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Welcome to news@NEWMOA

The Northeast Waste Management Officials' Association (NEWMOA) recently developed this periodic newsletter to help our members and colleagues keep informed about the Association's projects and activities. You are receiving this because you are a member of a NEWMOA Workgroup, Committee, Program, or networking group; a colleague at EPA or a related organization; or connected to NEWMOA in some other way. We hope that you like the e-delivery format, and we encourage you to [send us](#) your comments and suggestions so that we can make improvements. If you have questions about the Newsletter, contact [Lois Makina](#), (617) 367-8558 x312. Please share this newsletter with others in your agency or organization that might be interested.

Board of Directors

NEWMOA's [Board](#) met in September 2013 in Maine to establish the Association's budget and workplans for the upcoming year. The Board also heard updates from EPA and held a roundtable for state updates. This newsletter highlights many of the Board's 2014 priority projects and initiatives.

Hazardous Waste Program

New Pharmaceutical Waste Workgroup

NEWMOA recently formed a Pharmaceutical Waste Workgroup that involves hazardous waste, solid waste, and pollution prevention program staff from the Northeast states and EPA. The group provides a forum for sharing monitoring data related to pharmaceuticals in the environment; interfacing with EPA on regulatory approaches to pharmaceuticals waste management; sharing information on implementation of laws and regulations; keeping informed about regulatory approaches being developed in other jurisdictions; and working collaboratively to develop new regulatory approaches and models.



Hazardous Waste Training

NEWMOA's Hazardous Waste Training Committee has developed a schedule of training activities that will start in November 2013. These trainings are for state and federal hazardous waste inspectors, enforcement staff, and other regulatory development and implementation staff.

Waste Site Cleanup Program

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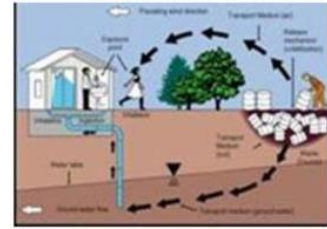
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Cleanup Workshops

NEWMOA recently held successful workshops on "[Vapor Intrusion](#)" in Rhode Island and Massachusetts in collaboration with the Brown University Superfund Research Program. The workshops provided information on various aspects of investigating and remediating potential vapor intrusion problems. The participants included consultants, state and federal waste site cleanup staff, researchers, and others.

NEWMOA will hold workshops on "[Greener Remediation](#)" on December 4th in Dayville, CT and December 5th in Westford, MA. To be added to the NEWMOA email list for notices about these and other future waste site cleanup workshops, email [Jennifer Griffith](#).



Solid Waste & Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) Program

Paint Waste Reuse & Recycling

NEWMOA is currently wrapping-up a successful [Waste Paint Reuse and Recycling Project](#). Over the past year, we have collaborated with waste management authorities and a variety of stakeholders in rural areas in Maine, Vermont, and New York to develop effective strategies to reduce, reuse, and recycle leftover latex paint. During the summer and fall of 2013, NEWMOA held workshops to promote alternatives to disposal. NEWMOA worked with the stakeholders on a [best management guide](#) for municipalities and a [handout](#) for consumers and small businesses.



New Food Waste Workgroup

NEWMOA recently formed a [Food Waste Workgroup](#) that involves state and federal solid waste and SMM program staff working on food waste management. The group provides a forum for regional information sharing and discussions of emerging food waste issues, regulatory and policy developments, research, and analysis. The group may also assist state agencies with projects and program implementation, depending on resources.

Solid Waste Data Management

NEWMOA is currently collaborating with EPA Regions 1 and 2 on an effort to evaluate the use of EPA's new State Measurement System. The system uses the [Re-TRAC](#) Connect software platform developed by the EPA Region 4 states to manage and share state solid waste data.

2014 Pay-as-You-Throw Project

Starting this fall NEWMOA will partner with several rural communities to promote "save money and reduce trash" or SMART programs. Communities across the U.S. that have implemented these programs, often called "pay as you throw" (PAYT), "variable rate pricing," or "unit based pricing" have found them to be the most effective way to incentivize residents to reduce waste disposal and increase recycling. NEWMOA staff will work with targeted solid waste management authorities to educate municipal leaders, residents, solid waste haulers and

Job Announcement

NEWMOA is currently seeking a full time [Project Manager](#) for the Interstate Chemicals Clearinghouse (IC2). Applications are due by November 18.

Goodbye Adam Wienert!

Long time NEWMOA employee, Adam Wienert is leaving the staff due to family demands. Adam has provided project management support for IMERC and the IC2 since 2006. He helped lead a major transition from a paper notification system to electronic data submission for IMERC, and he helped form the IC2. We will miss Adam and wish him well.

An IC2 member recently stated in an email, Adam "*kept us organized, connected, and on track; without him I do not think we could have grown from the fledgling organization we were in 2010 to the stable organization we are today.*"

facility operators, and recycling coordinators on the benefits of SMART, and will develop and disseminate outreach materials, conduct workshops, and provide follow-up assistance.

