

Small Business Environmental Home Page Newsletter

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What's New?

- The **Multimedia Peer Center** mentor program profile updates have been completed: AR Business Assistance Program, ID SBEAP, IN Compliance and Technical Assistance Program, IA Waste Reduction Center, KS SBEAP, MI Environmental Assistance Program, MN SBEAP, OR Air Quality Business Assistance Program, TX Small Business and Local Government Assistance Program, and VT Small Business Compliance Assistance Program. /sba/multimedia_peer_center.html.
- The listing of **State Compliance Advisory Panel** members has been updated and posted. /cap/capfiles/CAPCHART_1208.pdf
- The **Air Compliance Links** page has been reorganized and updated, including adding 45 new resource links. </compliance/airlinks.html>
- **New Rule Information** has been updated with revisions to all area source rule pages, including adding new resources and creating entirely new Gasoline Dispensing Facilities and Plating & Polishing Operations pages. </sba/newruleinfo.html>
- Created **What's New?** page for small business news, to be refined with the new design. <news/whatsnew.html>
- Added ~400 **publications** and ~40 **regulatory updates**; updated **trade association contacts**, **regulatory checklists**, **law summaries**, and numerous other subpages.

Highlighted Feature: New Message Board!

www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org/message_board

The **new Message Board** is now on line to increase sharing of information among state SBO and SBEAP programs, CAPs, and U.S. EPA. The Message Board includes different forums for general discussion and individual groups. Current forums include the Technical, Multimedia, Awards, Promotional, and Multimedia Subcommittees under the SBO/SBEAP National Steering Committee (NSC) heading, and SBO/SBEAP, NSC, National Compliance Advisory Panel, and 2009 Conference Planning Committee under the General Discussion Groups heading.

You will need to register and wait to be activated before you can participate in any of the forums. The Message Board is open only to state SBOs, SBEAPs, and U.S. EPA staff. Register by clicking on the top right and filling out the form. Make sure you use your actual full name as "username" on the form, and include at least your name, organization, phone, and email under your signature. Also click yes to "Always attach my signature to posts" and click yes or no to receiving email notifications for responses to your posts.

Note that once you are "approved" and activated, you will be able to browse all of the forums (except for the Awards Subcommittee) to learn about NSC and subcommittee activities even if you aren't a member. You will also be able to respond to posts, start a new thread, and send files and images with your replies. Contact a subcommittee chair to become more involved!

Welcome to the New EPA SBO

Joan Rogers

Since 1991 Joan has served EPA as a Program Analyst and Special Assistant to the OPEI Associate Administrator. As EPA SBO, Joan will continue to support and advocate for the small business community. Contact Joan at: rogers.joanb@epa.gov, 202.564.6568.

What's Coming Soon?

New Design

A completely redesigned and reorganized Home Page is coming soon. Thanks to the NSC Promotional Subcommittee for ongoing feedback and suggestions. PLEASE NOTE that URLs within the Home Page WILL change when the new design is complete. Look for information in spring 2009.

2009 Awards

The NSC, representing the SBOs/SBEAPs nationwide, in conjunction with the National Compliance Advisory Panel, has established annual Small Business Recognition Awards for achievements by SBEAPs and the individuals representing them, small business environmental stewardship, and trade association environmental leadership. The NSC Awards Subcommittee will be seeking nominations early in 2009. Check back on the Small Business Environmental Home Page for the launching of the 2009 Awards program: www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org/sba/awards_smallbusiness_2009.html.

PLEASE SEND...

- Updated contact information
- Promotional success stories
- Performance measurement tools
- Publications and fact sheets
- Video availability (without fees)
- Upcoming events
- Updated compliance calendars
- State CAP bylaws and guidelines
- Area source implementation tools, forms, and letters.

Apply for 2009 CARE Grant

In 2009 there will be approximately \$3 million available to support community-based partnerships to reduce pollution at the local level through the Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) program. Cooperative agreement levels will range between \$75,000-\$100,000 (Level I) and \$150,000-\$300,000 (Level II). **Applications are due March 16, 2009.** For the Request for Proposal (RFP), go to: www.epa.gov/air/grants_funding.html#0902. For the CARE website, go to: www.epa.gov/CARE.

DON'T FORGET...

You can find out information about the SBO/SBEAP National Conference on June 1-5, 2009 in Louisville, Kentucky by visiting the conference web site: www.sbeapconference.com.



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