



## Welcome! We're here to help.

Welcome to the first edition of DEQ's Small Business Environmental Assistance Program news. Our goal is to help small businesses across Montana with environmental issues, permitting and resources. Each quarter we will feature different topics with tips and articles that we hope you find useful. If there is something you are interested in learning more about, let us know! You can contact me anytime at: [JPodolinsky@mt.gov](mailto:JPodolinsky@mt.gov)

Thanks for reading and I look forward to connecting with you.

*John Podolinsky*



## Small Businesses, Big on Environment

In 2016, the Small Business Environmental Assistance Program initiated a brewery sustainability project to incentivize breweries to become more resource efficient. Nine breweries participated in the initial training on how to become more sustainable. The project included a free energy and water use audit to determine how to reduce pollutants produced through the brewing process including including waste water, carbon dioxide, and solid waste.

The project identified a variety of ways that breweries can increase sustainability including: installing motion sensors in coolers; installing LED lights; installing variable frequency drives (VFD) on the bottling line, process pumps, mash tun, and conveyors; installing a centrifuge to filter beer; installing an efficient heat exchanger; adding hot water tank jackets; insulating hot water piping; adding door strip curtains to drive-in cooler; and replacing windows and doors.

If all nine initial breweries implemented the recommended changes, it would equate to more than \$500,000 in energy cost savings. Philipsburg Brewing Company was an early adopter of the brewery training project, which fits their sustainability missions. Nolan Smith, co-owner of Philipsburg Brewing Company, believes that sustainability is just the right thing to do.

DEQ's Small Business Environmental Assistance Program is a non-regulatory program to assist Montana businesses with understanding and complying with environmental regulations. Here are some of the ways the program can assist your small business:

- Advocate on behalf of small business

- Offer permitting assistance
- Provide workshops and trainings

If you are struggling with understanding how to meet environmental regulations while owning and operating your business, give us a call at 800-433-8773.



## Resources

For information on upcoming safety trainings, helpful tools, reports and publications, visit the DEQ Small Business Environmental Assistance Program website by clicking on the button below.

### SafetyFestMT

SafetyFestMT offers free training on safety issues such as first aid, OSHA, HAZWOPER and defensive driving. Events are held throughout Montana and some are virtual. Find out more at: [safetyfestmt.dli.mt.gov](http://safetyfestmt.dli.mt.gov)

### National Small Business Environmental Assistance Program

Montana's Small Business Environmental Assistance Program is part of a much larger national program. Check out their resources at: [nationalsbeap.org](http://nationalsbeap.org)

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## Small Business Compliance Assistance Advisory Council

Montana's Small Business Environmental Assistance Program is advised by a Small Business Compliance Assistance Advisory Council made up of seven members appointed by the Governor and legislature. Four members represent small business, two represent the public and one represents DEQ.



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