

# FISCAL YEAR 2007 PROJECT

## Solid Waste

### Solid Waste Interstate Flow Measurement

Project Strategy: Keep the states informed about the flow of municipal solid waste within and outside of the region to facilitate improved solid waste planning in the states.

All of the NEWMOA states gather data on solid waste imports and/or exports in order to generate more accurate information about recycling and waste diversion activities. The need to share information on a regional basis is amplified by the consolidation of the solid waste management industry and the corresponding vertical integration of companies, from providing collection services to the ownership of disposal facilities.

In May 2000 NEWMOA initiated a project to compile and analyze the data gathered from solid waste facilities for their 1999 activities. The December 2000 report, *Interstate Flow of Municipal Solid Waste Among the NEWMOA States* characterized the flow of municipal solid waste among the NEWMOA states and identified gaps in the data collection and other sources of potential data inaccuracies. The states have undertaken a similar data collection and analysis each year and have produced reports on the 2000 and 2002 data. Each report contains a comparison with the data from all the prior years. The three reports are available in the solid waste area of the NEWMOA website at: [www.newmoa.org/solidwaste/flow.cfm](http://www.newmoa.org/solidwaste/flow.cfm). The data collection and analysis effort was also undertaken for the 2001, 2003, and 2004 data and graphical presentations of the draft data were developed for use by the states. However, due to budget constraints, reports were not published for those years.

The NEWMOA states have established an infrastructure through the Solid Waste Metrics Workgroup by which information can be shared and compared on an annual basis. The information provided through this project has proven critical to informing state and regional discussions on ensuring disposal capacity, strengthening recycling, and other waste diversion activities. Through this project the states have a forum to: reconcile data; monitor trends in waste flow; and discuss new or anticipated developments that could impact solid waste interstate flow in the Northeast. The states have also used the reports to make decisions as to what additional information they need to more accurately characterize waste flow and to identify data changes that might be beneficial on both a state and regional level.

In FY 2007 if funding is available, the NEWMOA Workgroup plans to collect and analyze data from the 2005 calendar year to develop tables and graphs for state use.

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For more information visit [www.newmoa.org/solidwaste/flow.cfm](http://www.newmoa.org/solidwaste/flow.cfm) or contact: Jennifer Griffith, NEWMOA, (617) 367-8558 x303; [jgriffith@newmoa.org](mailto:jgriffith@newmoa.org).