

Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Environmental Protection Division
Small Business Environmental Assistance Program
4244 International Parkway, Suite 120, Atlanta, GA 30354
Phone: (404) 362-4842 Fax: (404) 363-7100
Chris Clark, Commissioner
Carol A. Couch, Ph.D., Director

Atlanta, September 23, 2009 – The Georgia Small Business Environmental Assistance Program (SBEAP) has announced that Kurt Cannon, immediate past president of the Georgia Home Builders Association, will serve on its Small Business Compliance Advisory Panel.

Mr. Cannon is owner of Rabun Builders, Inc. of Clayton, Georgia, and served as president of the Home Builders Association of Georgia from 2008 to 2009. Teresa Shiflett, SBEAP Program Manager and Ombudsman, selected Mr. Cannon for appointment to the CAP for his knowledge concerning Georgia's construction industry and the environmental issues facing homebuilders.

The Georgia SBEAP is a non-regulatory program of Georgia EPD. The Georgia SBEAP provides free and confidential environmental compliance assistance to Georgia small businesses through one-on-one technical assistance, education and outreach.

The seven-member Small Business Compliance Advisory Panel (CAP), serves as an advisory body to the Georgia SBEAP. Its primary role is to review the effectiveness of the SBEAP in its mission of helping small businesses understand and comply with environmental regulations. The CAP meets four times each year. Because each CAP member represents a different business sector, the CAP has been very effective at helping the SBEAP develop new initiatives for specific industry sectors. The CAP also serves as technical reviewers to ensure that educational materials are easy to understand by the layperson.

Under Georgia statute, CAP members are appointed by the Governor and the General Assembly, with one member appointed by the EPD Director that represents the Georgia EPD, Air Protection Branch. Mr. Cannon was appointed by Senator Chip Rogers (Republican – District 21). Current CAP members are:

- James Simpson, CAP Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, ReCreate Environmental Services
- Charles Huling, CAP Vice Chairman, Georgia Power Corporation, Vice President for Environmental Affairs
- Chris Downing, Director of Industry Services, Georgia Tech Enterprise Innovation Institute
- Dusty Findley, Chief Executive Officer, Southeastern Cotton Ginners Association
- Jimmy Johnston, Program Manager, Planning and Support Program, EPD Air Protection Branch
- Guy Young, Vice President of the Georgia Motor Trucking Association

For more information about the Georgia Small Business Environmental Assistance Program, contact Rachel Cochran, Public Affairs Coordinator, at (404) 362-4842.