



Winter Issue 2024

NEWMOA Welcomes New Team Members

MIKALAH BAILEY



Mikalah joined NEWMOA as a Project Manager in January 2024. Mikalah is the lead for NEWMOA's Interstate Chemicals Clearinghouse (IC2), including its board of directors, all member meetings, workgroups and presentations. Mikalah's background is in environmental management, with experience in steering digital content strategies and fostering impactful partnerships. She earned a Master of Science in Environmental Change & Management from the University of Oxford, coupled with a Bachelor of Science in Society & Environment from the University of California, Berkeley. Mikalah's dedication lies in advancing substantive environmental solutions to feed her passion in both environmental and marine management. At Oxford, she conducted research on salt marsh restoration techniques and their efficacy across the United Kingdom and New Zealand. To reconnect to nature Mikalah enjoys swimming, abstract painting, and traveling with friends.

Shaina joined NEWMOA as a Project Manager in December 2023. Shaina is NEWMOA's lead for our hazardous waste steering committee and the associated hazardous waste training workgroup, as well as the Interstate Mercury Education and Reduction Clearinghouse (IMERC). She is also overseeing several existing grant projects regarding climate-based emissions inventories and green cleaning as well as providing conference management support for our upcoming PFAS Conference and Brownfields Summit. Shaina holds an M.S. in Geology, which she received from Boston College in 2016. After receiving her degree, Shaina briefly relocated to Idaho, where she conducted research at Boise State University and was a main organizer of the 2017 Boise March for Science. Prior to joining NEWMOA, Shaina spent four years working at a marina in the Cape Ann region of Massachusetts where, amongst other duties, she oversaw compliance with environmental, health, and safety regulations. In her free time, Shaina enjoys kayaking, hiking, baking, gardening, and spending time with her three cats.

SHAINA COHEN



John also joined NEWMOA as a Project Manager in December 2023. John is NEWMOA's lead for our solid



hazardous waste facilities, taught science, and served as an environmental analyst for the Vermont DEC. John holds an M.S. in Resource Management and Administration from Antioch University, New England.

Karen joined NEWMOA in February 2024 as a Project Manager for the IMERC program, after 25 years of service with the state of Vermont as the Mercury Education and Reduction Coordinator for all aspects of the mercury program. Karen's previous role was to review, determine, and approve the labeling plans for Vermont. Those approved "plans" ultimately set the standard for labeling across the US as well as all mercury-product imports into the country. Karen also worked closely with other states in the region to develop comprehensive model legislation for mercury. Additionally, her work with other states helped to establish IMERC through NEWMOA to coordinate state efforts to implement the laws. Karen's vast experience in mercury reduction will contribute to the work of IMERC and assist member states in the implementation of mercury-added product laws. Karen loves people, spending time with grandchildren, motorcycle rides with her husband, writing music, and singing with her band Messenger.



NORTHEAST CONFERENCE
THE SCIENCE OF PFAS:
Public Health & The Environment

Tuesday to Thursday - April 2 to 4, 2024

**Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel & Trade Center
Marlborough, MA**

Join Us!

Three Days!

Updates on The Northeast Conference on the Science of PFAS:

- Approved for 12.5 CECs for Mass LSPs (Conference number 1688-2024)
- Registration Fees Increase by \$50 after Monday, March 4th – [Register here](#) Now!

Go to [Conference Website](#) on Whova

[Agenda Summary](#) as of February 20th

The second ***Northeast Conference on the Science of PFAS: Public Health and the Environment*** will be held on **April 2-4, 2024** at the Best Western in Marlborough, MA. Northeast Waste Management Officials' Association ([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).

Conference Planning Committee

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

Conference attendees:

- 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 cover five topic areas:

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

Registration Fees Increase After March 4th

All registrations made after Monday, March 4, 2024 are subject to a \$50 per person late registration fee.

NEWMOA will refund registration fees, minus \$50, for any cancellation made before Monday, March 4th. There are no refunds for cancellations made after March 4th, however, you can substitute another person to take your place at no additional cost.

[Register Here.](#)

Contact Lois Makina, lmakina@newmoa.org at NEWMOA for registration questions.

Continuing Education Credits

The Massachusetts Board of Registration of Hazardous Waste Site Professionals has approved the Conference for **12.5 continuing education credits (CECs)** for Massachusetts Licensed Site Professionals (LSPs). If you want Mass LSP CECs, **make sure to scroll down to the "Add-On" section of the [registration](#) page**. A \$50 per day fee applies to obtain LSP CECs.

The per day technical credits are as follows:

- April 2, 2024 (9:00 a.m.-5:15 p.m.) 4 Technical Credits
- April 3, 2024 (8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.) 4.25 Technical Credits
- April 4, 2024 (8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.) 4.25 Technical Credits

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Northeast Waste Management Officials' Association 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 also works collaboratively with non-member states on issues and programs of national importance.



NORTHEAST STATES FOR COORDINATED
AIR USE MANAGEMENT

The Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management is a coalition of state air agencies promotes regional cooperation and action by its member states in support of effective programs to reduce the adverse public health and environmental impacts of air pollution and climate change.



New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission is a regional commission that helps the states of the Northeast preserve and advance water quality.

NEIWPCC is organized around the core principle of service to, and collaboration with, our seven member states—Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont.



The Northeast Recycling Council, Inc.'s vision is a world in which waste is minimized and natural resources are conserved. NERC's mission is to minimize waste, conserve natural resources, and advance a sustainable economy through facilitated collaboration and action.

