



Small Business Environmental Assistance Program

Who we are

We help small businesses in Tennessee with any environmental question they may have. Our services are free and confidential. We also act as your small business advocate on environmental issues.

Did you know?

Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs (SBEAPs) were established as part of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. As such, there is a SBEAP in each state. They work together as a network to assist each other when needed so a state program can better assist small businesses in their state.

These programs receive no Federal funding. They are supported by state air permit fees.

Go to www.nationalsbeap.org to find other state SBEAPs.

How our program works

The program has three parts:

- Technical Assistance
- Ombudsman advocate
- Compliance Advisory Panel

Working partnerships include:

- Business community
- Trade Associations
- Other State SBEAPs
- Other State and Local agencies
- U.S. EPA
- Pollution Prevention Programs

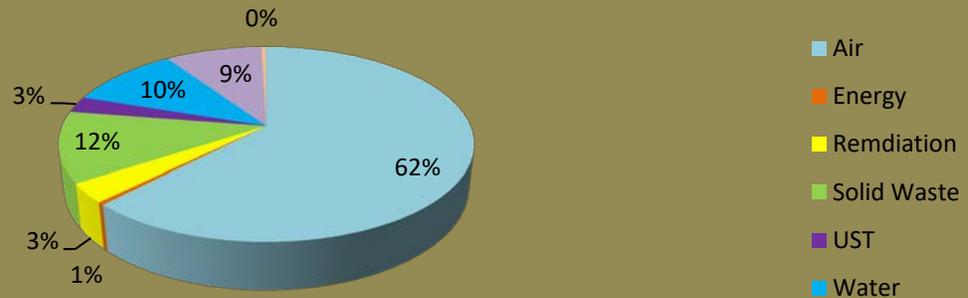
Small Business types we assisted in 2019

- Gasoline Dispensing Facilities
- Dry Cleaners
- Woodworking, including sawmills and cabinetry
- Metal Fabrication/finishing
- State (both TN and other states) and local governments
- Manufacturers of several different products
- Hemp and CBD oil extractors
- Consultants
- Many more! Assisted businesses in 76 different categories!

A small business is defined as one that has 100 or fewer employees, emits less than 100 tons/year of criteria pollutants, emits less than 10 tons/year of any single hazardous air pollutant (HAP) or less than 25 tons of any combination of HAPs, and is not a large quantity generator of hazardous waste. However, if you need assistance, call or email!

Call us at 800-734-3619, Email us at BGSBEAP@tn.gov or Visit us at www.tn.gov/environment/sbeap

Assistances by Regulatory Type



2019 audience impact

- 200 individual assistances
- 76 different industrial categories
- 7,651 website visits and 27,200 impressions on Facebook and Twitter
- 72 meetings and other activities to promote the SBEAP to outside organizations
- 11 events with a total of 2500 booth visits
- 13 presentations at workshops to approximately 640 attendees

What our clients say

“Thank you for taking the time to explain the process. I understand completely.”

“You sir are amazing. Thank you so much for your help.”

“I knew you'd know the answer. Thank you!”

“You have been a great help. Thank you.”

For more information

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