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If you have questions about the e-Newsletter, contact [Lois Makina](mailto:lmakina@newmoa.org), (617) 367-8558 x312.    **Share this newsletter with others in your agency or organization that might be interested.** [**We welcome your comments and suggestions**](mailto:lmakina@newmoa.org)**.** | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | http://img.constantcontact.com/letters/images/1101116784221/S.gif | |      |  | | --- | | **Board of Directors**  NEWMOA's [Board](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=4clj75qab.0.nnlwcbrab.wcyim6kab.0&r=3&p=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.newmoa.org%2Fabout%2Fboard.cfm%3Futm_source%3Dnews%2540NEWMOA%2BIssue%2B%25233%252C%2BSummer%2B2014%26utm_campaign%3DThird%2BIssue%2Bof%2Bnews%2540NEWMOA%26utm_medium%3Demail) met in June 2014 in Plymouth, New Hampshire to review the Association's current projects and share updates from EPA and state programs. This news@NEWMOA highlights many of the Board's priorities and initiatives. During the meeting, the Board approved a draft Strategic Plan for the Interstate Mercury Education and Reduction Clearinghouse (IMERC), and discussed the status of various hazardous waste federal rulemakings, upcoming waste site cleanup workshops and webinars, proposals for pollution prevention and sustainability activities, and ongoing solid waste projects. |      |  | | --- | | **2013 Annual Report**  NEWMOA published its 2013 Annual Report in April under the theme "Honoring Our Legacy, On the Shoulders of Great Leaders." The Report was dedicated to the memory of two exceptional public servants - Ira Leighton, U.S. EPA Region 1 and Jeff Sama, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Both men made important contributions to protecting and improving the environment in the Northeast and were dedicated to advancing NEWMOA and its mission over many years.    The Report also covers the Association's 2013 contributions toward sustainability and pollution prevention, solid waste and sustainable materials management, hazardous waste management, waste site cleanup, and toxics reduction. Some of the highlights included:   * Workshops on "Sustainable Remediation" and "Cleanup of Waste Sites with Polychlorinated Biphenyl (PCB) Contamination" * Training for hazardous waste program staff through monthly information-sharing conference calls and a training workshop * National meeting on Compliance Strategies and Performance Measurement * An online tool, Chemical Hazard Assessment Database (CHAD) to promote awareness of assessments conducted on chemicals of concern * A Pharmaceutical Waste Workgroup to help address environmental concerns about pharmaceuticals in the environment * A grocery sustainability initiative |      |  | | --- | | **Ira Leighton in Service to States Award**  On April 22, 2014, Ken Kimmell was awarded the first Ira Leighton in Service to States Award at a ceremony at Faneuil Hall in Boston.    NEWMOA collaborated with the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission ([NEIWPCC](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=4clj75qab.0.onlwcbrab.wcyim6kab.0&r=3&p=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.neiwpcc.org%2F%3Futm_source%3Dnews%2540NEWMOA%2BIssue%2B%25233%252C%2BSummer%2B2014%26utm_campaign%3DThird%2BIssue%2Bof%2Bnews%2540NEWMOA%26utm_medium%3Demail)), the Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management ([NESCAUM](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=4clj75qab.0.pnlwcbrab.wcyim6kab.0&r=3&p=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.nescaum.org%2F%3Futm_source%3Dnews%2540NEWMOA%2BIssue%2B%25233%252C%2BSummer%2B2014%26utm_campaign%3DThird%2BIssue%2Bof%2Bnews%2540NEWMOA%26utm_medium%3Demail)), the New England state Environmental Commissioners, and the U.S. EPA Region 1 to initiate the Ira Leighton "In Service to States" [Environmental Merit Award](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=4clj75qab.0.qnlwcbrab.wcyim6kab.0&r=3&p=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.epa.gov%2Fregion1%2Fra%2Fema%2F%3Futm_source%3Dnews%2540NEWMOA%2BIssue%2B%25233%252C%2BSummer%2B2014%26utm_campaign%3DThird%2BIssue%2Bof%2Bnews%2540NEWMOA%26utm_medium%3Demail).  The Award is a tribute to our long-time colleague and friend who passed away in 2013 after serving 41 years at the U.S. EPA. The Award recognizes an individual or organization that has made significant strides in facilitating state and federal partnerships through innovative sustainable solutions addressing critical environmental challenges in New England.    Ken has a distinguished career actively demonstrating leadership in protecting the environment and in promoting sustainable practices. During his tenure at MassDEP from January 2011 through March 2014, and his earlier tenure as General Counsel at the Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs from 2007 through 2011, he demonstrated a stellar record proactively addressing climate change, promoting innovation, and advancing clean energy technology at the state, regional, and local levels. Ken's efforts and accomplishments include work on air quality and greenhouse gases, compliance/enforcement, access to quality data, as well as work on solid waste, recycling, organics, and water management. Ken was a leader in the planning and implementation of the Energy and Environmental Information and Public Access System (EIPAS). He made significant strides in improving the management of solid waste in Massachusetts culminating in the issuance of the updated Solid Waste Master Plan in 2013. In New Bedford, MA Ken championed an approach to state involvement in the New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site that led to multiple environmental and economic benefits. On Cape Cod, Ken worked on innovative approaches to assuring compliance at commercial and industrial facilities. We congratulate Ken on this well-deserved award! |      |  | | --- | | **Hazardous Waste Program** |      |  | | --- | | **Training**  Over the past few months, NEWMOA's Hazardous Waste Training Committee has held regular conference calls on such topics as:   * Permanent household hazardous waste facilities * Pharmaceutical waste management * EPA's cathode ray tube (CRT) export rule   Upcoming calls focus on:   * The five most frequent violations that RCRA inspectors find * E-waste hazardous waste regulatory issues * Generators that are in foreclosure or bankruptcy or closing for another reason   These training calls are for state and federal hazardous waste inspectors and other compliance and enforcement staff and regulatory development staff.    