

# SMALL BUSINESS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

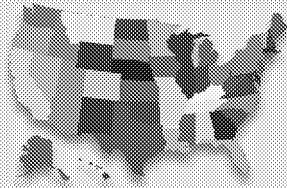
*Serving Small Businesses and the Environment*

## Who we are

We help small businesses and assistance providers access environmental compliance and sustainable business information. Our services are free and confidential and we act as your small business advocate on environmental issues. Programs range in size from 0.25 to 30 staff.

**50** states and D.C.

**2** territories



## Did you know?

Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs were established as part of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

### AND

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

## How our programs work

Each program has three parts:

- Technical assistance
- Ombudsman advocate
- Advisory panel

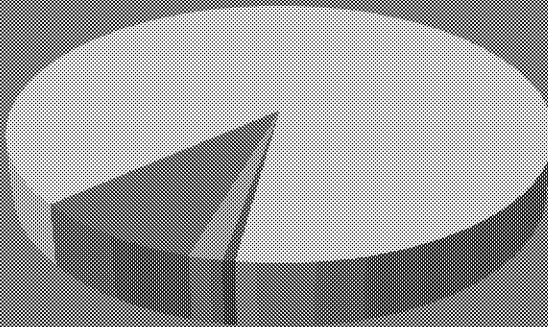
Working partnerships include:

- Business community
- Trade associations
- Small business development centers
- U.S. EPA
- Pollution prevention programs
- Other state and local agencies

## Small businesses we assist

- Auto body repair/refinishing
- Dry-cleaner/laundry service
- Furniture manufacturing/refinishing
- Metal fabricating/finishing
- Plating and polishing
- Painting and coating
- Construction/contractors
- Printing/graphic arts
- Various manufacturing
- Many more

## Technical assistance by type



Based on data from 37 programs

Site visits  
3,860

Permit assistance  
20,270

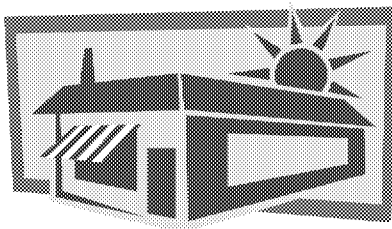
Phone calls/emails  
199,970

Webinars/workshops  
1,380

## 2015 audience impact

- 1,793,000 clients served
- 1,282,000 online resource visits
- 703,300 publications distributed
- 91,700 webinar/workshop attendees

To find more resources on your state's Small Business Environmental Assistance Program visit [www.nationalsbeap.org](http://www.nationalsbeap.org) or call 1-800-578-8898.



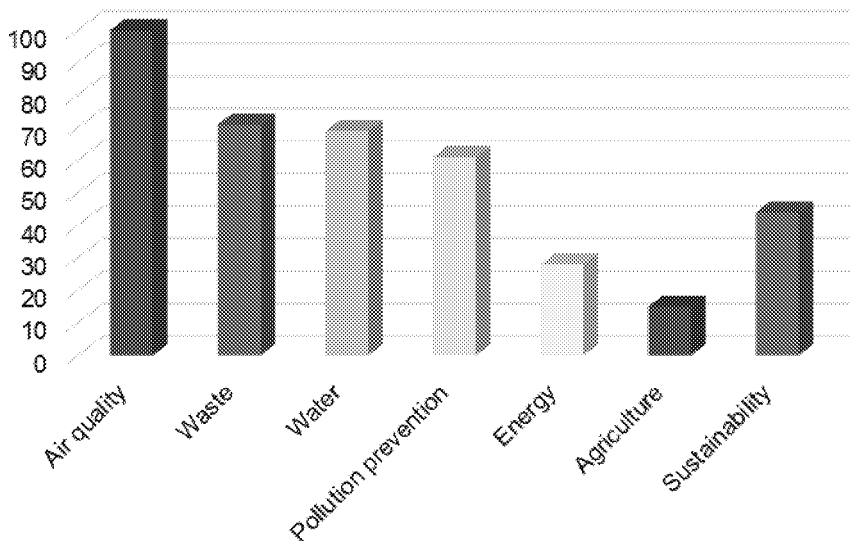
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## How we make an impact

Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs throughout the country offer compliance assistance in many areas. All programs provide assistance with air quality, but several also offer additional services such as hazardous waste and pollution prevention technical assistance. These "multi-media" programs are a "one-stop-shop" for small businesses with limited resources. The chart below represents the percentage of programs providing compliance assistance in the following areas.

### Technical assistance areas



## What our clients say

"SBEAP offers a bridge between what the regulations say and how the company should apply or implement the compliance action."

"Everyone I've worked with has been very helpful and understanding. I appreciate the level and quality of assistance/guidance I've received. Keep up the good work!"

**"This is a great program that should be expanded."**

"SBEAP helped us tremendously with our APEN calculations. If it were not for SBEAP, we would truly be lost. We do appreciate the staff who helped us."

"As regulations change, (paperwork) may require updates. The SBEAP staff has been very helpful in the past, and hopefully will be in the future, assisting with meeting the requirements as needed. Thank you for your help."

"SBEAP was a tremendous help. Their knowledge and willingness to help, and prompt responses made the application process so much clearer. I can't thank them enough."

## Case study: The success of Minuteman Press

Minuteman Press, a small Kansas printer, has worked with its SBEAP program for a number of years. As part of its efforts to go beyond compliance, it changed from petroleum-based ink to all soy-or vegetable-based ink and pressroom cleaners. This change resulted in reductions of VOC emissions by 22 percent and HAP emissions by 93 percent. Minuteman Press conducts waste audits annually and recycles more than 83 percent of the waste. Minuteman Press is a Sustainable Green Printer and won a National SBEAP award in 2012.

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