

# NEWMOA

NORTHEAST WASTE MANAGEMENT OFFICIALS' ASSOCIATION



## Leading the Northeast to a Sustainable, Waste-Free Future

- Fostering Collaboration & Information Sharing
- Training Environmental Professionals
- Managing & Analyzing Data
- Conducting Research
- Identifying & Assessing Emerging Contaminants
- Facilitating State & Federal Agency Interaction & Harmonizing Policy



### NEWMOA achieves its goals by:

#### **Fostering Collaboration & Information Sharing**

NEWMOA provides a forum for its members to network and learn from each other and improve their management, technical, and other professional skills. NEWMOA facilitates information sharing through meetings, workshops, webinars, conference calls, listservs, and professional social networks.

#### **Training Environmental Professionals**

NEWMOA provides a variety of training opportunities for members and others to help them develop and maintain their knowledge and skills.

NEWMOA provides a strategic forum for effectively solving environmental problems through collaborative regional initiatives that advance pollution prevention and sustainability, promote safer alternatives to toxic materials in products, identify and assess emerging contaminants, facilitate adaptation to climate change, mitigate greenhouse gas sources, promote reuse and recycling of wastes and diversion of organics, support proper management of hazardous and solid wastes, and facilitate clean-up of contaminant releases to the environment

NEWMOA's long term goals are to:

- Support and strengthen state efforts to implement policies, regulations, and programs
- Promote interstate coordination and develop innovative strategies to solve critical and emerging environmental problems
- Develop and enhance the capabilities and knowledge of state officials so that they are well trained, able to adjust to rapid changes in technology, and respond effectively to emerging environmental challenges
- Articulate state program views on federal policy developments, programs, and rulemakings
- Cultivate and enhance relationships among member states, federal agencies, colleges and universities, and stakeholders
- Engage with and educate the regulated community and the public

NEWMOA is a non-profit, non-partisan, interstate association whose membership is composed of the state environment agency programs that address pollution prevention, toxics use reduction, sustainability, materials management, hazardous waste, solid waste, emergency response, waste site cleanup, underground storage tanks, and related environmental challenges in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

***“NEWMOA provides important leadership in the region on a wide range of issues related to prevention, toxics, and waste. The Association’s support for Connecticut’s programs is critical to our success. In an era of tight budgets, NEWMOA is an invaluable resource for training, data gathering and management, policy initiatives and coordination, and the development of action plans for emerging issues.”***

**Robert Klee,  
Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Energy and  
Environmental Protection**



**Before and after transformation from RI Brownfields Project**

### **NEWMOA's programs:**

- Hazardous waste
- Solid waste and sustainable materials management (SMM)
- Waste site cleanup
- Pollution prevention (P2) and sustainability
- Interstate Chemicals Clearinghouse (IC2)
- Interstate Mercury Education and Reduction Clearinghouse (IMERC)
- Cross program initiatives

### **Examples of recent projects:**

- Gathering and analyzing data on the flow of municipal solid waste for disposal and on construction and demolition debris for processing, recycling, and disposal
- Offering training for hazardous waste inspectors on implementation of policies and requirements
- Coordinating state and federal brownfields programs
- Organizing workshops on waste site cleanup topics
- Offering training for transfer station operators on health and safety and communicating with residents about waste reduction
- Operating a multi-state online reporting system to support implementation of state mercury laws
- Developing and maintaining an online database of hazard assessments and state lists of chemicals of concern
- Collaborating on alternatives assessments methods and studies
- Providing professional social networks to support sustainable hospitality and zero waste programs
- Developing calculators to assess the outcomes of green business activities
- Supporting an online platform for green business programs
- Conducting roundtables on pollution prevention in food manufacturing
- Developing and leading initiatives to advance compliance assurance with a focus on environmental results

### **Managing & Analyzing Data**

NEWMOA undertakes data collection, analysis, and sharing on a range of topics, including municipal solid waste disposal, construction and demolition materials management, and mercury use in products.

### **Conducting Research**

NEWMOA prepares reports, fact sheets, guidance documents, data presentations, and other research-based materials for its members and other stakeholders.



### **Identifying & Assessing Emerging Contaminants**

Identifying and addressing high priority regional issues helps advance state initiatives. NEWMOA supports effective clearinghouses to help states implement laws and programs to address toxics in products and waste.

### **Facilitating State & Federal Agency Interaction & Harmonizing Policy**

NEWMOA's members recognize that their ability to effectively advise federal agencies is enhanced when they can find consensus on key regulatory and policy issues. They rely on NEWMOA to share their comments, viewpoints, and recommendations on regional and national environmental issues. NEWMOA also undertakes initiatives to advance harmonization of policies and programs across states.

***“NEWMOA represents one of the very best models of how government can carry out its important mission in these difficult environmental and economic times. NEWMOA enables multiple states to pool intellectual, as well as limited financial resources, together to deliver better information and results than any one state can achieve alone. By providing regional training, database management, and compilations of best practices, NEWMOA creates efficiencies and strengthens the competence of its members.”***

***Peter Pettit,  
Director, Bureau of Waste Reduction and Recycling,  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation***

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