



# SUPPORT FOR STATE BROWNFIELDS PROGRAMS



## NEWMOA

NORTHEAST WASTE MANAGEMENT OFFICIALS' ASSOCIATION

A brownfield is a property, where expansion, redevelopment, or reuse is complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. It is estimated that there are more than 450,000 brownfields in the U.S. Cleaning up and reinvesting in these properties increases local tax bases; facilitates job growth; utilizes existing infrastructure; reduces blight; takes development pressures off greenspaces and working lands; and both improves and protects the environment. States and EPA support a variety of brownfields programs that advance proper cleanup and development of these sites.

NEWMOA has been supporting state brownfields programs for more than 10 years. This support involves many activities, including:

- Organizing a regional Brownfields Summit in May 2022, planned with EPA Region 1, state brownfields programs, and the Technical Assistance to Brownfield Communities (TAB) program at the University of Connecticut (UConn)
- Organizing webinars and one-day workshops on brownfields and waste site cleanup topics for government officials, consultants, non-governmental organizations, vendors, and others; posting presentations from these events at <https://www.newmoa.org/cleanup/workshops.cfm>
- Holding annual meetings of EPA Region 1 and state brownfields programs to share information and resources
- Convening a regional Brownfields Workgroup of state and EPA officials to help plan the annual meeting and other activities

State brownfields programs provide funding support for these activities.



**The Brownfields States/EPA meetings keep our state program up-to-date on a lot of issues and provide a great opportunity to hear how other states are addressing similar issues. We bring ideas back to our own program.**

*(respondent to NEWMOA's 2021 annual survey)*



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## NEWMOA's programs:

- Brownfields / waste site cleanup
- Hazardous waste
- Interstate Chemicals Clearinghouse (IC2)
- Interstate Mercury Education and Reduction Clearinghouse (IMERC)
- Pollution prevention (P2) and sustainability
- Solid waste and sustainable materials management (SMM)
- Toxics in Packaging Clearinghouse (TPCH)
- Cross program initiatives: Environmental Justice, Soils Reuse, Continuous Improvement

## What is NEWMOA?

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 a strategic forum for effectively solving environmental problems through collaborative regional initiatives that:

- Facilitate clean-up of contaminant releases to the environment
- Advance pollution prevention and sustainability
- Promote safer alternatives to toxic materials in products
- Identify and assess emerging contaminants
- Facilitate adaption to climate change and mitigate greenhouse gas sources



- Promote reuse and recycling of wastes and diversion of organics
- Support proper management of hazardous and solid wastes

NEWMOA achieves its goals by:

- Fostering collaboration and information sharing
- Training environmental professionals
- Managing and analyzing data
- Conducting research
- Identifying and assessing emerging contaminants
- Facilitating state and federal agency interaction and harmonizing policy
- Supporting local initiatives

...finds [NEWMOA's technical training] extremely helpful. ...helps to hear how other states are addressing issues in ways that we may want to consider trying.

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