

Illinois Compiled Statutes 415 ILCS 5
ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY
(415 ILCS 5/) Environmental Protection Act.

TITLE II: AIR POLLUTION

Sec. 39.5. Clean Air Act Permit Program.

20. Small Business.

a. For purposes of this subsection:

"Program" is the Small Business Stationary Source Technical and Environmental Compliance Assistance Program created within this State pursuant to Section 507 of the Clean Air Act and guidance promulgated thereunder, to provide technical assistance and compliance information to small business stationary sources;

"Small Business Assistance Program" is a component of the Program responsible for providing sufficient communications with small businesses through the collection and dissemination of information to small business stationary sources; and

"Small Business Stationary Source" means a stationary source that:

1. is owned or operated by a person that employs 100 or fewer individuals;
2. is a small business concern as defined in the "Small Business Act";
3. is not a major source as that term is defined in subsection 2 of this Section;
4. does not emit 50 tons or more per year of any regulated air pollutant, except greenhouse gases; and
5. emits less than 75 tons per year of all regulated pollutants, except greenhouse gases.

b. The Agency shall adopt and submit to USEPA, after reasonable notice and opportunity for public comment, as a revision to the Illinois state implementation plan, plans for establishing the Program.

c. The Agency shall have the authority to enter into such contracts and agreements as the Agency deems necessary to carry out the purposes of this subsection.

d. The Agency may establish such procedures as it may deem necessary for the purposes of implementing and executing its responsibilities under this subsection.

e. There shall be appointed a Small Business Ombudsman (hereinafter in this subsection referred to as "Ombudsman") to monitor the Small Business

Assistance Program. The Ombudsman shall be a nonpartisan designated official, with the ability to independently assess whether the goals of the Program are being met.

f. The State Ombudsman Office shall be located in an existing Ombudsman office within the State or in any State Department.

g. There is hereby created a State Compliance Advisory Panel (hereinafter in this subsection referred to as "Panel") for determining the overall effectiveness of the Small Business Assistance Program within this State.

h. The selection of Panel members shall be by the following method:

1. The Governor shall select two members who are not owners or representatives of owners of small business stationary sources to represent the general public;

2. The Director of the Agency shall select one member to represent the Agency; and

3. The State Legislature shall select four members who are owners or representatives of owners of small business stationary sources. Both the majority and minority leadership in both Houses of the Legislature shall appoint one member of the panel.

i. Panel members should serve without compensation but will receive full reimbursement for expenses including travel and per diem as authorized within this State.

j. The Panel shall select its own Chair by a majority vote. The Chair may meet and consult with the Ombudsman and the head of the Small Business Assistance Program in planning the activities for the Panel.

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