

# **FISCAL YEAR 2007 PROJECT Waste Site Cleanup & Brownfields**

## **Oil Spill Act Implementation**

Project Strategy: Improve response to coastal oil spills through strategies to protect sensitive coastal resource including: training of local and state staff, improved planning and preparedness; increased coordination of federal, state and local response capabilities; and local access to response equipment.

Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MA DEP) has engaged NEWMOA and other contractors to assist in implementing a recently enacted Oil Spill Prevention and Remediation Law. The law includes preventive measures addressing marine oil transport safety and provides funds to assist with planning, equipment, and training to protect sensitive coastal resource areas with rapid local response and improved coordination with existing federal and state response programs. NEWMOA will provide MA DEP with administrative, technical, and staff support to:

- select, appoint and support an advisory committee
- develop and implement a training plan for state and local staff
- develop and implement a plan for selecting, purchasing, deploying, and maintaining equipment
- develop and implement plan for updating and validating Geographic Response Plans and providing appropriate technical support capabilities
- facilitate interstate cooperation and coordination

This project is funded by a contract with the MA DEP.

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