



Department of
**Environment &
Conservation**

Small Business Environmental Assistance Program

May 28, 2025

Agenda

- Small Business Environmental Assistance Program (SBEAP)
 - Who
 - What
- How do we provide assistance?
- Resources for you!



Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC)

Mission

Protect, improve,
and conserve
environment and
human health and
safety

Small Business Environmental
Assistance Program

Waste, Water, Air, UST, Mining,
Radiological, Remediation

Stakeholder Engagement

Parks and Recreation

Regulatory Divisions

Communications, Policy,
Engagement

Conservation

Environment

Operations, Strategy,
Engagement

Agency Organization

Small Business Environmental Assistance Program (SBEAP)



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Small Business Environmental Assistance Program

- ✓ Less than 100 employees
- ✓ Not a major source of air emissions
- ✓ Not a large quantity generator of hazardous waste

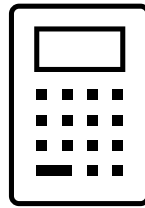


Small Business **Environmental Assistance** Program

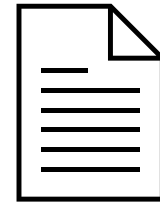
Technical
Assistance



Permit
Assistance



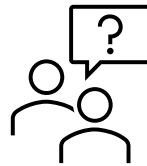
Compliance



Outreach/T
raining



Explain
complex regs



And more!



Other great qualities not listed in the name...

- Assistance is

- There is no charge for asking for help.



- Assistance is

- No information is shared with regulatory divisions



Who asks SBEAP for help?

- Manufacturing
- Agribusiness
- Autobody Shop
- Sawmill and Woodworking
- Consultants
- Asphalt and Concrete

