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## News

### EMAP Celebrates 20 Years

The Environmental Management Assistance Program (EMAP) of the Pennsylvania Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) was started in 1997 with the goal of assisting small businesses with environmental regulatory compliance and permitting issues. 20 years later, EMAP continues to assist Pennsylvania small business owners in the ever-changing regulatory landscape. We would like to take a moment to thank you - all of our partners, stakeholders, entrepreneurs and small business clients for your support over these years!

## Regulatory Updates

### DEP Accepting Comments on Enhancing Public Engagement

The Department of Environmental Protection announced proposed improvements to three policy documents focused on the development and review of regulations, interaction with Advisory Committees, and the development and publication of technical guidance. DEP secretary Patrick McDonnell stated, "These updated policies will provide a clearer path for the public to engage with DEP during the development of regulations and technical guidance documents." DEP will accept comments until December 13, 2017. To read the draft policies and comment electronically visit the [DEP eComment webpage](#).

### EPA Releases New Regulation Navigation Tools

The Environmental Protection Agency has released two additional online regulation navigation tools to assist facility owners and operators in assessing regulatory requirements. The new tools include the Portland Cement Manufacturing Industry and Brick & Structural Clay Products Manufacturing, to control air pollutants under the National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants. More information about the new and existing navigation tools can be found on the [EPA website](#).

## Funding Opportunities

Applications for the Small Business Advantage Grant have now exceeded the allotment for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. DEP will continue to accept applications; however, they will be placed on a wait-list. If additional funding becomes available, applications will be reviewed in the order they were received. More information is available from [DEP](#).



### Sustaining Your Business Webinar Series

The full "Sustaining Your Business" webinar series is available to view on the [AskEMAP YouTube Channel](#).

The series addresses how small businesses in specific industries can address environmental concerns and improve sustainability while growing profits. Sessions include Transparency and Certifications, Craft Breweries, Food Production, and Home & Personal Care.

## SBIR Phase I Solicitation Now Open

The EPA's Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program is accepting Phase I Solicitation applications through December 19, 2017. The SBIR Program seeks to assist small businesses in developing and commercializing innovative technologies that address human health and environmental concerns. This year's topics include Clean and Safe Water, Air Quality, Land Revitalization, Homeland Security, Manufacturing, and Building Construction Materials. For eligibility requirements and additional information visit the [EPA SBIR webpage](#).

## DEP to Cover Costs of Agricultural Plans for Clean Water

The Department of Environmental Protection has launched an Agricultural Plan Reimbursement Program for farmers in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed to cover costs of preparing agricultural plans developed after January 1, 2017. DEP aims to support farmers taking action to improve water quality by assisting with the costs associated with manure management, nutrient management, and erosion and sediment control plans. At least 800 and up to 2,200 plans will be covered under the program. Registration must be completed by April 1, 2018. For more details and important contact information, view the [DEP announcement](#).

## ETAC Energy Services

The Emerging Technologies Applications Center (ETAC) has received grant funding through the US Department of Energy, State Energy Program, and the Department of Environmental Protection to assist manufacturers in reducing energy consumption and demand. ETAC offers simple walk-through analysis as well as full facility assessments and has assisted small businesses in obtaining utility rebates for energy conservation measures taken. For more information, contact Cindy Young at the Emerging Technology Applications Center at (610) 332-6103 or [cyoung@northampton.edu](mailto:cyoung@northampton.edu).

## Need Assistance?

### EMAP Can Help!

The Environmental Consultants at EMAP provide strictly confidential, no-cost assistance with:

- [Environmental Compliance](#)
- [Air Quality Regulations](#)
- [Greening your Business](#)
- [Preparing Permit Applications and Plans](#)



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