



Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality
2016 Environmental Updates

**Environmental Assistance for Businesses –
Small Business Compliance Advisory Panel**

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Regulatory Requirement

- Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990
- Nebraska adopted legislation in 1992

Nebraska's Program

- Program Ombudsman
- Multi-media (air, water, and waste issues)
- Creation of a seven member Small Business Compliance Assistance Panel (SBCAP)

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Current Nebraska SBCAP

Appointed by the State Legislature

- Jack Schreiner, Hastings
- Jim Hellbusch, Columbus
- Rick Bettger, Omaha
- Steve Rexroth, Lincoln

Appointed by the Governor

- Sharon Hueftle, Holdrege
- Starr Lehl, Scottsbluff

Appointed by the NDEQ Director

- Terry Johnson, Norfolk

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Focus On Environmental Assistance

Small Business and Public Assistance Program

The Small Business and Public Assistance program was created as a result of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 to assist sources in complying with air quality regulations. The department realized the potential beneficial impact of the program and expanded the scope of the program to encompass all environmental media - air, waste and water.

The program is divided into four major components: the Small Business Compliance Advisory Panel (CAP), the Public Advocate (who serves as the ombudsman for the purposes of the Clean Air Act), the Assistance program, and the One-Stop Permitting program. The Small Business and Public Assistance program coordinator performs all four functions.

The Small Business Compliance Advisory Panel is comprised of seven people: two representatives from the general public selected by the Governor, four representatives from small business selected by the Legislature, and one department representative selected by the Director. The panel has four functions: 1) to evaluate the effectiveness of the Small Business and Public Assistance program and to identify any obstacles that may cause it to become less effective, 2) to provide feedback on outreach and education methods provided by the program, 3) to review written documents developed by department programs to ensure the information is understood by the lay person, and 4) to provide a liaison between the state's small business community and the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality.

[Click here to view members of the Small Business Compliance Advisory Panel](#)

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The SBCAP is
there for
you!

If you have a
concern
about a
NDEQ
regulation,
let them
know.

The Panel has several goals it sets for itself
each year.

2016 Goals include:

- Gauging the business community's satisfaction with NDEQ assistance initiatives to identify obstacles
- Providing feedback on outreach and education methods provided by the program
- Acting as a liaison between the state's small business community and the NDEQ.

CAVs and
PAVs are
voluntary!



For more
information,
call (402)
471-8697.

Department Assistance

Compliance Assistance Visits (CAVs)

- Differ from compliance inspections
- **Voluntary, requested**
- Conducted by assistance providers, not regulators

Permit Assistance Visits (PAVs)

- **Again, these are voluntary**
- NDEQ staff will go through your newly issued (or re-issued) permit, explaining your requirements and answering questions

One-Stop Permit Meetings

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