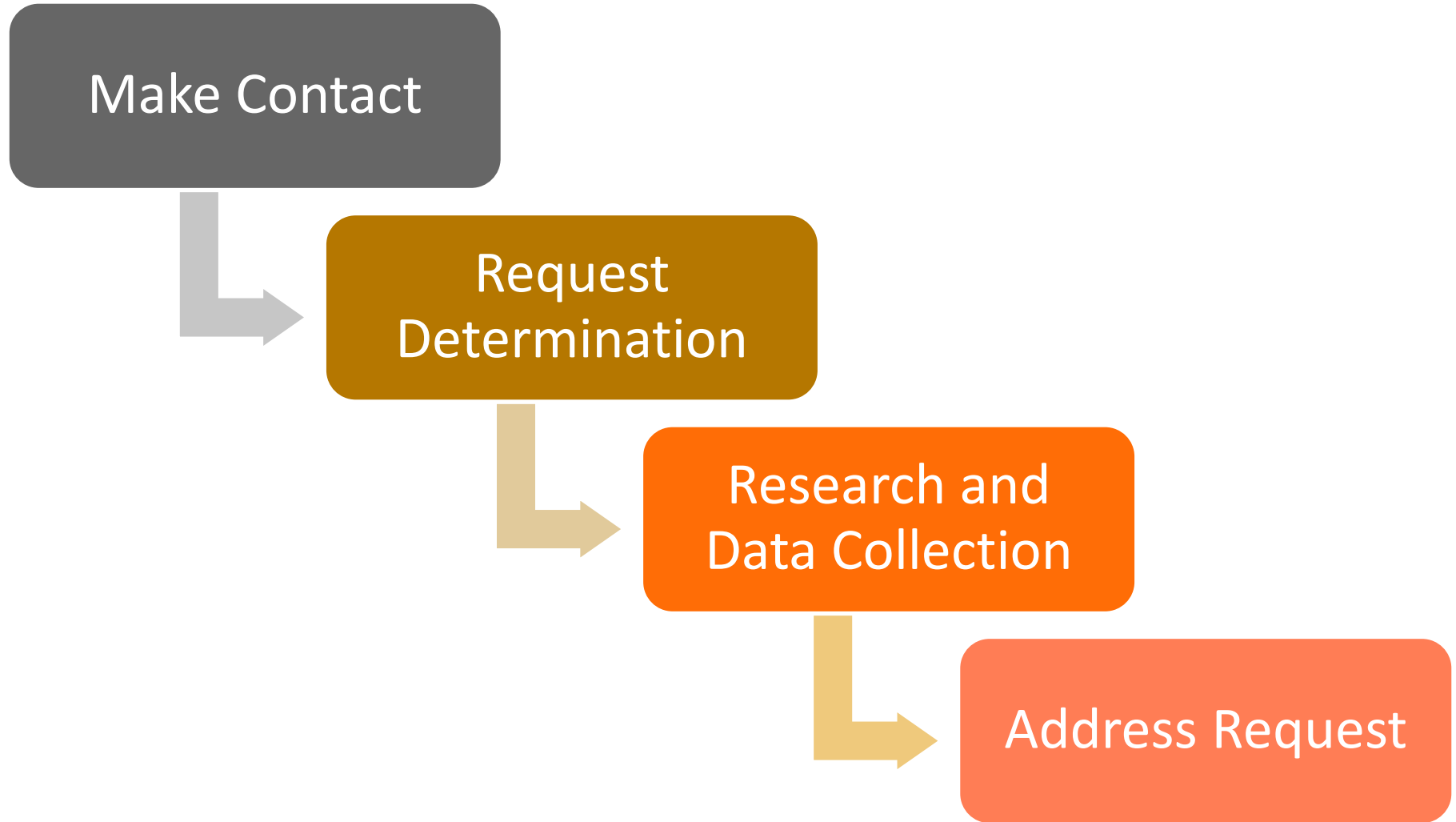


237 clients
assisted in
2024

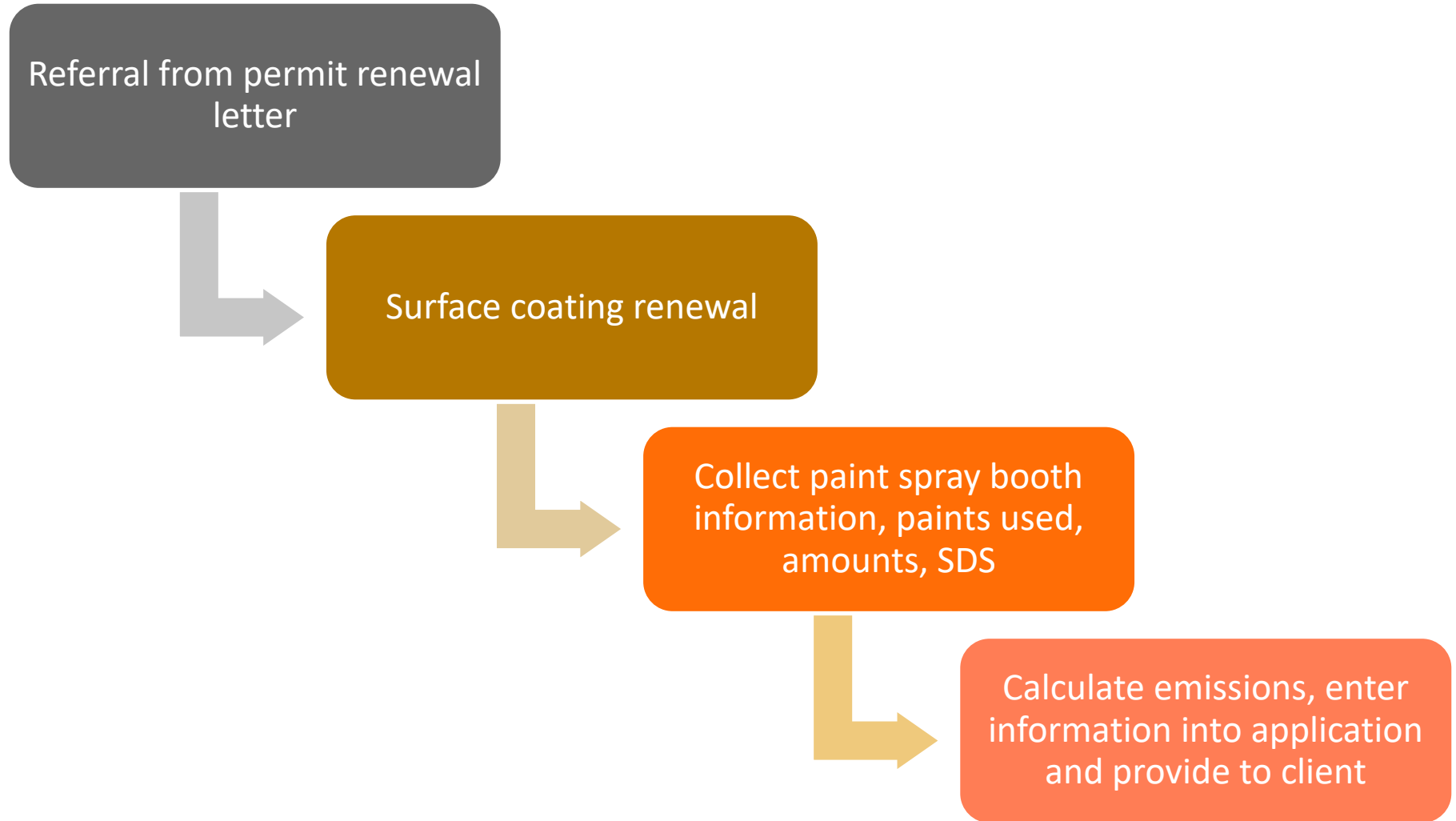


How to we provide
assistance?

