

# National Small Business Environmental Assistance Program 2022 Annual Report



## Who we are

Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs, or SBEAPs, help small businesses and other assistance providers access environmental compliance and sustainable practices information. We offer free and confidential assistance and can act as your small business advocates on environmental regulations. State program staff allocations range from 0.25 to 41 staff.

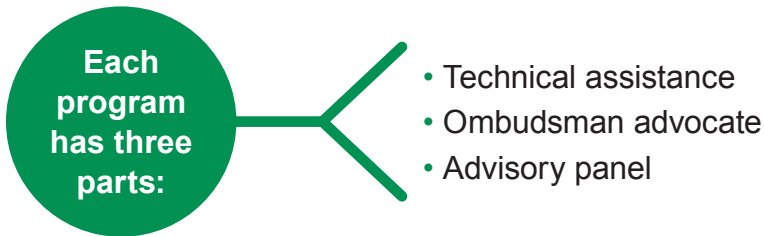
## Types of small businesses we assist

- Auto body repair refinishing
- Construction contractors
- Dental offices
- Dry-cleaners/laundry service
- Manufacturers
- Metal fabrication/finishing
- Painting and coating
- Plating and polishing
- Printing/graphic arts

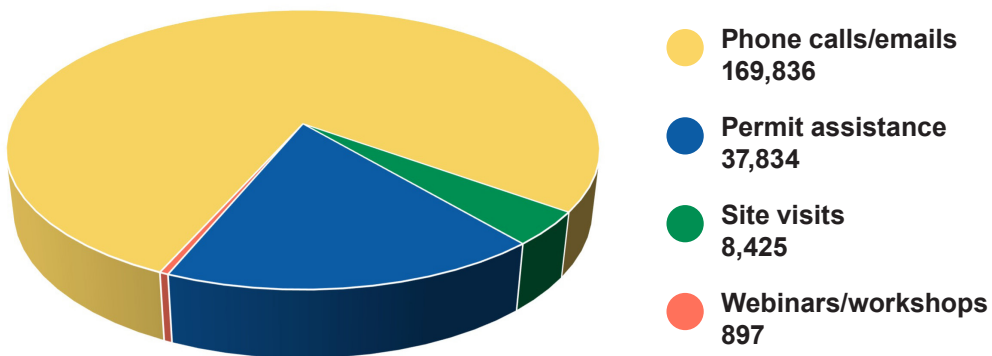
## Did you know?

Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs were established as part of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. These programs are supported through various state funding mechanisms including state air permit fees.

## How our programs work



## Technical assistance by type



## 2022 audience impact

 **10,596,000** clients served

 **1,648,957** online resource visits

 **9,781,729** publications distributed

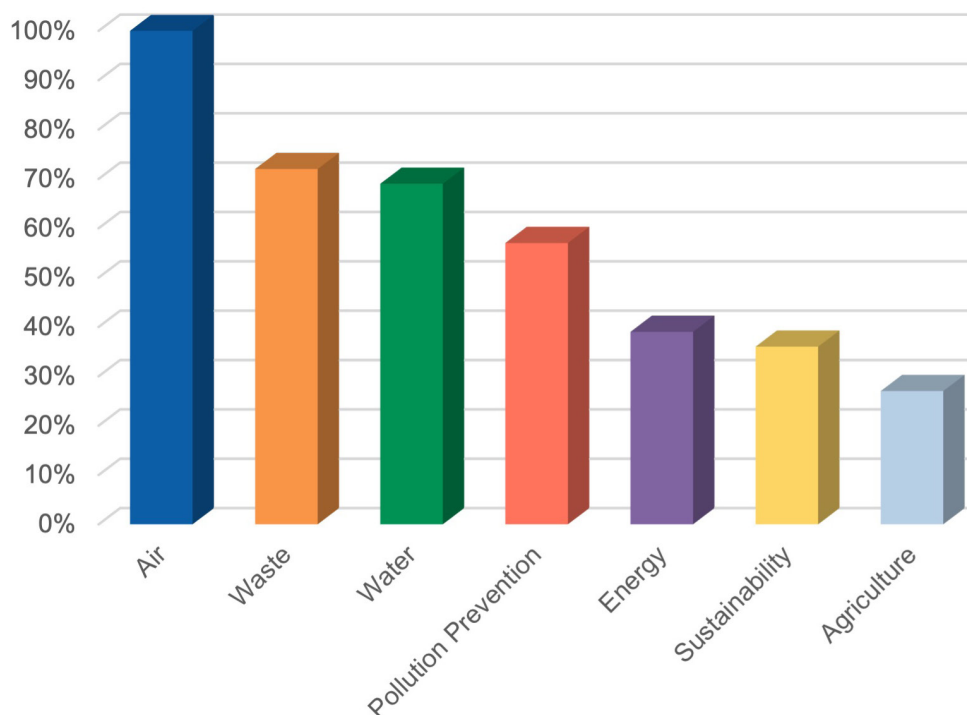
 **202,724** webinar/workshop attendees

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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, and 76% 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 technical assistance in the following areas.

### Technical assistance areas



## What our clients say

“The service that we were provided was excellent, easy to work with and helped relieve a lot of stress, by explaining things in terms I could understand.”

*“This program is a great help to small businesses and one of the best uses of state funds. Thank you.”*

“The team are second to none. Highly skilled and educated - it’s great to have them as a resource to contact for assistance and help.”

“Our facility never would have been able to figure this out on our own. I appreciate your help.”

“I just wanted to reach out and say ‘THANK YOU’ for all of your help with the permit. This will be giving my 75-year-old dad a renewed purpose in life, in a field he loves...so for that I am truly grateful.”

## Case study: Where pets are treated like family

Aspen Hill Pet Cemetery and Crematory, established in 2017 in Hermitage, Pennsylvania, sought the assistance of the Small Business Environmental Assistance Program (SBEAP) provider, known as the Environmental Management Assistance Program (EMAP). Their goal was to install a small incinerator for cremating small animals.

EMAP, as an SBEAP, played a crucial role in guiding owner Kacy Garlock through the entire process. They assisted with the submission of the Request for Determination (RFD) application, including the necessary emission calculations based on EPA’s AP-42 guidelines. EMAP also provided support in preparing the Plan Approval and Operating Permit applications, along with other required documents. Following approval, Garlock and EMAP submitted the application package for a minor source State Only Operating Permit to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). As a result, Aspen Hill obtained a new operating permit valid for five years, starting from Feb. 23, 2022.

This success story highlights the importance of SBEAP services, with EMAP’s expertise proving invaluable in helping Aspen Hill meet air quality standards and secure the necessary operating permit. Small businesses can draw inspiration from this experience, underscoring the value of seeking expert assistance from SBEAP providers like EMAP to navigate the intricate world of regulations and paperwork.

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