

Technical Resources for Businesses Complying with Environmental Requirements

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Business owners must determine whether their operations generate sufficient pollution to require a permit or to meet other standards under environmental rules in the Wisconsin Administrative Code. If your business is affected by the environmental requirements, for most Department of Natural Resources (DNR) programs you must complete some form of permit application or notification. The specific activities at your facility will determine which forms must be submitted.

A small business that is affected by environmental permits or other requirements and that does not have staff with an environmental background may require assistance. Your local DNR staff can provide assistance, but the following resources may also help:

Small Business Environmental Assistance Program (SBEAP)

The SBEAP is a non-regulatory (or non-enforcement) and advisory program that helps small businesses understand and comply with state and federal environmental regulations. The program's services are offered at no cost and include answering compliance and permitting questions, conducting on-site consultations, rule summaries, fact sheets, tips on hiring consultants, and much more.

Web site: <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/SmallBusiness/>.

Toll-free hotline: 1-855-889-3021

Email: DNRSmallBusiness@wisconsin.gov.

DNR Permit Primer

DNR's Primer walks business owners and operators through environmental permit processes based on site-specific answers to certain questions about the facility operations.

Web site: <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/SmallBusiness/Primer/>.

Pollution Prevention Programs

Some companies are able to avoid permit requirements by changing their operations to prevent pollution. You can get a wide range of information about pollution prevention options from the Solid and Hazardous Waste Education Center (SHWEC).

Web site: <https://shwec.engr.wisc.edu/>, click on Publications and search a range of topics.

Other Assistance

You may choose to hire an environmental consultant. For help selecting a consultant check out these fact sheets from SBEAP:

- *Tips for Hiring an Environmental Consultant*, <https://dnr.wi.gov/files/pdf/pubs/sb/sb005.pdf>
- *Consultants List*, <https://dnr.wi.gov/files/pdf/pubs/sb/sb004.pdf>

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