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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Bureau of Air Quality

# DEP's Small Business Environmental Assistance Program

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# Small Businesses in PA

DEP Definition - Fewer than 100 FTE employees

US Small Business Administration: 500 employees

- 1M Small Businesses in Pennsylvania
- Small Businesses Employed 2.5M
- 46.7% of the private sector labor force
- 99.6% of the state's employers are Small Businesses

Source: US SBA, Office of Advocacy – Pennsylvania Small Business Profile, 2018.

# ▶ Small Business Assistance Program

- Required by the 1990 Federal Clean Air Act and the PA Air Pollution Control Act.
- Created in recognition of the difficulties faced by small business in complying with environmental regulations.

# Small Business Assistance Program

## 3 Required Components of the Federal Clean Air Act of 1990

- Small Business Ombudsman
- Small Business Compliance Advisory Committee
- Small Business Compliance Assistance Program

# Small Business Ombudsman

- Primary advocate for small businesses within DEP, regardless of program.
- Ombudsman's role is to work with the small business in disputes with the Department.

# Small Business Ombudsman

- Provides information and assistance for other Commonwealth programs
  - ✓ DCED
  - ✓ Agriculture
  - ✓ L&I, etc.
- All contacts, by law, are kept **confidential**

# Small Business Ombudsman

- Reviews proposed regulations
- Investigates small business complaints
- Provide information on energy efficiency and pollution prevention opportunities:
  - Small Business Advantage Grant
  - Pollution Prevention Assistance Account

# Small Business Compliance Advisory Committee

- Advises DEP on issues affecting small business
- Reviews proposed & existing regulations and provides comments to the Department on the effect to the small business community
- Meets quarterly



# Environmental Management Assistance Program

The Environmental Management Assistance Program or **EMAP** provides free environmental compliance and technical assistance services to small businesses in PA

\* Not to be confused with eMapPA

# Environmental Management Assistance Program

- Designed to address small business concerns such as:
  - ✓ What regulations affect me?
  - ✓ What do I need to do to comply?
  - ✓ How do I keep compliance costs down?
  - ✓ Where can I get information/help?

# Environmental Management Assistance Program

EMAP is a Partnership with the PA Small  
Business Development Centers



Partnership with SBDC provides “one-stop  
shopping” for small businesses

18 SBDC offices located throughout the  
Commonwealth at local colleges and universities



# Environmental Management Assistance Program

## EMAP Services

- Compliance assistance
- Energy efficiency & pollution prevention
- Waste minimization
- Water conservation

# Environmental Management Assistance Program

- Permit applications
- Grants and resources
- Promote new technologies
- Recordkeeping and reporting
- Consulting and site visits

# Environmental Management Assistance Program

- Services are Free and Confidential
- For companies with up to 100 employees\*
- For startups and existing businesses
- For businesses relocating to PA

\*Some exceptions apply

# Other Small Business Resources

- ETAC – Emerging Technology Applications Center
- PennTAP – Pennsylvania Technical Assistance Program
- Grants and Loans through the Ombudsman’s Office:
  - ✓ Small Business Advantage Grant
  - ✓ Pollution Prevention Assistance Account Loan
- [SBEAP 2016-17 Annual Report](#)

# DEP Small Business Ombudsman

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