

NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 451 of 1994

324.5705 Small business clean air assistance program; creation; purpose.

Sec. 5705. The program is created in the department of commerce. The program shall develop adequate mechanisms for all of the following:

(a) Developing, collecting, and coordinating information on compliance methods and technologies for small businesses.

(b) Encouraging lawful cooperation among small businesses and other persons to further compliance with the clean air act and part 55.

(c) Assisting small business with information regarding pollution prevention and accidental release detection and prevention, including, but not limited to, providing information concerning alternative technologies, process changes, and products and methods of operation that help reduce air pollution.

(d) Establishing a compliance assistance program that assists small businesses in determining applicable requirements for compliance and the procedures for obtaining permits efficiently in a timely manner under the clean air act or part 55, or both.

(e) Providing mechanisms and access to information so that small businesses receive notification of their rights under the clean air act and part 55 in a manner and form that assures reasonably adequate time for small businesses to evaluate their compliance methods or applicable proposed or final rules or standards under the clean air act and part 55.

(f) Informing small businesses of their obligations under the clean air act and part 55, including mechanisms for referring small businesses to qualified auditors or to the state if the state elects to provide audits to determine compliance with the clean air act and part 55. To the extent permissible by state and federal law, audits shall be separate from the formal inspection and compliance program.

(g) Providing information on how to obtain consideration from the department on requests from small businesses for modifications of any work practice, technological method of compliance, or the schedule of milestones for reductions of emissions preceding an applicable compliance date.

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Compiler's note: For transfer of authority, powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities, including budgeting procurement and management-related functions, of the office of the small business clean air ombudsman to the Michigan jobs commission, see E.R.O. No. 1995-1, compiled at MCL 408.49 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

For transfer of authority, powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of the Environmental Assistance Division to the Director of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, see E.R.O. No. 1995-16, compiled MCL 324.99901 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

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