Pollution Prevention & Sustainability Program

Sustainable Grocery Initiative

A number of NEWMOA's members have established or are in the process of creating sustainable business programs focused on grocery stores. Last year, NEWMOA launched a Regional Sustainable Grocery Initiative to support these state efforts and recognize the efforts underway at many stores and chains. NEWMOA's [Sustainable Grocery Initiative Workgroup](#) is working to:



- Increase adoption of sustainable practices in grocery stores
- Recognize the achievements of those within the sector
- Measure the environmental benefits of the initiative

In the upcoming year, NEWMOA will develop methods and tools for estimating the environmental and financial benefits of sustainable practices at grocers. In addition, the Workgroup will concentrate on branding and developing outreach materials for the program.

Green Chemistry Connection

In 2013 NEWMOA launched the [Green Chemistry Connection](#) as a professional social network where members can interact with each other and share information and resources. Features include discussion forums, blogs, news, jobs, events, groups, a library, and a member directory. In 2014, NEWMOA will be making a number of improvements to the site and expanding the network nationally.

Mildly Contaminated Soils

NEWMOA's Mildly Contaminated Soils Workgroup involves state solid waste and waste site cleanup program staff. The group has been examining the regulations, policies, and guidance for managing mildly contaminated soils by solid waste and waste site cleanup programs in order to determine if changes would be beneficial. Recently, NEWMOA launched a members-only webpage to enhance Workgroup information sharing.



Interstate Chemicals Clearinghouse (IC2)

The [IC2](#) has developed and recently launched a [Chemical Hazard Assessment Database](#) to enable users to search for GreenScreen™ and Quick Chemical Assessment Tool (QCAT) assessments. The purpose of this tool is to promote awareness of assessments conducted on chemicals of high concern, facilitate transparency and discussion, and reduce duplication of effort. Over the

Regional Lean & Process Improvement Summit

NEWMOA is starting to plan a regional "Lean & Efficiency Improvements Summit for Environmental & Related Agencies in the Northeast" for the spring of 2014. The Summit will:

- Provide a forum for exchanging success stories, results, tools, and information

- Facilitate sharing of projects that are improving performance and delivering value

- Identify opportunities for coordination and collaboration

Invitees will include northeast state and federal environmental and related agency managers and staff involved with and interested in Lean and other approaches to improving efficiency of various agency activities; and other interstate organizations.

The summit will be open to state officials from other agencies that work with environmental agencies, including state laboratories and transportation and public health departments.

coming year, IC2 plans to add a number of new assessments.

IC2 and participating states released a draft version of the [Guidance for Alternatives Assessment and Risk Reduction](#) for public review last spring. The Committee involved in drafting the document has received numerous comments and suggestions since then. The IC2 is currently revising the document and plans to release a final version by the end of the calendar year.

Interstate Mercury Education & Reduction Clearinghouse (IMERC)

IMERC is gearing up for the submission of 2013 Triennial notification forms through its [e-filing system](#) from manufacturers and distributors of mercury-added products. Notification through the system enables firms to comply with the Mercury-added Product Notification requirements of Connecticut, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont. Reporting is mandatory for any company that sold or distributed mercury-added products into the states listed above during calendar year 2013. The reporting window is January through April 2014.

IMERC is currently preparing summaries of the 2010 mercury product data collected through the notification process and plans to release the results by the end of the calendar year.

Support for New Compliance Strategies

Since 2009, NEWMOA has been working with the Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, and Ohio to develop and implement an [Environmental Results Program](#) (ERP) for autobody refinishing shops. ERP is a new compliance strategy that numerous states have implemented. The Programs chose the autobody sector to address compliance with EPA's area source rule that affects the shops. The Project recently wrapped-up with the publication of a [Report](#) that summarizes the impressive results.

NEWMOA has facilitated the [States Environmental Results Program \(ERP\) Consortium](#) since it was formed in 2006. In June, NEWMOA held a successful [national meeting](#) in partnership with the States ERP Consortium and the Environmental Council of the States ([ECOS](#)) on "Environmental Compliance Assurance Strategies and Performance Measurement." NEWMOA is supporting efforts to implement the ideas and recommendations that emerged from the meeting.

NEWMOA recently announced the release of an improved version of [Performance Analyzer](#), a Microsoft Access-based tool that helps users store and analyze data generated from ERP projects. The benefit of Performance Analyzer over the other available ERP tools is that it can store data from:

- Multiple projects
- Multiple rounds of sector inspection and self-certification data that the agency collects over time

Performance Analyzer facilitates the development of graphs and tables to illustrate data combinations and subsets and can export data to Excel spreadsheets for use with other software for performing statistical analysis.

Over the next few months, NEWMOA will form a workgroup to foster regional discussion and information on new compliance strategies and tools.

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To develop, lead, and sustain an effective partnership of states that helps achieve a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment by exploring, developing, promoting, and implementing environmentally sound solutions for:

- Reducing materials use and preventing pollution and waste;
- Properly reusing and recycling discarded materials that have value;

- Safely managing solid and hazardous wastes; and
- Remediating contaminated sites.

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