

FISCAL YEAR 2009 PROJECT Assistance & Pollution Prevention

Coordinating Outreach & Assistance to Hospitality Facilities

Project Strategy: Enhance the ability of the state agencies to implement effective environmental assistance programs to hospitality facilities in the region.

The state environmental agencies in the Northeast are working with EPA and each other on the development of compliance and pollution prevention assistance strategies and tools for lodging and restaurants in the region. These facilities can have a large number of environmental impacts, including energy consumption, water consumption, wastewater discharges, stormwater runoff, solid waste generation, and other impacts.

In FY 2009, NEWMOA will assist the states' and EPA green hospitality outreach and assistance efforts by facilitating the regional Hospitality Workgroup. The group will hold periodic conference calls focusing on sharing information on plans underway in each state and how these can be coordinated with EPA's efforts and each other. NEWMOA also sponsors a listserv to facilitate electronic information sharing.

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