



Northeast Waste Management Officials' Association



Preventing Pollution, Recycling and Managing Waste, Reducing Toxics, and Cleaning-up Contamination by:

- Fostering Collaboration & Information Sharing
- Training Environmental Professionals
- Managing & Analyzing Data
- Conducting Research
- Addressing Emerging Issues
- Harmonizing Policy

The Northeast Waste Management Officials' Association (NEWMOA) is a non-profit, non-partisan interstate association whose 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's membership is composed of the state environmental agency directors of the hazardous waste, solid waste, waste site cleanup, emergency response, and pollution prevention, programs in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

NEWMOA achieves its goals by:

Managing & Sharing Information

NEWMOA collects, analyzes, and shares information and data and helps develop approaches and tools to support program implementation, measurement, analysis, and evaluation.



Facilitating State & Federal Agency Interaction & Harmonizing Policy

NEWMOA's members recognize that their ability to effectively advise U.S. EPA and other federal agencies is enhanced when they can find areas of consensus on key regulatory and policy issues and present those views as a unified position. They rely on the Association to share their comments, viewpoints, and recommendations on national environmental issues and to help them learn from each other.

Providing Training & Assisting Staff

Maintaining the expertise and knowledge of professional staff and management is important to the delivery of effective environmental services and programs. NEWMOA provides a variety of training opportunities for members to help them maintain their standards for Agency performance. NEWMOA

“NEWMOA represents one of the very best models of how government can still carry out its important mission in these difficult economic times. The association enables multiple states to pool intellectual as well as limited financial resources, delivering better results than any one state can achieve on its own. By providing regional training, database management, and compilations of best practices, NEWMOA creates efficiencies and strengthens the competence of each state.”

**Jeff Sama,
former NEWMOA Board member**



Before and after transformation from RI Brownfields Project

NEWMOA's program areas:

- Hazardous waste;
- Sustainable materials management and solid waste;
- Waste site cleanup;
- Pollution prevention (P2) and sustainability;
- Priority chemicals; and
- Environmental performance strategies and other cross program initiatives.

Examples of recent projects:

- Workshops on waste site cleanup for state officials, consultants, and others;
- Analysis of data on the flow of municipal solid waste and construction and demolition debris for disposal;
- Training for hazardous waste inspectors on implementation of policies and requirements;
- Clearinghouse to support implementation of state mercury education and reduction laws;
- Professional social networks to support green lodging, green chemistry, alternatives assessment, and zero waste;
- Online aggregator of P2 results and other tools to help collect and manage P2 data;
- Clearinghouse to support state program efforts to target priority toxic chemicals;
- Calculator to assess outcomes of green lodging activities;
- Initiatives to advance compliance with a focus on environmental results;
- Databases of approved uses of industrial non-hazardous by-products; and
- Support for and coordination of state brownfields programs.

also provides a forum for its members to learn from each other and improve their management, technical, and other professional skills.

Conducting Research

Conducting research on common issues and “best practice” options is essential to helping state programs maximize their efficiency and effectiveness. NEWMOA prepares reports, fact sheets, guidance, posters, data presentations, and other research-based materials for its members and others.



Address Emerging Issues

Identifying and addressing high priority regional issues helps support state initiatives. For example, NEWMOA has developed programs to address mercury and priority toxics in products and now supports effective clearinghouses to help states implement laws and programs.

NEWMOA has provided an indispensable service to the region. No other group has so effectively knitted together all the preventive and innovative initiatives going on in the states so that we all know about what is occurring and have a chance to coordinate with each other to produce more effective results. No one else has shown so much leadership on a regional and national basis. Few can rival NEWMOA's record in achieving so much benefit for the public and the environment with so few resources.”

***Rick Reibstein,
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