

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 Businesses we have assisted in 2023

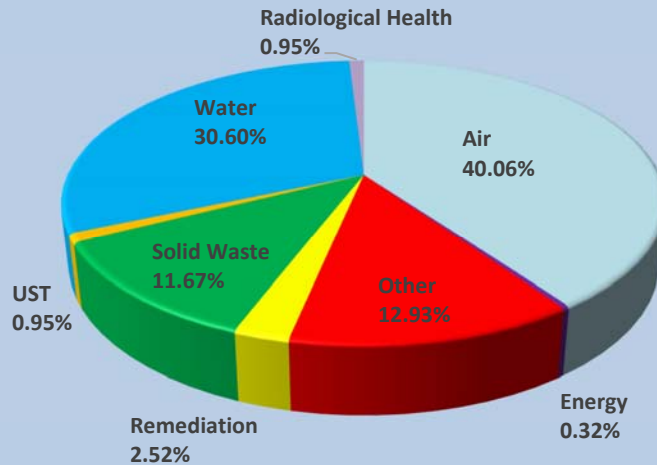
- Auto body shops
- Consultants
- Small scale meat processing facilities
- Convenience Stores
- Manufacturers of many different items
- Ready-Mix Concrete
- Sawmills
- Many more! Assisted businesses in 111 different categories!

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 Area



2023 Impact

- **276** individual assistances in **111** different industrial categories
- **13,518** website visits
- **3,645** reached through Facebook and Twitter/X and **2,388** newsletter subscribers
- **13** outreach events with approximately **1,937** attendees
- **276** reached through webinars, workshops, and trainings
- **44** businesses connected directly to agriculture including meat, food, and sawmills

What our clients say

“Thank you for a really fine, detailed response; and timely as well. You have given me a lot to digest and several links to check.... Again, this was an impressive response, much better than I was expecting, although I really did not know what to expect.”

“I am extremely grateful for the assistance you provided me and wanted to thank you for your time and effort.”

“Thank you so much for your correspondence around this septic issue. You have been an incredible help and encouragement.”

For more information

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