

NEWMOA'S THIRD BIENNIAL CONFERENCE ON **THE SCIENCE OF PFAS:** Public Health & The Environment

Tuesday, April 14 through Thursday, April 16, 2026

DCU Center, Worcester, MA

Coming in 2026!

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Call for Presentations & Posters

Submission Deadline: Friday, September 5, 2025

The Northeast Waste Management Officials' Association ([NEWMOA](#)), in collaboration with the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission ([NEIWPCC](#)) and the Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management ([NESAUM](#)), is excited to announce the third science conference on per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). This three-day event will take place from **April 14 – 16, 2026**, at the **DCU Center in Worcester, MA**. The conference aims to:

- Provide a platform to ensure that local, state, and federal actions addressing PFAS contamination are informed by the most current and reliable scientific research.
- Foster networking and information-sharing among stakeholders engaged in PFAS-related work.
- Identify critical gaps in science and policy to guide future research and initiatives.

The program will feature a plenary session, concurrent breakout sessions, poster presentations, and an exhibit area. Networking opportunities during scheduled breaks and a reception on the evening of the first day will encourage collaboration and dialogue. Organizers expect 600 to 700 attendees, including:

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

All podium and poster presentations will be organized into one of four main categories:

- PFAS Uses, Alternatives, and Prevention
- Toxicology, Human Health and Ecological Impacts
- Site Characterization, Analytical Methods, Environmental Fate and Transport
- Destruction, Treatment, Remediation, and Disposal

Examples of possible presentation topics for each category are listed below. Note that these are suggestions only – we encourage you to submit proposals on other PFAS topics.

PFAS Uses, Alternatives and Prevention

- Historic and current PFAS uses
- Source reduction efforts, including reducing wastewater treatment plant inputs
- Results of product testing
- State and federal efforts to address PFAS uses
- Industry efforts to eliminate uses of PFAS

Toxicology, Human Health and Ecological Impacts

- Toxicology and human health effects
- Ecological effects
- Epidemiological and biomonitoring studies
- State and federal standard-setting efforts for various media, including surface water, sludge, biosolids, landfills, and air
- Risk management criteria and communications strategies

Site Characterization, Analytical Methods, and Environmental Fate and Transport

- Sources of PFAS in the environment, landfills, septic systems, and wastewater treatment plants
- Fate and transport of PFAS in the different media, including vapor intrusion
- Forensics and understanding degradation products
- Impacts on biota, wildlife, agriculture, home gardening, and the food chain
- Understanding media transfer among air, land, and water
- Methods for sampling and/or for analyzing various media, particularly air, soil, and biosolids
- Monitoring technologies and strategies
- Modeling of PFAS fate and transport
- Overcoming QA/QC challenges
- Interesting case studies

Destruction, Treatment, Remediation and Disposal

- Treatment, destruction, and/or disposal methods for various media, including air, landfill leachate, and wastewater treatment plant sludge
- Decontamination, management and disposal of structures, products and equipment
- Understanding and addressing treatment efficacy for private wells and other drinking water systems
- Implications of state and federal regulations
- Case studies of remediation strategies for contaminated properties
- Interactions with emergent contaminants

Presentation Session Information

Your presentation should be 20 minutes in length. If selected, your presentation will be part of a three-presentation session (90 minutes). If your submission is not chosen by the Conference Planning Committee, you can choose to have it considered for a poster presentation. However, we cannot guarantee that your presentation will be selected.

Presenters of accepted proposals will receive a discount on their registration fee when registration opens. Proposal abstracts should list the proposed session category; presentation title; brief abstract of what questions/topics will be addressed; and the presenter's name, affiliation, and contact information.

Poster Session Information

Posters will only be displayed on the first day of the conference. Individuals chosen for the poster session are responsible for printing and transporting their poster to the venue. The maximum size permitted for posters is 36" H x 48" W. Poster presenters do not receive a discount on their registration fee. However, students may use the discount code STUDENT (case-sensitive) to receive \$100 off the academic rate.

How To Submit a Proposal

All proposals **must** be submitted using our [online submission portal](#), which utilizes the vFairs event platform. If you have not used this platform before, you will be required to create an account. For explicit instructions on completing this process, please reference [this tutorial](#).

Proposal Submission Portal

Once you are logged into the submission portal, you will be able to submit proposals for either a session presentation or a poster. All submissions must provide: the proposed session category; the presentation title; a brief abstract (500-word maximum) describing the topics that will be addressed; and the presenter's name, affiliation, and contact information.

The deadline for all submissions is Friday, September 5, 2025. All submissions will be reviewed by our [Conference Planning Committee](#), and submitters will be notified of decisions by December.

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	Platinum Plus \$5,500	Platinum \$4,500	Gold \$3,500	Silver \$2,500
Registration Passes	4	3	2	1
Seat on Planning Committee ¹	✓	✓	✓	
Signage	- Entrance - Break Area - Reception	- Entrance - Break Area	- Entrance	- Entrance
List of Attendees (Post-Conference)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Exhibit Area Table ²	✓	✓	✓	✓
Social Media Promotion				

Many of the Conference attendees buy products and services such as:

- Analytical instruments and services
- Monitoring and sampling equipment and services
- Remediation and treatment equipment and services
- Consulting services

Sponsors will receive priority for exhibit space, with those at the highest sponsorship tiers having the first choice of exhibit tables. Exhibit-only opportunities will not be available until late February 2026 and will only be offered if space remains after all sponsors have been accommodated. The most reliable way to secure exhibit space is by becoming a Conference Sponsor.

To become a Conference Sponsor, please fill out [this form](#).

Questions? Please visit the [event website](#) or contact Shaina Cohen at scohen@newmoa.org

¹ Participation in the Planning Committee is optional.

² 6' by 30" skirted table with two chairs