SBEAP and Client Communication



Example SBEAP and Client Communication



SBEAP offers unique advantages

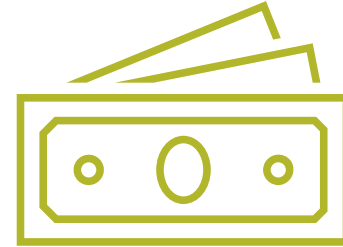
- Quick regulatory division communication
- Have additional tools
- National network
- Small Business advocate in SBEAP!
- Free

- We can't
 - Keep records for facility
 - Perform testing/sampling
 - Design and plant layout advice
 - Purchasing advice

How does SBEAP help small businesses?



Saves time



Saves money



Reduces stress



Protects the environment



Finding resources

Social Media



Social Media – Facebook and Twitter



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May 7 at 9:29 AM · 🌐

Indoor Air Quality is the topic today for Air Quality Awareness Week! To see what pollutants may affect you inside, check out U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's interactive house here: <https://www.epa.gov/.../interactive-tour-indoor-air...>

For FREE radon test kits, check out Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation's site here: <https://www.tn.gov/env.../sustainability/programs/radon.html>

AIR QUALITY AWARENESS WEEK

Indoor Air Quality



TN Small Business Environmental Assistance Program

April 30 at 9:35 AM · 🌐

Here's the schedule for US SBA's virtual summit next Tuesday and Wednesday!

— 2025 NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK —

VIRTUAL SUMMIT

TUESDAY, MAY 6
10 AM–6 PM ET

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7
10 AM–5 PM ET

TIME (ET)	SESSION	CO-SPONSORED BY
10–11 AM	Virtual doors open! Explore the environment	
11–11:40 AM	Money matters: mastering payment methods for small business success	Visa
11:40 AM–12:40 PM	Mobile workforce security: Safeguarding your business On the move	T-Mobile
12:40–1:10 PM	Make AI work for you	Google
1:10–1:30 PM	Helping your business thrive: Financing options & moving money	U.S. Bank

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TIME (ET)	SESSION	CO-SPONSORED BY
2–3 PM	How to cut \$100+ billion in red tape & unlock prosperity: a conversation with the SBA Office of Advocacy	SBA
3–3:35 PM	The small business AI advantage: practical tools to grow your business	Verizon
3:35–4:20 PM	Expanding your business through e-commerce	Amazon
4:20–5:10 PM	Essential resources for small business success: expert panel discussion	SCORE
5:10–6 PM	Explore the environment, gather resources, connect with a mentor, download your business	

TIME (ET)	SESSION	CO-SPONSORED BY
10–11 AM	Virtual doors open! Explore the environment	
11–11:30 AM	Building & growing your business: practical business skills	Visa
11:30 AM–12:35 PM	AI small business panel	Google
12:35–1:35 PM	Connecting your office securely: safeguard networks & future proof your IT	T-Mobile
1:35–1:55 PM	Seasonal living secrets: staff up smart & fast	Paycom

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TIME (ET)	SESSION	CO-SPONSORED BY
2:25–2:55 PM	The future of commerce: 2025 edition	Square
2:55–3:31 PM	Building a foundation for active marketing success: review, plan, & execute	Constant Contact
3:31–3:52 PM	The power of AI: how to use AI to grow your business	J.P. Morgan Chase
3:52–4:00 PM	Creating a business plan that works: key elements every entrepreneur needs	SCORE
4:40–5 PM	Explore the environment, gather resources, connect with a mentor, download your business	

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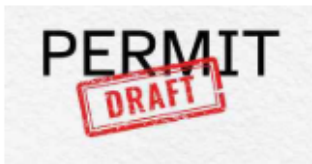
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Draft Air Pollution General Permit for Concrete Batch Plants

A draft permit has been created by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) Division of Air Pollution Control for large concrete batch plants. This drafted permit is currently on public notice and available to review.

A public hearing is scheduled for May 13, 2025.

[Link to Public Hearing](#)

[Link to review the draft permit](#)



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In summary,

TDEC and the SBEAP are resources and drivers of environmental and economic success, not just regulators



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