

PROGRAM: Small Business Assistance Program (SBAP)

AGENCY: New Mexico Environment Department, Air Quality Bureau

DESCRIPTION: The primary purpose of the SBAP is to assist small businesses which are or will be subject to requirements under the federal 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments or New Mexico Air Quality Regulations. The goal of the SBAP is to help businesses comply through education and technical assistance, not enforcement. This is for a company that complies with what the Air Quality Bureau defines a "Small business" in 20.2.75 NMAC.

ELIGIBLE USES:

- The SBAP offers technical assistance through, site visits/consultations, preliminary determinations of emission types and amounts, an SBAP library, a toll-free hotline, newsletters and fact sheets, pollution prevention information, an amnesty program, industry specific workshops, information about state and federal air quality requirements, help filling out forms, self-audit compliance checklists, and regulation updates.

QUALIFICATION CRITERIA/COMMENTS:

- Qualifying small businesses include those that:
 - Are owned and operated by a person who employs 10 or fewer individuals,
 - Do not emit 50 tons or more per year of carbon monoxide, lead, nitrogen oxides, ozone, sulfur oxides, particulate matter less than 10 micrometers in diameter or volatile organic compounds, or 75 tons per year of all regulated air contaminants for which there are National or New Mexico Ambient Air Quality Standards,
 - Emit less than 10 tons per year of each hazardous air pollutant (HAP) listed by the United State Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and
 - Emit less than 25 tons per year of all HAPs combined.
 - For sources that satisfy the definition of "small business", the permit fee is reduced by 50%. Because General Construction Permits (GCPs) issued by the Air Quality Bureau allow for up to 95 tons per year of certain regulated air contaminants, fee reduction does not apply to this type of permit.
- The SBAP Amnesty Program provides qualifying small businesses relief from enforcement activities while the small business is making good faith efforts to meet air quality requirements.
- The SBAP offers assistances to small businesses for all of New Mexico, with the exception of Bernalillo County and Tribal Lands. The City of Albuquerque/Bernalillo Air Quality Assistance Program (AQAP) regulates businesses located in the County of Bernalillo and may be reached at 505-768-1964 or 505-768-1941. All business located on tribal lands do not fall under state or local jurisdiction.
- For more information, visit <http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/aqb/sbap/> or call (505) 222-9507, 1 (800) 224-7009.