



**Managing Unused Latex &
Architectural Paint
Focusing on Rural Communities in Vermont**

What is NEWMOA?

- Non-profit, non-partisan interstate association
- Solid waste, hazardous waste, waste site cleanup, & pollution prevention programs
- CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, RI, & VT
- Formally recognized by EPA in 1986
- More information is at:

www.newmoa.org





NEWMOA's Involvement

- Coordinate this Project on behalf of the SW programs of our member states
- Applied for funding from USDA
- Partnered with 5 rural communities in these states – Rutland Co. and VT DEC

And here we are today...



Why Focus on Waste Paint?

- Large Volume:
 - 2.3 gallons of paint sold/person/yr
 - ~80% is latex
 - ~10% is leftover (~145,000 gal/yr for VT)
- Less than half is collected (~61,000 gal/yr)
- Costly to manage (~\$227,000/yr in VT)
- Disposal can cause environmental impacts and is a waste of resources

Current Management Options



- Oil-based: HHW collection events or facilities
- Latex: dry out or mix to make solid & dispose in the trash

Proper management is not convenient

- leads to accumulation
- improper disposal

USDA Waste Paint Project

- Promote Strategies to:
 - prevent paint waste
 - increase reuse & recycling
- Focus on rural areas:
 - communities in Maine, New York, and Vermont
- Develop:
 - best management practices & outreach materials
 - customized workshops for each location
 - resource needs assessments





Project Activities, To Date

- Established Project Steering Committee
- Established 5 Stakeholder Workgroups
- Published brochure on waste latex paint management practices
- Conducted workshops

Vermont Workgroup

Project Partners:

- Rutland County Solid Waste Management District
- Solid Waste Alliance Communities
- Vermont Dept. of Environmental Conservation

Stakeholders:

- Municipalities
- HHW Coordinators
- Painting Contractors
- Retailers



RUTLAND COUNTY
SOLID WASTE DISTRICT



Focus of VT Discussions

- Prevention through Education
 - purchase less paint
 - store leftover paint properly so it is reusable
- Recycling
 - product stewardship law for paint recycling (H262)

