



## **Call for Presentations**

### **Deadline Extended to Friday September 15, 2023**

**Northeast Waste Management Officials' Association (NEWMOA)**  
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[NEWMOA](#) has partnered with the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission ([NEIWPCC](#)), the Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management ([NESCAUM](#)), the Northeast Recycling Council ([NERC](#)), and others to organize the second regional science conference on per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). The three-day conference will be held April 2-4, 2024 at the Best Western Royal Plaza in Marlborough, MA. The goals of the conference are to:

- Ensure that local, state, and federal action to address PFAS contamination is informed by the most current and reliable science
- Facilitate networking and information-sharing among key stakeholders on PFAS topics
- Identify important gaps in the science and policy to help inform future research

The conference will take place over three days and will include plenary and concurrent break-out sessions, exhibits, and posters. There will be ample time during the breaks to allow for networking and exhibit and poster viewing. There will be at least one evening reception. The conference organizers expect conference attendance to be approximately 500 people. The invitees will include:

- Local, state, and federal government officials
- Academic researchers and students
- Consultants and vendors
- Companies that use, make, or sell products that contain PFAS
- Non-governmental and environmental organizations

The break-out sessions will be organized into five tracks:

- PFAS Definition, Uses & Alternatives
- Toxicology, Human Health & Ecological Impacts
- Environmental Sampling & Analysis
- Environmental Fate & Transport
- Treatment, Remediation & Disposal

The presentation topics listed below under each track are suggestions only – consider submitting proposals for other PFAS topics.

#### PFAS Definition, Uses & Alternatives

- Historic & current PFAS uses
- Results of product testing
- Alternatives assessments for PFAS uses in consumer products and manufacturing operations
- Source reduction efforts
- State & federal policies to address PFAS uses & alternatives

#### Toxicology, Human Health & Ecological Impacts

- Toxicology & human health effects
- Ecological effects
- Epidemiology & biomonitoring studies
- State & federal standard setting efforts
- Risk communications strategies

#### Environmental Sampling & Analysis

- Results of testing of environmental media, including: drinking water, soil, air, groundwater, landfill leachate, biosolids, compost, rainfall, surface water & WWTP discharges
- Methods for sampling or for analyzing various media, including: food, consumer & other products, drinking water, soil, air, groundwater, landfill leachate, biosolids, compost, surface water & WWTP discharges
- Overcoming QA/QC challenges

#### Environmental Fate & Transport

- Sources of PFAS in the environment, landfills, & wastewater treatment plants
- Fate & transport of PFAS in the different media
- Impacts on biota, wildlife, & the food chain
- Interactions among air, land, & water quality impacts
- Degradation products

#### Treatment, Remediation & Disposal

- Treatment methods for different media
- Remediation strategies for contaminated properties
- Destruction methods for different media
- Disposal strategies for contaminated media & product collections
- Implications of state & federal regulations

## **Presentations**

Presenters of selected presentations will receive a discount off the conference registration fee. Each presentation should be 20 minutes in length. Each 90-minute break-out session will consist of three presentations. You can submit a proposal for a single presentation or for a full three presentation session. Each presenter in a three-presentation session should represent a different organization. Proposal abstracts should list the proposed session track; presentation title; brief abstract of what questions/topics will be addressed; and the presenter's name, affiliation, and contact information.

**Submit a proposal for an individual presentation or a three-presentation session [HERE](https://www.newmoa.org/pfas-science-conference/) or visit the Conference webpage at: <https://www.newmoa.org/pfas-science-conference/>. The submission deadline is Friday September 15, 2023.**

For a list of the Conference Planning Committee members visit: <https://www.newmoa.org/workgroups/pfas-conference-planning-committee/>.

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