002 - Subcommittees organized
 - Award, Guidelines, Measurement, Multimedia, Promotional (Chaired by Chris Lynch in 2006), Technical, Climate change (2009)
- 2004 - Awards begun
- 2002 - First Annual Training in Chicago
 - Sessions included: *Passion: Do What You Love; Love What You Do: Highly Effective Ways to Enrich Your Life and Be More Productive* and *How to Talk so People will Listen; How to Listen so People Will Talk: Improving Communications Skills*
- National CAP – 1996?



Recurring issues

- Funding and multi-media
 - 1997 – Average budget of \$145,000 and 3 FTE
 - 2005 – Average budget of \$300,000 and 4 FTE
 - Currently – FTE may have decreased
- 1992 EPA Guidance encouraged SBEAP being a one-stop shop for small businesses
- 2007 letter from ECOS to EPA supported comprehensive legislation, multi-media approach, and getting past restrictions



Our impacts

- 2021: 20 Years of Success in Helping Small Businesses
 - KY study indicated the benefit of KY SBEAP assistance to small businesses is worth \$3 million/year
 - VT SBEAP noted during facility design phase that storm water requirements overlooked and saved them thousands
 - 2006 KS helped business achieve a reduction of 90% of hazardous air pollutants
- EPA estimates that the Clean Air Act between 1970 and 2010 provided benefits that exceed total costs by a 40 to 1 ratio.
 - Benefit to cost ratios of SBEAP assistance range from 3 to 1 or more



The future

- Still going strong
- Many businesses have come to rely on us and will spread the word about us
- Continue to provide direct one-on-one assistance to several hundred thousand businesses per year and provide training, education, and more to millions per year
- Foundation to build upon



NSC Promotions Subcommittee

- Collaborate to share best marketing and promotional practices to enhance our programs and on both individual state and national levels. Foster relationship-building with relevant agencies to support and enhance amplification of SBEAPs.
- 2nd Tuesday of the month at noon CT every quarter (next: August 12)
- Hosts the NSC Awards program
- Member of Planning Committee for the Annual Training
- <https://nationalsbeap.org/committees/promotion>
- Crystal Warren, Tennessee
 - Crystal.Warren@tn.gov
 - 901-664-1076

NSC Annual Training Subcommittee

- Completely plans the annual training for National SBEAP
- Monthly and bimonthly (depending on proximity to training date)
- <https://nationalsbeap.org/committees/planning>
- Crystal Warren, Tennessee
 - Crystal.Warren@tn.gov
 - 901-664-1076



NSC Education Subcommittee

- Identify common programmatic questions and concerns, identify potential resources, and share resources with interested programs via sharing calls or virtual meetings.
- 4th Tuesday of the month at 1pm CT every other month
- Support the Annual Data Collection Survey and Annual Report
- Member of Planning Committee for the Annual Training
- <https://nationalsbeap.org/committees/education>
- Sara Johnson, NH SBTAP Chair
 - Sara.J.Johnson@des.nh.gov
 - 603-271-1379

NSC Technical Subcommittee


When?

3rd Tuesday of each month starting at 2 pm EDT/1 pm CDT (60-minute duration).

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Why?

We share ideas, resources, tools and experiences; and help each other navigate the regulatory environment so we can better serve our small business community.

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How?

Zoom or Teams platform and scheduled via an Outlook Calendar invitation.

Technical Subcommittee Meetings

Recent Examples

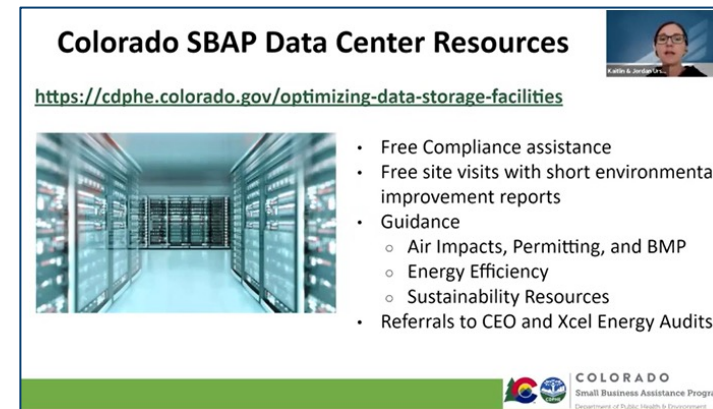
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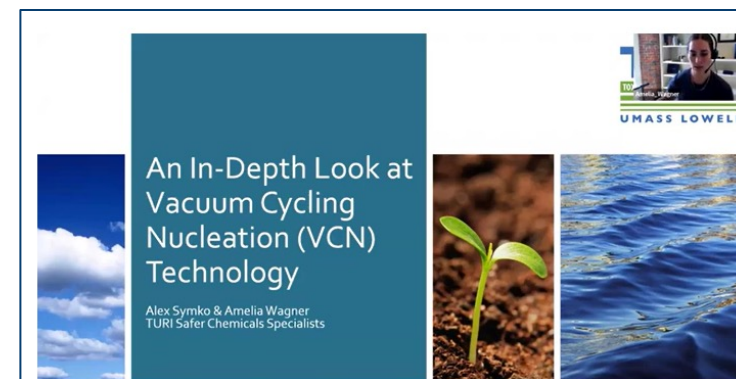
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[Tech-minutes-May25.pdf](#)



