

**Office of Compliance
Assistance
and Pollution Prevention**



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Office of Pollution Prevention +
Small Business Assistance Office +
Small Business Assistance Program

Background

- October 1, 2004 start-up
- Improve Compliance Assistance
- Fit Within Current Funding

Background *(continued)*

- Merge SBAO and SBAP
- Linkages To Existing Compliance Efforts
- Reworking of Web Resources for Office

Services

- Toll-free Hotline (800-329-7518)
- Assistance with Permit Applications
- On-site Assistance

Services *(continued)*

- Partnership with Trade Organizations
- Seminars & Conferences
- Assistance Publications

Services *(continued)*

- Newsletter
- Internet Resources
- Advisory Panel/Regulated Community
Input

Services *(continued)*

- Assistance Tracking and Evaluation
- Financial Assistance Referrals
- Assistance with Resolving Violations with District Office

Functions

- SBAO/SBAP Staff
 - Multimedia Small Business Focus
 - Continue SBAP Functions
- P2 Staff
 - All Businesses
 - Maintain Current P2 Functions

Timeframes

- February – July '04: Workgroup Activities
- September 21, 2004: Governor's Announcement
- October 1, 2004: Start of Office
- January – June 2005: District Positions and Initial Outreach

District/Program Interaction

- Need to Work with Compliance Assistance Providers Across Agency
- Need Help in Identifying Compliance Assistance Needs
- Need Assistance for Local Seminars and Outreach
- Need Points of Contact for Specific Issues

Challenges

- Funding
- Keeping Up-to-Date
- Balancing Assistance and Prevention Activities
- Communicating Assistance with Different Parts of Agency

Benefits

- “One Stop” for Small Business Assistance
- Expands Existing Assistance Efforts Statewide
- More Interaction with Districts
- Consolidation of Assistance Activities
- Direct More Companies to P2

Confidentiality

- Two Types of Confidentiality
- SBAP – Clean Air Act
- Other Assistance and Prevention Activities
- Will Not Provide Access to OCAPP Files

Questions?

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