

FISCAL YEAR 2007 PROJECT Assistance & Pollution Prevention

Assistance & Pollution Prevention Measures

Project Strategy: Help state P2 and compliance assistance programs to present comprehensive data on their activities and results to policy makers, agency managers, EPA, and others.

NEWMOA has been facilitating a regional project to help states implement a set of metrics for states to use in tracking their pollution prevention (P2) and compliance assistance (CA) activities for more than five years to:

- effectively communicate the activities and accomplishments of the state and local agencies to policy makers
- improve program management
- measure progress toward goals
- provide program funders with relevant activity and outcome information

The NEWMOA project began with formation of a P2 Metrics Workgroup, consisting of state P2 and CA program representatives, and development of a 1998 NEWMOA report, *Pollution Prevention Progress in the Northeast*, that documents the accomplishments and activities of 16 P2 and CA programs in the region from 1990 – 1996. Following publication of the report, NEWMOA worked with the P2 Metrics Workgroup to develop a menu of 40 activity and outcome environmental assistance and pollution prevention metrics. The NEWMOA Workgroup developed a common software program to support state implementation of the menu. NEWMOA developed a Microsoft Access-based database and issued Version 1.0 in 2002, Version 2.0 in 2003, Version 2.5 in 2004, and Version 2.75 in 2005. The software contains four sections for program activities: client project; production of educational material; workshop/training event; and respond to information request. The database system tracks environmental, behavioral, and economic outcomes relating to these activities. NEWMOA has developed a data dictionary and a user's manual and trained state programs on the use of the database. In FY 2004 NEWMOA developed interactive reports to aggregate data from the database and trained users in how to input data, output develop reports, and manage the software. In FY 2004 - 2005 NEWMOA helped initiate and co-chair a National P2 Results Task Force.

In FY 2007 NEWMOA will support the National P2 Results Task Force, implement a regional module of the National P2 Results System on its website in coordination with the other P2Rx Centers, develop and disseminate an updated version of the NEWMOA P2 & CA Measurement Software, and convene a regional meeting to discuss P2 and CA measurement initiatives.

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