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The Office of Compliance Assistance: Supporting Compliance Through Collaboration

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Office of Compliance Assistance (OCA)

- OCA takes a proactive, supportive approach to helping the regulated community understand and meet environmental requirements
- Technical experts who offer clear guidance, practical tools, and sector-specific resources that reduce compliance issues by preventing and reducing violations
- Provide straightforward explanations of regulations, permitting obligations, and reporting requirements
- Offer assistance through trainings, workshops, guidance materials, outreach, and one-on-one support
- Mission is to ensure regulated entities understand their responsibilities and feel confident and well-equipped to comply

Projects

- Compliance Calendar
- Bureau of Coastal Management: Developing educational brochures
- Private Well educational material
- Concrete Batch Plant Training
- Operating parameter logs for Air Quality control devices



Ideas for Future Projects

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New Website

https://des.sc.gov/business/office-compliance-assistance

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Office of Compliance Assistance Workshop - "Building Compliance Confidence"

SCDES's newly established Office of Compliance Assistance (OCA) is hosting a training session covering important compliance basics. **This event will be held on Oct. 27, from 10 a.m. – noon.** The training will be offered in person (Peeples Auditorium, 2600 Bull St, Columbia) and will also be available virtually for those who prefer to attend online. To register, please fill out **our online form**.

This training will include:

- **ePermitting Basics**
- **Inspection Readiness**
- **Resources with the Office of Compliance Assistance**

We encourage all regulated entities to participate in this training. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at **complianceassistance@des.sc.gov**. We look forward to your participation.

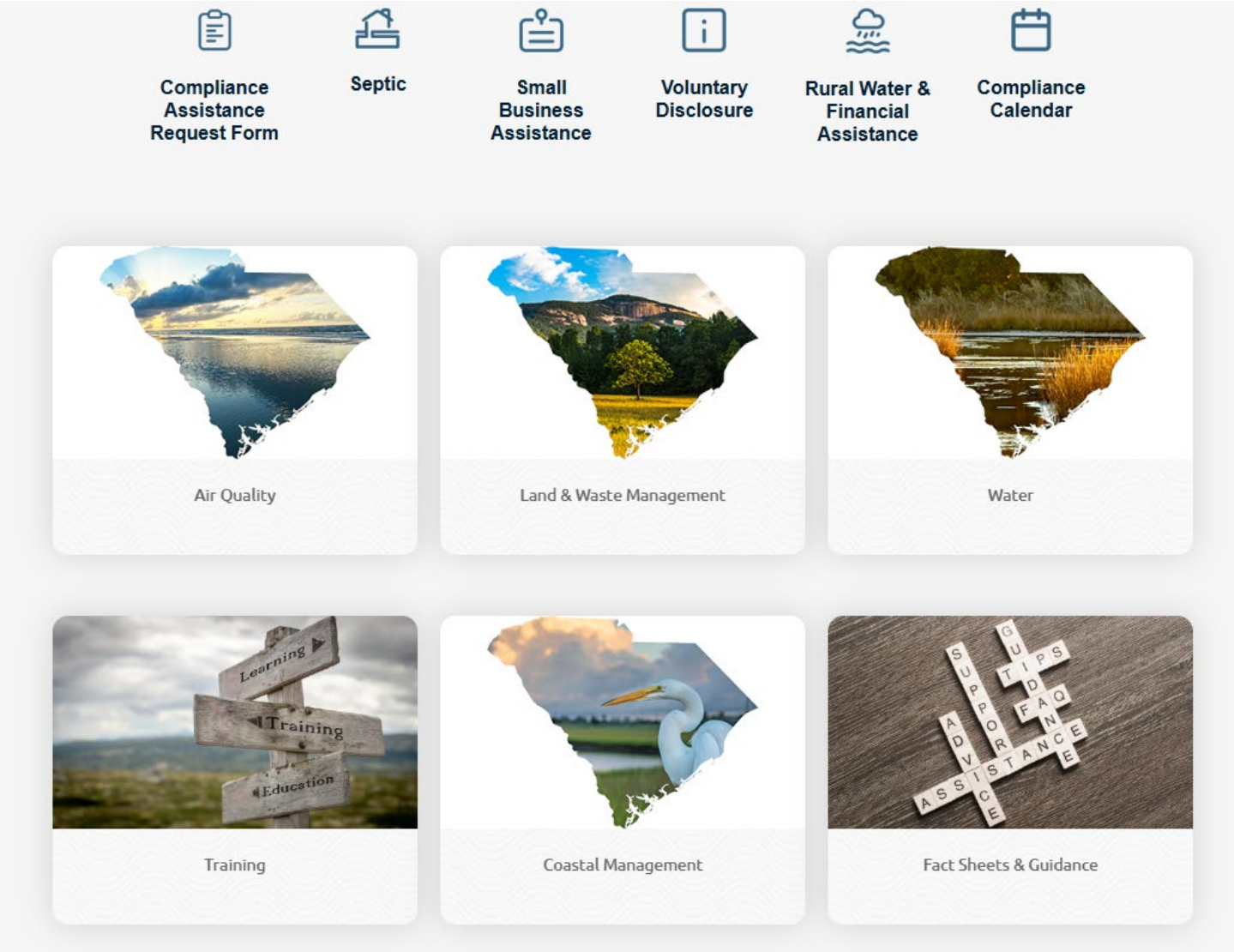
The Office of Compliance Assistance takes a proactive, supportive approach to help the regulated community understand and meet state and federal environmental requirements, ultimately leading to a reduction in compliance issues. The office creates clear guidance, practical tools, and sector specific resources that make it easier for facilities to stay ahead of regulatory deadlines, maintain ongoing compliance, and prevent pollution.



