

## **FISCAL YEAR 2003 PROJECT Solid Waste**

### **Construction & Demolition (C & D) Debris Project**

Project Goal: Improve state understanding of C& D generation, processing and disposal capacity, end-use markets, and interstate flow; develop effective strategies to improve C & D waste management and increase beneficial uses.

The management of construction and demolition (C & D) waste is of growing concern in the NEWMOA states. The construction industry is active and the capacity of C & D waste management facilities in the region is shrinking; particularly the availability of landfill space for unprocessed material. Some C & D wastes contain toxics, including lead, arsenic, asbestos, PCBs, mercury, and other contaminants.

In FY 2002 NEWMOA initiated a project concentrating on the measurement of state C & D waste processing and disposal capacity and the interstate flow of C & D wastes and recovered materials using 2001 data. In FY 2003 NEWMOA will finalize the draft report for states to use to make decisions to strengthen recycling and other waste diversion efforts and to promote management capacity. The states will also use the report to make decisions as to what additional information they need to more accurately characterize the flow of C&D wastes and recovered materials and to identify data changes that might be beneficial on both a state and regional level.

NEWMOA will also manage the C & D Workgroup this fiscal year to serve as a forum for the states to discuss important C & D management and policy issues, such as pressure-treated wood, wood coated with lead paint, and asbestos-containing wastes.

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