



Ohio Small Business Compliance Advisory Panel

The Clean Air Act required each state to establish a Small Business Assistance Program (SBAP) and Small Business Ombudsman (SBO) to help small businesses understand and comply with air pollution regulations. A Compliance Advisory Panel (CAP) oversees the SBAP and SBO to ensure these programs provide useful services and regulatory guidance to small businesses.

In Ohio, the SBAP is housed within Ohio EPA's Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance (DEFA). The SBO is housed within the Clean Air Resource Center of the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority. Ohio's CAP receives support from a national coalition of state CAPs in communicating small business interests to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Small Business Ombudsman in Washington, DC.

As prescribed by Ohio Revised Code 3704.19, CAP membership consists of:

- two members selected by the governor who are not owners or representatives of owners of small businesses to represent the general public;
- one member selected by Ohio EPA's director to represent the Agency;
- four members selected by the General Assembly who are owners or representatives of owners of small businesses. One each shall be appointed by the president of the Senate, the minority leader of the Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives and the minority leader of the House of Representatives.

The official responsibilities of the CAP include:

- advise Ohio EPA of the small business perspective on environmental issues;
- review publications prepared by DEFA to ensure that the information is understandable;
- review the effectiveness of DEFA's services, difficulties encountered and recommend improvements to the program;
- report to U.S. EPA concerning compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, Regulatory Flexibility Act and the Equal Access to Justice Act.

The Ohio CAP strives to improve environmental performance at Ohio's small businesses by:

- promoting services through the Ohio legislature, small business trade organizations and other networks;
- recommending outreach strategies and collaborative efforts;
- collaborating with the National CAP to provide comments on new federal rules proposed by the U.S. EPA.
- providing comments to Ohio EPA on proposed state rules having significant small business impact.

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