Solid Waste & Sustainable Materials Management (SMM)

Upcoming NEWMOA SMM Webinars

A Four-Part Series of Webinars:

Anaerobic Digestion & Environmental Justice: Solutions for Wasted Food

PART 1: Anaerobic Digestion and Other Solutions for Wasted Food

February 28, 2024, 1:00 – 2:00

Register: <https://nerc.app.neoncrm.com/event.jsp?>

This webinar will include the following topics:

- The problem of wasted food
- EPA's new Wasted Food Scale
- The basics of how Anaerobic Digestion works and types of facilities

Presenters: Stephanie Frisch, NEWMOA; Mary Ann Remolador, NERC; John Fay, NEWMOA

PART 2: Siting Considerations for Anaerobic Digestion **March 13, 2024, 1:00 – 2:00**

This webinar will include the following topics:

- The regulatory landscape for siting an anaerobic digester
- Environmental Justice concerns and regulations

Presenter: Debra Darby, Tetra Tech

PART 3: Anaerobic Digestion Facilities: Operators' Perspectives on Siting and More **March 27, 2024, 1:00 – 2:30**

This webinar will include the following presenters:

Holden Cookson, Agri-Cycle Energy, Exeter, Maine

Brian Paganini, Quantum Biopower, Southington, Connecticut

Andrew Cassilly, Bioenergy Devco, Jessup, Maryland

PART 4: Environmental Justice in Anaerobic Digestion: Green Solutions, Just Outcomes **April 10, 2024, 1:00 – 2:00**

This webinar will include the following presenters:

Bobbi Wilding, Clean+Healthy

Sharon Lewis, Connecticut Coalition for Environmental Justice

Food Waste Reduction in Erie County Project

The Erie County Department of Environment & Planning partnered with NEWMOA, Leanpath, and Metz Culinary Management to measure and reduce food waste at health care facilities in and around Buffalo, NY. The project team worked with Metz Culinary management to implement the Leanpath 360 tool in four health care facilities, ranging from large public hospitals to a mid-size assisted living facility. The project team developed:

- [Reducing Food Waste at Health Care Facilities](#) 12-page case study
- [Reducing Food Waste in Food Service Kitchens](#) 8-page guide
- [Webinar presentation](#) focused on the benefits of preventing food waste and practical recommendations for institutional settings

Waste Site Cleanup

Registration Open! Brownfields Summit in Portland, ME- May 29 & 30, 2024 - Agenda Available!



REVITALIZING NEW ENGLAND: BROWNFIELDS SUMMIT 2024

MAY 29 & 30, 2024
Holiday Inn By The Bay | Portland, ME



**The second *Revitalizing New England: Brownfields Summit* will be held
May 29 & 30, 2024 at the Holiday Inn by the Bay in Portland, Maine**

[Summit Website & Registration on Whova](#)

[Agenda as of February 13th](#)

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The Northeast Waste Management Officials' Association ([NEWMOA](#)) has partnered with the brownfields programs in the New England states and tribes and the University of Connecticut Technical Assistance to Brownfields ([UConn TAB](#)) program to organize another two-day Summit to advance understanding of state and federal brownfield programs and opportunities. The goals of the Summit are to:

- Share information about the financial incentives, liability protections, technical and other assistance available for brownfields development from federal and state governments
- Promote best practice and lessons learned across states and tribes
- Provide an opportunity to increase networking and information-sharing among key stakeholders

The two-day Summit will include plenary and break-out sessions and an exhibit area. There will be ample time during the breaks for networking and viewing the exhibits. If funding is available, there will be a reception in the evening of the first day.

Organizers expect approximately 300 people to attend, including representatives from:

- State, tribal, and federal government brownfields and waste site cleanup programs
- Local, regional, and state economic development agencies
- Real estate developers, financial institutions, and law firms
- Planning and economic development consulting firms
- Local governments
- Interested citizens & groups
- Job training grantees
- Environmental professionals

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Vapor Intrusion: Residential Investigation & Remediation

Vapor Intrusion: Commercial/Industrial Investigation & Remediation

Risk Assessment 101: Learning the Basics and Understanding Challenges in Conducting Risk Assessments

Risk Communication– Strategies for Preparing to Speak with the Public with a Focus on Emerging Contaminants

Interstate Chemicals Clearinghouse (IC2) News



The Interstate Chemicals Clearinghouse (IC2) has published a revised draft of the IC2 Alternatives Assessment (AA) Guide v1.2.

IC2 is accepting public comment on the guide now through March 15, 2024.

The IC2 AA Guide was developed by IC2 member organizations to provide a flexible approach for governments and other organizations to identify and promote safer chemicals and products through alternatives assessments.

The IC2 AA Guide v1.2 revises and expands several parts of the guide to better address current needs and best practices in AAs. Changes made to v1.2 include:

- Revisions to the list of available hazard assessment tools that meet IC2 criteria.
- Changes to performance, cost, availability and exposure approaches to better support the evaluation of non-chemical alternatives.
- The replacement of tiered practices for stakeholder involvement with a single set of flexible recommendations for stakeholder engagement.
- The incorporation throughout the IC2 AA Guide of optional practices and considerations to address equity and environmental justice in AAs.

The published draft and full list of revisions can be found on the [IC2 website](#). IC2 welcomes feedback from AA practitioners, organizations with an interest in safer chemicals and products, and any other interested parties. All feedback will be reviewed and may be used to change the guide prior to final publication.

Public comments can be submitted to Mikalah Bailey, IC2 Project Manager, at m Bailey@newmoa.org. The comment period will end on March 15, 2024.



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NEWMOA provides a strategic forum for effectively identifying, developing, and implementing solutions to environmental problems through collaborative 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.

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