

FY2016 SBEAP Summary to CAP

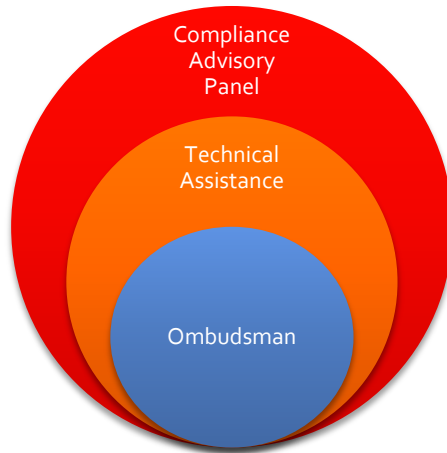
Established in 1992 within the Air Protection Branch (APB) of the Georgia Environmental Division (EPD), the Georgia Small Business Environmental Assistance Program (SBEAP) has provided permitting and compliance assistance for nearly 24 years. The Georgia SBEAP offers small businesses education, tools, and technical assistance with regard to new and existing environmental regulations that may be complicated or burdensome. Beginning in 2007, while located in the EPD Program Coordination Branch, SBEAP began providing multi-media environmental assistance. Just as small businesses had to make adjustments during the reduced budget years in 2010, the SBEAP had to discontinue providing multi-media assistance to small businesses in Georgia. SBEAP returned to the APB where it currently resides to provide free and confidential air permitting and compliance assistance.

The Program

U.S. EPA

The U.S. EPA defines the Program as consisting of three organizational units:

- ▲ COMPLIANCE ADVISORY PANEL
- ▲ TECHNICAL SERVICES
- ▲ OMBUDSMAN



OMBUDSMAN ACTIVITIES

...an advocate that considers the needs of small businesses and ensures that the state agency considers the views and needs of small business.

▲ FEE WAIVERS

Site visits, supporting documentation, and development of customer draft documents for submittal to EPD Director and APB Programs

▲ LIAISON WITH DISTRICTS

Proposed enforcement issues as a result of complaints against small businesses

▲ COORDINATION BETWEEN APB PROGRAMS AND CUSTOMER TO SETTLE DISAGREEMENTS

Permitting and compliance programs, small business and Georgia Department of Economic Development

Compliance Advisory Panel (CAP)

The Georgia Compliance Advisory Panel (CAP) serves in an advisory role to the SBEAP and to the APB. A summary of the CAP actions are documented in Minutes approved by a majority of the members. The CAP is comprised of 7 members appointed by the Governor (2), Senate Majority Leader (1), Senate Minority Leader (1), House Majority Leader (1), House Minority Leader (1), and the EPD Director (1). During FY2016, three new CAP members agreed to replace previous members resigning due to health issues and new job assignments.

PROFILE OF CAP ACTIVITIES DURING FY2016

- ▲ QUARTERLY CAP MEETINGS
- ▲ APB FEE WORKGROUP
- ▲ POWER PLAN STAKEHOLDER GROUP



Charles H. Huling
CAP Chairman
Governor Appointee



Alex Lehocky
Kennesaw State University
Governor Appointee



Nathan Humphrey
National Federation of Independent Business
House Majority Leader Appointee



Dennis "Dusty" Findley
Southeastern Cotton Ginner Association
Senate Minority Leader Appointee



Guy E. Young
Georgia Motor Trucking Association
House Minority Leader Appointee



Gregg Goff
Finish Master for Georgia
Senate Majority Leader Appointee

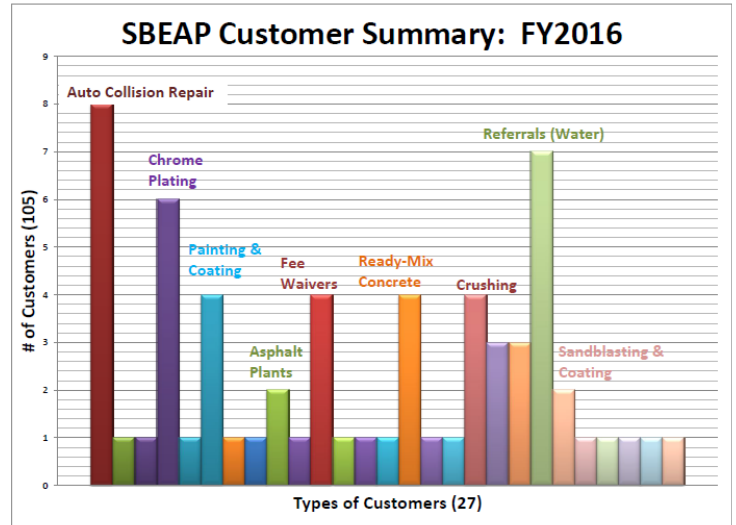


Eric Cornwell
Georgia Environmental Protection Division,
Air Protection Branch
EPD Director Appointee

Permitting and Compliance Assistance

Requests for permitting and compliance assistance come in from SBEAP's toll-free number, via the SBEAP website, www.gasmallbiz.org, via links to SBEAP on the websites of our partners, from EPD District/ APB SSCP inspector referrals in enforcement documents, and from publications developed and distributed by SBEAP at exhibits.

Once working with customers, SBEAP provides detailed technical assistance that includes performing potential-to-emit (PTE) calculations, preparing permit applications, performing site evaluations, developing compliance tools specifically for the customer's needs, and referrals to other organizations. Contact with the customers occurs through email, telephone calls, site visits, and one-on-one meetings.



	PERMITTING AND COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE	OTHER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
2-8 CUSTOMERS	Auto collision repair, chrome plating, painting & coating, crushing (concrete, wood), ready-mix concrete, asphalt batch plants, sandblasting & coating, drycleaners	Referrals: WPB; Referrals: LPB; Referrals: SBDC/GDeD/SBA; Fee Waivers
< 2 CUSTOMERS	Pharmaceutical blending, crushed stone quarry, waste metal processing, bulk handling, marine terminal, restaurant, wood cabinet manufacturer, plastic foam recycling, marble bath product manufacturer, aircraft cabinetry manufacturer, flexographic printing, fiberglass molding, cotton ginners, agricultural tire manufacturer, used motor oil recycler.	

GRAIN ELEVATOR OWNER ...

"Helped me resolve a complaint and violation. Also, I learned how to reduce the amount of emissions generated from my business."

MANUFACTURER ...

"Learned more about environmental regulations that apply to my business. SBEAP staff helped me prepare a permit application that put me in compliance and saved me money."

BODY SHOP JOBBER ...

"My customers are very thankful for all the personal (detailed) information that SBEAP provided to them. Some of them were actually excited about becoming compliant."