

Section 507 of the Clean Air Act

SEC. 507. SMALL BUSINESS STATIONARY SOURCE TECHNICAL AND

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. (a) Plan Revisions.-

Consistent with sections 110 and 112, each State shall, after reasonable notice and public hearings, adopt and submit to the Administrator as part of the State implementation plan for such State or as a revision to such State implementation plan under section 110, plans for establishing a small business stationary source technical and environmental compliance assistance program.

Such submission shall be made within 24 months after the date of the enactment of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. The Administrator shall approve such program if it includes each of the following:

(1) Adequate mechanisms for developing, collecting, and coordinating information concerning compliance methods and technologies for small business stationary sources, and programs to encourage lawful cooperation among such sources and other persons to further compliance with this Act.

(2) Adequate mechanisms for assisting small business stationary sources with pollution prevention and accidental release detection and prevention, including providing information concerning alternative technologies, process changes, products, and methods of operation that help reduce air pollution.

(3) A designated State office within the relevant State agency to serve as ombudsman for small business stationary sources in connection with the implementation of this Act.

(4) A compliance assistance program for small business stationary sources which assists small business stationary sources in determining applicable requirements and in receiving permits under this Act in a timely and efficient manner.

(5) Adequate mechanisms to assure that small business stationary sources receive notice of their rights under this Act in such manner and form as to assure reasonably adequate time for such sources to evaluate compliance methods and any relevant or applicable proposed or final regulation or standard issued under this Act.

(6) Adequate mechanisms for informing small business stationary sources of their obligations under this Act, including mechanisms for referring such sources to qualified auditors or, at the option of the State, for providing audits of the operations of such sources to determine compliance with this Act.

(7) Procedures for consideration of requests from a small business stationary source for modification of- (A) any work practice or technological method of compliance, or (B) the schedule of milestones for implementing such work practice or method of compliance preceding any applicable compliance date, based on the technological and financial capability of any such small business stationary source. No such modification may be granted unless it is in compliance with the applicable requirements of this Act, including the requirements of the applicable implementation plan.

Where such applicable requirements are set forth in Federal regulations, only modifications authorized in such regulations may be allowed.

(b) Program.- The Administrator shall establish within 9 months after the date of the enactment of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 a small business stationary source technical and environmental compliance assistance program.

Such program shall- (1) assist the States in the development of the program required under subsection (a) (relating to assistance for small business stationary sources); (2) issue guidance for the use of the States in the implementation of these programs that includes alternative control technologies and pollution prevention methods applicable to small business stationary sources; and (3) provide for implementation of the program provisions required under subsection (a) in any State that fails to submit such a program under that subsection.

(c) Eligibility.- (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3), for purposes of this section, the term "small business stationary source" means a stationary source that- (A) is owned or operated by a person

that employs 100 or fewer individuals, (B) is a small business concern as defined in the Small Business Act; (C) is not a major stationary source; (D) does not emit 50 tons or more per year of any regulated pollutant; and (E) emits less than 75 tons per year of all regulated pollutants. (2) Upon petition by a source, the State may, after notice and opportunity for public comment, include as a small business stationary source for purposes of this section any stationary source which does not meet the criteria of subparagraphs (C), (D), or (E) of paragraph (1) but which does not emit more than 100 tons per year of all regulated pollutants. (3)(A) The Administrator, in consultation with the Administrator of the Small Business Administration and after providing notice and opportunity for public comment, may exclude from the small business stationary source definition under this section any category or subcategory of sources that the Administrator determines to have sufficient technical and financial capabilities to meet the requirements of this Act without the application of this subsection. (B) The State, in consultation with the Administrator and the Administrator of the Small Business Administration and after providing notice and opportunity for public hearing, may exclude from the small business stationary source definition under this section any category or subcategory of sources that the State determines to have sufficient technical and financial capabilities to meet the requirements of this Act without the application of this subsection. (d) Monitoring.- The Administrator shall direct the Agency's Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization through the Small Business Ombudsman (hereinafter in this section referred to as the "Ombudsman") to monitor the small business stationary source technical and environmental compliance assistance program under this section. In carrying out such monitoring activities, the Ombudsman shall- (1) render advisory opinions on the overall effectiveness of the Small Business Stationary Source Technical and Environmental Compliance Assistance Program, difficulties encountered, and degree and severity of enforcement; (2) make periodic reports to the Congress on the compliance of the Small Business Stationary Source Technical and Environmental Compliance Assistance Program with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Regulatory Flexibility Act, and the Equal Access to Justice Act; (3) review information to be issued by the Small Business Stationary Source Technical and Environmental Compliance Assistance Program for small business stationary sources to ensure that the information is understandable by the lay- person; and 386 (4) have the Small Business Stationary Source Technical and Environmental Compliance Assistance Program serve as the secretariat for the development and dissemination of such reports and advisory opinions. (e) Compliance Advisory Panel.- (1) There shall be created a Compliance Advisory Panel (hereinafter referred to as the "Panel") on the State level of not less than 7 individuals. This Panel shall- (A) render advisory opinions concerning the effectiveness of the small business stationary source technical and environmental compliance assistance program, difficulties encountered, and degree and severity of enforcement; (B) make periodic reports to the Administrator concerning the compliance of the State Small Business Stationary Source Technical and Environmental Compliance Assistance Program with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Regulatory Flexibility Act, and the Equal Access to Justice Act; (C) review information for small business stationary sources to assure such information is understandable by the layperson; and (D) have the Small Business Stationary Source Technical and Environmental Compliance Assistance Program serve as the secretariat for the development and dissemination of such reports and advisory opinions. (2) The Panel shall consist of- (A) 2 members, who are not owners, or representatives of owners, of small business stationary sources, selected by the Governor to represent the general public; (B) 2 members selected by the State legislature who are owners, or who represent owners, of small business

stationary sources (1 member each by the majority and minority leadership of the lower house, or in the case of a unicameral State legislature, 2 members each shall be selected by the majority leadership and the minority leadership, respectively, of such legislature, and subparagraph (C) shall not apply); (C) 2 members selected by the State legislature who are owners, or who represent owners, of small business stationary sources (1 member each by the majority and minority leadership of the upper house, or the equivalent State entity); and (D) 1 member selected by the head of the department or agency of the State responsible for air pollution permit programs to represent that agency. (f) Fees.- The State (or the Administrator) may reduce any fee required under this Act to take into account the financial resources of small business stationary sources. (g) Continuous Emission Monitors.- In developing regulations and CTGs under this Act that contain continuous emission monitoring requirements, the Administrator, consistent with the requirements of this Act, before applying such requirements to small business stationary sources, shall consider the necessity and appropriateness of such requirements for such sources. Nothing in 387 this subsection shall affect the applicability of title IV provisions relating to continuous emissions monitoring. (h) Control Technique Guidelines.- The Administrator shall consider, consistent with the requirements of this Act, the size, type, and technical capabilities of small business stationary sources (and sources which are eligible under subsection (c)(2) to be treated as small business stationary sources) in developing CTGs applicable to such sources under this Act. [42 U.S.C. 7661f]