



ARKANSAS
Department of Environmental Quality

Business Assistance Program

ADEQ's mission is to protect, enhance, and restore the environment for the well-being of all Arkansans.

Small Business Environmental Loans

ADEQ provides low-interest loans to Arkansas businesses for environmental projects. The loans are available to companies that can show profitability with fewer than 100 employees. Eligible activities include:

Environmental Compliance Projects to correct or avoid violations of state or federal environmental regulations.

Pollution Prevention Projects to reduce or eliminate the generation of pollution or waste at the source.

Waste Reduction Projects to handle or process waste materials in such a way that ultimately reduces the total quantity of waste disposed.

For more information

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Regulatory programs are only part of the formula for ensuring that businesses protect the environment. ADEQ is committed to a variety of services that teach valuable resource-saving activities, provide economic incentives for becoming a good environmental neighbor and help businesses better understand their environmental responsibilities.



Compliance Assistance

Environmental Compliance Audits

ADEQ's Business Assistance Program (BAP) staff can analyze a facility's industrial processes, research regulatory requirements and inform the facility of its compliance status.

Direct Technical and Compliance Assistance

BAP staff can recommend compliance measures and help implement measures if necessary. They can help identify other sources for assistance within ADEQ or other environmental agencies and through non-governmental agencies.

Regulatory Liaison Service

BAP staff will act as a liaison for facilities that are involved in permit issues with a regulatory division of ADEQ or the United States Environmental Protection Agency. BAP staff operates in a strictly non-regulatory role, arranging meetings, monitoring regulatory operations on behalf of the facility and explaining the regulatory process as it proceeds.

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Permit Assistance

Permit Analysis

BAP staff will analyze a facility's processes to determine if it is required to have environmental permits from ADEQ. The staff will explain obligations and recommend methods of applying for required permits.

Permit Preparation Assistance

BAP staff can help a facility identify information that must be submitted with an application and offer advice and assistance for preparing it. If the facility desires, BAP staff can arrange a meeting for regulatory division staff to meet with facility representatives to discuss permit needs.

Permit Tracking

BAP staff will help a facility track the status of a permit application, acting as a facility liaison to the ADEQ regulatory divisions.

Pollution Prevention

Pollution Prevention Research and Assistance

BAP staff will help a facility find pollution prevention opportunities. The staff will research options, recommend pollution prevention measures, and provide technical assistance to help a facility institute the measures.

Commercial Property Redevelopment

ADEQ's Brownfields Program encourages renewed use of abandoned or underdeveloped properties with real or perceived environmental contamination. The program establishes use-specific cleanup levels, offers liability releases for new property owners and provides low-interest loans to help communities return sites to productive use.

Business Solid Waste Management

Solid Waste Audits

BAP staff will conduct onsite audits of a facility's solid waste. The staff will analyze the waste and recommend options for source reduction, waste re-use and recycling.

Waste Management Assistance

BAP staff will help a facility develop and implement a waste management plan to help the facility reduce its waste volume, improve waste handling and/or reduce waste handling costs.

Waste Marketing

BAP staff will help a facility market its waste materials as recyclable products, or identify recyclables that can be incorporated into its products, when appropriate.

Recycling Tax Credits

Income Tax Credits

ADEQ offers a 30-percent Arkansas State Income Tax Credit redeemable over four years for the purchase of equipment used to recycle wastes for the manufacture of new products.

Waste Marketing and Procurement

BAP staff can help a facility identify waste materials to incorporate into facility recycling to meet the post-consumer content requirement.

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