

Small Business Compliance Advisory Committee

to the U.S. EPA, Office of Small Business Programs
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

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U.S. EPA
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Re: Request for Proposal, Development and Management of the National Small Business Ombudsman/Small Business Environmental Assistance Provider 507 Program Website

Dear Ms. Hoag:

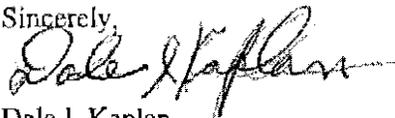
This is a letter endorsing the Pennsylvania Small Business Development Centers' Environmental Management Assistance Program (EMAP) for the project outlined in EPA-OA-OSBP-15-01, Development and Management of the National Small Business Ombudsman/Small Business Environmental Assistance Provider 507 Program Website.

EMAP is an integral part of the Pennsylvania 507 Program. EMAP has provided confidential environmental compliance assistance to Pennsylvania small businesses since 2004 when they became the provider of the Department of Environmental Protection's small business technical and compliance assistance program. EMAP also has a member on the Pennsylvania Small Business Compliance Advisory Committee and reports to the Committee on EMAP activities as well as what is happening nationally on the small business environmental front. EMAP has extensive experience with the environmental regulations and with providing confidential compliance assistance help to Pennsylvania small businesses. EMAP maintains a top-notch website that details all of their services and contains links to small business resources.

The Small Business Compliance Advisory Committee is comprised of representatives of various industries, trade groups, Department, and other Agency staff. The Committee and Committee individuals have worked collaboratively with EMAP to conduct outreach efforts to the business community. The Committee provides access to industry representatives, trade groups, and other individuals and groups that EMAP may not otherwise have. The Committee will provide whatever assistance it can to help EMAP with this project.

Should you need additional information, please contact me at 717-737-0572.

Sincerely,



Dale I. Kaplan
Chair

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