

NEWMOA

The New England Waste Management Officials' Association

Description

NEWMOA is an interstate government group formed by the directors of the state hazardous and solid waste programs in New England with the support of the governors of the New England states. In December of 1986, EPA formally recognized NEWMOA and approved its formation. NEWMOA is funded entirely by EPA and state grant monies.

NEWMOA's goals and objectives, as set forth in its By-Laws are:

- * To provide a forum for the discussion of common issues and problems in the areas of solid and hazardous waste management which are of concern to the New England states.
- * To provide a vehicle by which regional positions on various waste management issues can be presented to the U.S. EPA., ASTSWMO, and other federal, state, and local entities.
- * To provide for more efficient coordination and information-sharing between groups addressing issues of solid and hazardous waste management, including but not limited to, emergency response.
- * To provide training opportunities for personnel of the New England waste management programs.
- * To work on special projects which address issues of interstate concern.
- * To promote public awareness of waste management issues.

Among NEWMOA's specific official functions are the following:

- * Arranging and coordinating periodic meetings of state waste management officials and periodic meetings between state waste management officials and officials of the U.S. EPA.
- * Review of EPA statutes, regulations, policy statements, and other documents to identify issues of regional concern.
- * Presentation of regional positions to federal, state, and local entities.

* Maintaining contact with, sharing information with, and attending meetings of various national and regional groups addressing waste management and multi-media environmental issues. These groups include, but are not limited to, ASTSWMO, NEIWPC, NESCAUM, the Northeast Hazardous Waste Project, NAAG, the Coalition of New England Governors, and various public interest groups.

* Maintaining a list of training courses and conferences on waste management issues.

* Obtaining funding to develop training in areas of regional concern for which no training course is readily available to the member states.

* Obtaining funding for special study projects and other activities addressing issues of regional concern, and performing such projects and/or activities.

Some current workgroups and projects which NEWMOA is involved in are:

Underground storage tanks
RCRA data management
RCRA/Superfund training
Resource recovery facilities
Recycling and state procurement activity
Incinerator ash management
Northeast hazardous waste project
Waste oil

NEWMOA works closely with its sister interstate agencies, NESCAUM (air quality) and NEIWPC (water quality).

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