

**Profile of the Northeast Waste Management Officials' Association's
(NEWMOA)
Expertise, Capabilities, & Skills
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What is NEWMOA?

The Northeast Waste Management Officials' Association (NEWMOA) is a non-profit, non-partisan interstate association that was established by the governors of the New England states as an official interstate regional organization, in accordance with Section 1005 of the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), to coordinate interstate hazardous and solid waste activities. The organization was formally recognized by the U.S. EPA in 1986.

NEWMOA's membership is composed of the state environmental agency directors of the hazardous waste, solid waste, waste site cleanup, emergency response, pollution prevention, and underground storage tank programs in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

NEWMOA's mission is to develop, lead, and sustain an effective partnership of states that helps achieve a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment by exploring, developing, promoting, and implementing environmentally sound solutions for:

- Reducing materials use and preventing pollution and waste,
- Properly reusing and recycling discarded materials that have value,
- Safely managing solid and hazardous wastes, and
- Remediating contaminated sites.

NEWMOA is committed to ensuring that the generation of waste is minimized, that discarded materials are managed to reduce their environmental impacts, and that oil and hazardous materials that have been released to the environment are appropriately managed. The overall organizational goals are to:

- Improve the management of waste in the region, including advancing greater waste reduction, reuse, and recycling;
- Improve the capacity of state staff to implement waste management, pollution prevention, toxics reduction, and waste site clean-up programs and regulations;
- Promote interstate coordination on understanding and addressing priority issues;
- Facilitate development and implementation of regional approaches to solving critical environmental problems
- Articulate state program views on federal rulemakings and other policy developments; and
- Facilitate communication and cooperation among member states, between the states and the U.S. EPA, and between the states and other stakeholders.

NEWMOA has organized its activities into the following program areas:

- Hazardous waste
- Sustainable materials management & solid waste
- Waste site cleanup
- Assistance, pollution prevention, & sustainability

- Priority chemicals
- Cross program initiatives

NEWMOA's Areas of Expertise

NEWMOA is an interstate governmental association that with expertise in hazardous waste, solid waste, waste site cleanup, priority chemicals, and pollution prevention as described below:

Hazardous Waste

- policy and regulations
- training
- oversight and enforcement
- use of performance-based statistical methods to improve environmental compliance

Sustainable Materials Management & Solid Waste

- zero waste policies and programs
- trends in management of solid waste and movement of solid waste for disposal
- construction and demolition waste generation, management, reduction, recycling, and regulations
- product stewardship policies and programs
- paper recycling from commercial sources
- food waste management, including composting and anaerobic digestion
- proper waste paint management
- beneficial reuse of waste, policies, regulatory oversight, and programs
- solid waste polices and planning
- recycling of agricultural plastics
- proper management of debris from natural disasters and catastrophic events
- policies and programs to stop open burning of waste
- proper management of waste tires
- regulation and oversight of auto salvage yard operations

Waste Site Cleanup & Brownfields

- training in site assessment and remediation
- policies and regulations
- site investigation techniques for waste site cleanup
- remediation techniques for contaminated sites
- long term stewardship of contaminated sites, including institutional controls
- Brownfields redevelopment policies and programs
- renewable energy development on landfills and contaminated sites
- green remediation
- vapor intrusion

Priority Chemicals

- mercury use in products and reduction of mercury use

- proper recycling and management of fluorescent lamps, mercury thermostats, and other mercury-added wastes
- mercury cleanout of schools
- chemical prioritization, policies, and programs
- state chemical policies and programs
- priority chemicals databases and information
- chemical use reporting and data
- chemical hazardous characterization tools
- alternatives assessment
- lead reduction in products, including lead sinkers

Pollution Prevention

- pollution prevention policies, programs, technologies, methods, and approaches
- pollution prevention measurement, analysis, and databases
- benefits calculators
- materials and environmental management accounting
- waste and pollution prevention for targeted sectors, including hospitality facilities, groceries, marinas, wood furniture manufacturing, printing, metal finishing, metal cleaning, metal coating, and others

NEWMOA's Services

NEWMOA provides the following services:

Facilitation & coordination on interstate issues: NEWMOA has extensive experience facilitating groups, organizing meetings, and building consensus. NEWMOA's Board of Directors and Workgroups consist of state environmental agency managers and staff. NEWMOA regularly convenes and facilitates meetings, webinars, and conference calls of these groups to share information, set priorities, decide on policies and approaches, implement programs, and oversee projects. NEWMOA manages numerous Workgroups that meet through conference calls, webinars, and face-to-face meetings.

Identification of emerging issues: NEWMOA routinely identifies regionally important environmental issues and challenges and develops and implements action plans and strategies for addressing these priorities using many of its services and skills.

Policy development: NEWMOA conducts policy research and analysis and facilitates development of consensus on state and federal waste management, clean-up, toxics, and P2 policy.

Support for implementation of state programs: NEWMOA has expertise in implementation of environmental programs, including assisting members with developing strategies and action plans, conducting outreach and education, conducting research and developing materials, and solving problems and challenges.

Online database development & management: NEWMOA has designed and managed numerous online databases. NEWMOA staff has developed these systems with interfaces that enable users to search and find the information they are seeking. NEWMOA has expertise in database design and implementation, data input, and quality control using leading software.

Social media & web-based information resources development & management: NEWMOA develops and manages social media and online information resources, including researching and compiling information resources.

Software tools development & implementation: NEWMOA has developed a number of software tools for member states and others to utilize for program support. NEWMOA has expertise designing software systems and applications, procuring contractor support for software development, managing the contractors, developing documentation and training support, and disseminating and supporting software tools.

Organizing meetings, webinars, & conferences: NEWMOA organizes meetings, webinars, and conferences. These events have ranged in size from less than 20 people to more than 500. NEWMOA has “greened” its events and developed various approaches to reducing their environmental impacts. NEWMOA has extensive experience in handling the logistics associated with planning successful events, including selecting a hotel or other location, planning agendas, recruiting speakers, managing registration, preparing materials and handouts, and addressing logistical issues and challenges.

Developing, organizing, & conducting training: NEWMOA has considerable expertise developing professional training curriculum and training workshops, including identifying priorities for training, compiling training materials and resources, conducting training, identifying and working with outside trainers, and handling registration and logistics.

Conducting research & preparing reports, newsletters, fact sheets, brochures, & guidance: NEWMOA has written and published numerous reports, fact sheets, brochures, and guidance documents. These materials are published online, and some are published in hard copy. NEWMOA has expertise in researching, writing, editing, and publishing a wide variety of documents for technical and non-technical audiences.

Data analysis & presentation: NEWMOA has conducted data analysis and prepared data presentations using its expertise in researching and gathering data, analyzing data, and summarizing the results.

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