



Compliance Assistance Success Story

A Unique Ohio Bio-Grass Facility Receives Assistance with their Air Permit

Bio-Grass is a fast-growing grass that can be processed into usable products or used as a form of alternative energy.

Challenge

The unique nature of the company's operations presented some challenges as they worked to obtain an air permit. For example, there were no standard emission factors available to assist in calculating air emissions from the operations. Also, the company had limited financial resources to obtain consulting expertise needed to prepare their permit application.

Outcome

The company was referred to DEFA's Office of Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention (OCAPP) for help. OCAPP staff helped develop emissions calculations, prepare the Permit-to-Install and Operate (PTIO) application for the emissions source and request an expedited review of the permit application. OCAPP also helped the company develop recordkeeping forms to track emission data and maintain compliance with the PTIO once it was issued.

OCAPP also connected the company with Ohio EPA's Materials Marketplace, a free online tool to post surplus materials that could potentially be reused by another company.

Resources

Each year, OCAPP helps thousands of businesses with their environmental compliance needs. OCAPP is a free, confidential resource for Ohio businesses that need help with Ohio EPA regulations. For more information, visit epa.ohio.gov/ocapp/ or contact our toll-free hotline.



"This program for helping small businesses is amazing. The Ohio EPA contact was really understanding and helpful, and got me through the permitting process quickly."

— Business owner.

Compliance Assistance Services

OCAPP provides free and confidential services to help businesses, including:

- a toll-free compliance assistance hotline (800) 329-7518;
- help completing forms and permit applications;
- easy-to-understand publications;
- newsletter and email updates with the latest on regulations, resources and training;
- workshops and webinars; and
- on-site assessments to help maintain compliance.