

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAMS
ASBESTOS AND SMALL BUSINESS OMBUDSMAN

We Are Opening Doors for America's Small Businesses!

Asbestos and Small Business Ombudsman Updates

June 3, 2009

SBO/SBEAP NATIONAL CONFERENCE, JUNE 1-5, 2009 LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

Mission

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 - To support the environmental and compliance performance of small businesses while reducing their regulatory burden through representation and collaboration.

Function

- The ASBO Team advocates for small business issues, and partners with state Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs (SBEAPs), small business trade associations, EPA headquarters and regional offices, the Small Business Administration (SBA) and other federal agencies to reach out to the small business community.
- These partnerships provide networks, resources, tools, and forums for education and advocacy on behalf of small businesses across the country.

Asbestos and Small Business Ombudsman (ASBO) Team

- Joan Rogers, ASBO
- Angela Suber
- Paula Zampieri
- Tom Nakley
- Esther McCrary
- Lester Facey
- Deanna Moultrie-Jackson
- Treva Alston
- James Burton

ASBO Team Coverage

- **National Steering Committee** – Joan & Angela
 - Awards and Guidelines Subcommittees- Lester
 - Measurement Subcommittee- Deanna
 - Multimedia Subcommittee- Angela
 - Promotional Subcommittee- Paula
 - Technical Subcommittee- All
- **National Compliance Advisory Panel** – Joan & Angela
- **SBO/SBEAP National Conference**- Angela
- **SBO/SBEAP Summary Report**- Deanna

ASBO Team Coverage (cont'd)

- **Small-Biz @ EPA Bulletin & Small Business Environmental Summit** –Paula
- **Green Program Implementation** -Paula and Deanna
- **Small Business Administration Roundtable Meetings** – Lester and Deanna
- **Small Business Regional Liaison Meeting**- Lester
- **Deputy Administrator/Trade Association Meeting** – Joan

ASBO Team Coverage (cont'd)

- **Regulatory:**
 - Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances – Paula
 - Office of Air and Radiation – Lester
 - Office of Water & Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response - Deanna
 - All others - Angela
- **Hotline:**
 - Clean Water Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, Asbestos – Tom
 - Toxic Substances Control Act, Clean Air Act, Asbestos – James
 - Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, Hazardous Waste, Clean Air Act - Treva

New Initiatives

- **ASBO Website**
 - ASBO Overview-
 - Asbestos –
 - Publications-
 - CAA 507 Program-
 - Regulatory Page-
 - Highlights, Events, Contacts and much more.



www.epa.gov/sbo

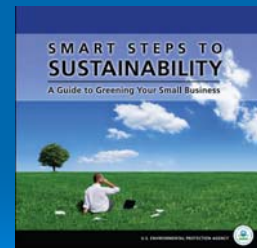
New Initiatives (cont'd)

- **SmallBiz@EPA Bulletin:**
 - Audience
 - 507 Program
 - Trade associations
 - Small businesses
 - EPA and other federal agencies
 - Format
 - Electronic-sent via email & posted on SBO and Home Page websites
 - Quarterly Distribution
 - Content
 - Current events and news
 - Success stories
 - Regulatory updates
 - Technical updates



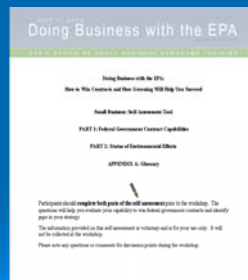
New Initiatives (cont'd)

- **Smart Steps will help you:**
 - Understand the impact your business has on the environment.
 - Develop and implement a strategy to minimize this impact.
 - Explore opportunities to become more sustainable.
 - Share your sustainability efforts with your customers.
 - Continually strive for improvement.



New Initiatives (cont'd)

- **Self Assessment Tool**
 - Characterize capabilities
 - Identify areas to strengthen
 - Assist in identifying resources and priorities
 - Greening Your Business
 - Appendix of federal categories and terms



Strengthening Existing Initiatives

- **Relationships –**
 - 507 Program Components
 - Compliance Assistance Coordinators
 - EPA Regulatory Steering Committee
 - EPA Small Business Advocacy Chair
 - EPA Program Offices
 - Small Business Administration (Office of Advocacy)
 - Small Business Trade Associations



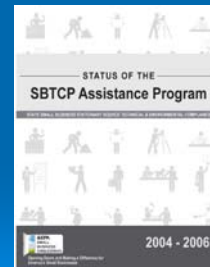
Strengthening Existing Initiatives (cont'd)

Ensuring that programs consider the impacts their actions may have on small businesses, as they develop their actions:

- Reviewing monthly tiering actions;
- Participating on workgroups;
- Advising and answering questions about small business impacts;
- Assisting with the implementation of small entity outreach;
- Performing quality control checks on action packages, as they pertain to small businesses;
- Participating on Small Business Advocacy Review (SBAR) Panels;
- Coordinating program and small business consultation, when necessary.

Strengthening Existing Initiatives (cont'd)

- 2004-2006 Report
 - Posted on SBO and Home Page websites (pending OPA approval)
- 2007- 2008 Report
 - ICR approved until 2012
 - Collecting Data



Strengthening Existing Initiatives (cont'd)

Spring 2009 Agenda

- SISNOSE rules,
- Reviews of existing regulations and major policies (RFA Section 610 reviews), and
- Rules and major policy makings completed or canceled since the last agenda (such as the completion of a Section 610 review);
- www.epa.gov/lawsregs/search/regagenda.html



Strengthening Existing Initiatives (cont'd)

Asbestos and Small Business Ombudsman Hotline (800) 368-5888 or (202) 566-1970

- 1200 calls a month
- Log the calls (categorizing to tailor efforts)
- Database
- Additional staff

Strengthening Existing Initiatives (cont'd)

Small Business Environmental Homepage: <http://www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org>

- box style with listings
- direct links to frequently used subpages such as the Message Board, conference web site, and contact information
- Are You a Small Business?"
- "Who Are We?"



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