



# Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs

Small Business Stationary Source Technical and Environmental Compliance Assistance Program, 507 Programs, Compliance Assistance Provider, Technical Assistance Programs - many different names - all describing the same program.

Section 507 of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 required each state to create a program to help small businesses understand and comply with air pollution regulations. Around the country, each state and the two U.S. Territories now house a Small Business Environmental Assistance Program (SBEAP). These programs provide free, non-regulatory assistance consisting of these three components.

## Small Business Technical Assistance Program **SBTAP**

Provides the detailed technical assistance and publications to help small businesses come into or remain in compliance with environmental regulations.

## Compliance Advisory Panel **CAP**

Advisory panel made up of small business owners and representatives to consult and advise on SBEAP program content.

## Small Business Ombudsman **SBO**

An advocate acting on behalf of small businesses as it relates to environmental issues.



### How Small Is a Small Business?

- 100 or fewer individuals - Clean Air Act definition;
- Not considered a major stationary source;
- Does not emit 50 tons or more per year of any regulated pollutant or 75 tons per year of all regulated pollutants;
- Typical customers of the program usually employ less than 25 individuals.



### Location of the Programs

SBEAPs and SBOs may be found in any number of places, including:

- Environmental Agencies
- Economic Development Agencies
- University System
- Health Departments
- Pollution Prevention Programs
- Small Business Development Centers
- Office of the Secretary or Agency Director

### Size of the Programs

The number of individuals in the SBEAP/SBO programs varies from 0-40 depending on the particular state. The average SBAP operates with a staff of two.



### Program Budgets

SBEAP/SBO/CAP budgets range from \$0 to \$2,000,000. About 98% of the programs operate with budgets less than \$200,000.



## Steering the Future of the SBEAPs

In 1995, the SBEAPs formed a Steering committee to help encourage better communication around the country between the state programs and EPA.



One representative and an alternate from each EPA region serves on the Steering Committee. Committee representatives participate in monthly conference calls, serve as conduits for information to other assistance providers in the region, and act as focal points of contact to disseminate information to and from the SBEAP service providers. The Steering Committee provides a vehicle for identifying and resolving problems faced by the SBEAPs.



**EPA Small Business Division**  
**Office of Small & Disadvantaged Business Utilization**  
 This Division within EPA houses the National Small Business

Ombudsman for EPA. The SBO represents small businesses and acts as a key link between the state programs and the agency.

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