

## 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](http://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 2022

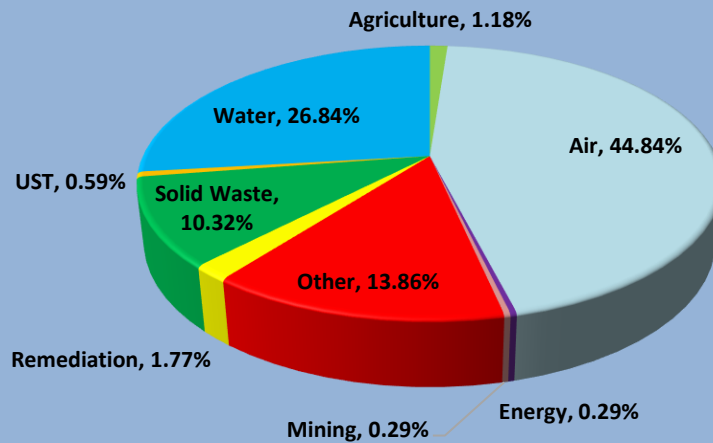
- Auto body shops
- State and local governments
- Small scale meat processing facilities
- Consultants
- Construction
- Individuals looking to start a businesses
- Manufacturers of many different items
- Many more! Assisted businesses in 112 different categories!

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](mailto:BGSBEAP@tn.gov) or Visit us at

[www.tn.gov/environment/sbeap](http://www.tn.gov/environment/sbeap)

## Assistances by Regulatory Area



## 2022 Impact

- **305** individual assistances in **112** different industrial categories
- **20,515** website visits
- **7,379** reached through Facebook and Twitter and **2,540** newsletter subscribers
- **13** outreach events with approximately 2060 attendees
- **170** reached through webinars, workshops, and trainings

## What our clients say

“That answers my question – thank you for that excellent reply and thorough explanation of my options. ...you’re a prime example of our tax dollars hard at work!”

“I just wanted to reach out and say “THANK YOU” for all of your help with the permit. We would not have been able to do all this without you. 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.”

“The response time for the returned information was very quick. I would HIGHLY recommend the Small Business Environmental Assistance for any company that qualifies for the assistance.”

## For more information

Visit us at [www.tn.gov/environment/sbeap](http://www.tn.gov/environment/sbeap)

If you need assistance:

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