



Leading the Northeast to a Sustainable, Waste-Free Future

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- Training Environmental Professionals
- Managing & Analyzing Data
- Conducting Research
- Identifying & Assessing Emerging Contaminants
- Facilitating State & Federal Agency Interaction & Harmonizing Policy
- Supporting Local Initiatives

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 adaption 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 and 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's programs:

- 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)
- Waste site cleanup
- Cross program initiatives: environmental justice, soils reuse, continuous improvement

Examples of recent projects:

- Offering training for hazardous waste inspectors on implementation of policies and requirements
- Coordinating state and federal brownfields programs and holding a regional Brownfields Summit
- Organizing a regional Conference on the Science of PFAS
- Organizing workshops and webinars on waste site cleanup topics for state officials, consultants, and others
- Conducting a variety of “end food waste” projects in communities throughout the region
- Facilitating coordination among state extended producer responsibility (EPR) programs
- Supporting the Toxics in Packaging Clearinghouse
- Gathering and analyzing data on the flow of municipal solid waste (MSW) for disposal and capacity for disposal of MSW and construction and demolition waste in the region
- Operating a multi-state online reporting system to support implementation of state mercury reduction laws
- Developing and maintaining the online High Priority Chemicals Data System (HPCDS) to support reporting by producers on their uses of chemicals of concern
- Collaborating on alternatives assessments methods and studies
- Developing a model post-consumer recycled content standard for plastic film and containers
- Supporting a regional Environmental Justice Workgroup
- Supporting a consumption-based greenhouse gas emissions inventory

NEWMOA achieves its goals by:

Fostering Collaboration & Information Sharing

Providing a forum for members to network and learn from each other and improve their management, technical, and other professional skills is at the heart of NEWMOA.

Training Environmental Professionals

Maintaining the expertise and knowledge of professional staff and management is important to the delivery of effective environmental services and programs. NEWMOA provides a variety of training opportunities for members and others to help them develop and maintain their knowledge and skills, including in-person and virtual meetings, conferences, workshops, and webinars.

Managing & Analyzing Data

Collecting, analyzing, and sharing data on a range of topics, including municipal solid waste disposal, use of high priority chemicals of concern in various products, mercury use in products, and others has been a growing NEWMOA service.

Conducting Research

Conducting research on regional issues and “best practice” options is essential to helping state programs maximize their efficiency and effectiveness. 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 support state initiatives. NEWMOA supports effective clearinghouses to help states implement laws and programs to address toxics in packaging, products, and waste.

Facilitating State & Federal Agency Interaction & Harmonizing Policy

Recognizing that the ability of NEWMOA's members to effectively advise U.S. EPA and other federal agencies is enhanced when they can find consensus on key regulatory and policy issues and present those views as a unified position. NEWMOA shares comments, viewpoints, and recommendations on regional and national environmental issues among the state programs and U.S. EPA. NEWMOA also undertakes initiatives to advance harmonization of policies and programs across states.

Supporting Local Initiatives

Working with local communities to develop information resources and provide training and technical assistance enables them to benefit from NEWMOA's expertise. NEWMOA is also able to share the materials, tools, resources, and lessons learned from these local projects with its wider community.