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Next meeting: August 19, 2025



Topic: Graphical Arts

Presenter: Gary Jones, PRINTING United Alliance

NSC Website subcommittee

Background

- EPAASBO's office awarded first five-year grant in August 2015 to Kansas State University (KSU)
- Awarded second five-year grant to KSU in August 2020
- Currently end of 5 years of the current grant

Grant goals

- Facilitate communications (listservs, meetings, hotline, subcommittee Webinars)
- Host website resources and social media
- Assist with Annual Training, includes two in-person events

Subcommittee mission

- *To serve, support, and strengthen the Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs through virtual resources and collaboration*

Subcommittee meetings

- The subcommittee meets three to four times a year and hosts periodic trainings via Zoom
- Annual Training: interactive website feedback summaries
- Website subcommittee meeting records
- <https://nationalsbeap.org/committees/website>

Subcommittee chairs: Leena Divakar (KS), Donovan Grimwood (TN)

Graphics and maintenance: Abigail Crouse (KS)



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National Steering Committee

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The mission of this subcommittee is "To serve, support, and strengthen the Small Business Environmental Assistance Program by communicating using the listserv. The subcommittee meets three to four times a year and hosts periodic training sessions. The subcommittee is always looking for new members, so please contact the Website Subcommittee listserv.

At least once each year the Website Subcommittee hosts a training that is open to all members on the SBEAP website. The training sessions are recorded and posted to the website and our [YouTube site](#). Topics include but are not limited to:

- **Annual report** - these trainings walk SBEAPs through what is requested in the Annual Report and how the information should be reported. To view recent past Annual Report trainings go to the ["Annual Report" page](#).
- **Annual Training** - Each year at [Annual Training](#), attendees learn about new website features and are asked to provide feedback about the website and related tools as part of an interactive session. The results of the interactive feedback sessions are posted below by year.
- **SBEAP metrics** - these trainings are designed to provide SBEAPs with the tools they need to capture their program impacts related to compliance rates and environmental outcomes. To view the most recent metric training go to the ["Metric" page](#).
- **Website tours** - these trainings are designed to show users how to navigate the site to find information and to gather user feedback about the site. View the most recent training below or on our [YouTube site](#).

August 2024 Website Tour



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Small Business Administration
Small Business Development Centers

Newcomer Resources

If you are a new Small Business Environmental Assistance Program (SBEAP) or a Small Business Ombudsman (SBO), welcome! Although you may be the only SBEAP or SBO in your state, we want you to know you are not alone. There is a team of experienced state SBEAP and SBO staff from around the country that can help you get connected and find sample resources or answers to your questions. The National SBEAP team recommends you go through the checklist of resources below as a way of orienting yourself to the resources that are at the tip of your fingers.

Newcomer video : Watch the short video below if you are new to the program or simply want to learn more about what the SBEAP/SBO (507 programs) do and their history under the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.



Announcement

Please be aware that the National Small Business Environmental Assistance Program website will have limited or no content maintenance after July 31, 2025, when its five-year grant funding cycle is scheduled to expire. The grant renewal process, which was underway, has been cancelled until further notice. As a result, the information and content you find on the National SBEAP website may no longer be current.

We apologize for any inconvenience. For questions regarding the discontinued funding, please reach out to your regional representative or [contact EPA's Small Business Ombudsman Office](#).

Want to join a listserv?
Email info@nationalsbeap.org



Fall Training in Utah

Salt Lake City, Utah • October 20-23, 2025 • Registration fee : \$0

- Monday, October 20: travel and networking dinner
- Tuesday, October 21: full day of sessions
- Wednesday, October 22: full day of sessions
- Thursday, October 23 (optional): NSC meeting OR site visit to air quality monitoring station OR travel home

Because there is no grant or registration fee, all meals will be covered through per diem. To ensure that lunches are timely and to stay on-time with workshop agenda, lunches will be ordered prior to the event and delivered to the conference building. Food menus will be sent to registered attendees two weeks prior to the event so that we can get that information to the caterer.

Let the Planning Committee know if you have any questions!

