

560.11 Small business environmental council. (1) The small business environmental council shall do all of the following:

(a) Advise the department of natural resources concerning the effectiveness of the small business stationary source technical and environmental compliance assistance program under s. 144.36, difficulties encountered by small business stationary sources, as defined in s. 144.36 (1), in complying with ss. 144.30 to 144.426 and 144.96 and the degree and severity of enforcement of ss. 144.30 to 144.426 and 144.96 against small business stationary sources.

(b) Periodically report to the department of natural resources and to the administrator of the federal environmental protection agency concerning the compliance of the state small business stationary source technical and environmental compliance assistance program with the federal paperwork reduction act, 44 USC 3501 to 3520, the federal regulatory flexibility

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act, 5 USC 601 to 612, and the federal equal access to justice act, 5 USC 504.

(c) Review information to be provided to small business stationary sources in connection with ss. 144.30 to 144.426 and 144.96 to ensure that the information can be understood by persons without technical training.

(d) Provide other advice, as directed by the secretary, related to assisting small businesses in complying with federal and state air pollution laws.

(2) The employees of the department of development who staff the small business ombudsman clearinghouse under s. 560.03 (9) and the employees of the department of natural resources who staff the small business stationary source technical and environmental compliance assistance program under s. 144.36 shall provide the small business environmental council with the assistance necessary to comply with sub. (1).