As highly skilled environmental professionals, OCA serves as a knowledgeable, nonregulatory point of contact for businesses. Whether the regulated community needs help navigating complex permit requirements, is stepping into a regulatory role, or is trying to determine which rules apply, the Office of Compliance Assistance can explain environmental regulations, permitting obligations, and reporting requirements in a straightforward, easy-to-follow way.

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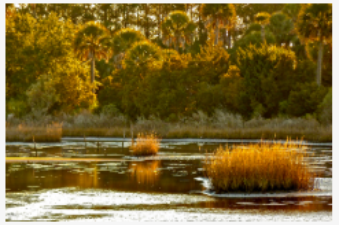
- OCA website houses helpful guidance documents & links for each Bureau
- Provides links to additional agency resources
- Compliance Assistance Request Form



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Compliance Assistance - Water

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The SCDES Compliance Assistance Office utilizes a variety of tools to assist sources with complying with applicable state and federal regulations. For more information about the compliance tools available for a specific section within the Water Program, please see the webpages linked below.

- SCDES Forms and Applications (Alphabetical)

Agricultural Program

- Agricultural Permits and Compliance
- Agricultural Program Record Keeping and Reporting Requirements

Dam Program

- Dams and Reservoirs
- Dam Program Resources
- Dams & Reservoirs Safety Act Regulations
- Dam Owner Academy
- South Carolina Dams GIS Tool

Drinking Water Program

- Complying with Drinking Water Laws
- Electronic Reporting for Water Quality: Compliance Monitoring Data Portal (CMDP)

Recreational Water Program (Swimming Pools)

- Recreational Waters
- Swimming Pool Permitting, Forms and Guidance

Stormwater Program

Industrial Stormwater

- Industrial Stormwater Overview and Requirements
- Water Quality Tool for Impaired Water Assessment
- Industrial Stormwater-No Exposure Guidance Document (EPA)
- Industrial Stormwater - SWPPP Template
- SIC Search
- Stormwater Links
- SC List of 303-d List of Impaired Waters & TMDLs
- Effluent Guidelines - Subchapter N (Industrial Stormwater)

Wastewater Program

- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)
- General NPDES Permits (Non-Stormwater)
- NPDES Permit Renewal Information
- Satellite Sewer System Program
- Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs)
- Office Of Rural Water
- Rural Water Technical Assistance

Compliance Assistance Request Form





The **South Carolina Small Business Environmental Assistance Program (S.C. SBEAP)** is becoming part of the **SCDES Office of Compliance Assistance.**

Learn more at
des.sc.gov/OCA

Navigating compliance through collaboration.



How Can We Help?





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