NEWMOA held a workshop for state and EPA hazardous waste inspectors on June 10. The presentations focused on:   * Compliance and enforcement for small generators * Conducting inspections for compliance with the Organic Air Emissions Rule * Inspecting companies that claim the closed-loop recycling exemption * Emerging issues and interesting enforcement cases * Alternatives to Perc use at dry cleaners   **Letter to EPA on Evaporators**  On behalf of most of its members, NEWMOA sent a [letter](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=4clj75qab.0.rnlwcbrab.wcyim6kab.0&r=3&p=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.newmoa.org%2Fpublications%2Fletters%2FManagement_of_Evaporation_Units_2014.pdf%3Futm_source%3Dnews%2540NEWMOA%2BIssue%2B%25233%252C%2BSummer%2B2014%26utm_campaign%3DThird%2BIssue%2Bof%2Bnews%2540NEWMOA%26utm_medium%3Demail) to EPA Headquarters requesting that the Agency:   * Revise its position exempting some evaporators (i.e., zero discharge units) under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCA) wastewater treatment unit exemption * Affirm that generators may use on-site evaporators to treat hazardous wastewaters under the "generator treatment in tanks" RCRA permitting exemption * Identify what forms of thermal treatment it considers appropriate for the evaporation of wastewater under the generator treatment RCRA permitting exemption   NEWMOA also urged EPA to support states in taking the lead in implementing programs to effectively regulate evaporators until such time as the Agency provides unambiguous guidance or promulgates new rules. |      |  | | --- | | **Pollution Prevention & Sustainability Program** |  |  | | --- | | **Zero Waste Professional Network**  In the next few months, NEWMOA will launch a professional network of zero waste program managers and staff from federal, state, and local programs and independent experts that supported the work of these programs this spring. The goals of this initiative are to:   * Provide forums for zero waste professionals to share information on program development and implementation * Foster innovation through the exchange of ideas in real time * Increase the adoption of zero waste practices among practitioners * Increase awareness of zero waste opportunities and resources * Elevate the profile of zero waste programs   The conceptual framework for the site is to facilitate the free exchange of information among network members through the use of a social networking platform/software that includes the following features:   * Discussion forums * Member directory with profiles * Groups focused on discrete zero waste-related topics * Calendar of events * Documents and links repository * Jobs board | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | http://img.constantcontact.com/letters/images/1101116784221/S.gif |  |  | | --- | | **In This Issue** | | |  | | --- | | [Hazardous Waste](#LETTER.BLOCK46) | | [Pollution Prevention & Sustainability Program](#LETTER.BLOCK160) | | [Staff News](#LETTER.BLOCK63) | | [NEWMOA Interns](#LETTER.BLOCK154) | | [IC2 Blog on GreenBiz](#LETTER.BLOCK183) | | [IC2](#LETTER.BLOCK128) | | [IMERC](#LETTER.BLOCK89) | | [Lean & Process Improvement Summit](#LETTER.BLOCK95) | | [Sustainable Compliance Results Workgroup](#LETTER.BLOCK135) | |  |  | | --- | | http://img.constantcontact.com/letters/images/1101116784221/S.gif |      |  | | --- | | **Staff News** |      |  | | --- | | Rachel Smith, NEWMOA's Project Coordinator gave birth to a baby boy, Theodore in April. She and the baby are doing well. She will be out on leave until the beginning of September. Congratulations to Rachel and her family! |  |  | | --- | | http://img.constantcontact.com/letters/images/1101116784221/S.gif |      |  | | --- | | **Appreciation for NEWMOA's Hardworking Interns!** |      |  | | --- | | NEWMOA's interns - Giyan Chan and Guangyu Yang - have been very busy and productive in recent months.    Giyan is a junior at Suffolk University majoring in computer science. She has been helping with development of a variety of websites and web resources. She provides critical support for a soon-to-be release Zero Waste Social Network, a green business software package that will support NEWMOA's Sustainable Grocers recognition initiative, and Green Chemistry Connection. She also helps with routine updates to NEWMOA's website. |  |  | | --- | | http://ih.constantcontact.com/fs122/1111234994262/img/78.jpg |      |  | | --- | | Guangyu recently completed a Masters' Degree from Boston University with a concentration in energy and environmental analysis. She is providing support for IMERC while Rachel Smith is on maternity leave. She answers daily questions from companies and others about how to access and navigate the IMERC e-filing system, and she helps with keeping the members informed of IMERC's activities. She is also providing support for NEWMOA's efforts to analyze state data on solid waste disposal, and she is developing outcome measures to support our Sustainable Grocers Initiative. |  |  | | --- | | http://ih.constantcontact.com/fs122/1111234994262/img/73.jpg |  |  | | --- | | http://img.constantcontact.com/letters/images/1101116784221/S.gif |      |  | | --- | | NEWMOA is hiring two more interns this summer. One of them will help with providing content and support for our professional networks. The other intern will conduct research and populate the IC2 State Chemicals Policy Database. |  |  | | --- | | http://img.constantcontact.com/letters/images/1101116784221/S.gif |      |  | | --- | | **IC2 Blog Published to GreenBiz.com** |  |  | | --- | | http://img.constantcontact.com/letters/images/1101116784221/S.gif |  |  | | --- | | http://ih.constantcontact.com/fs122/1111234994262/img/79.jpg |      |  | | --- | | [*Ready for chemical alternatives assessment? The IC2 can help*](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=4clj75qab.0.snlwcbrab.wcyim6kab.0&r=3&p=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.greenbiz.com%2Fblog%2F2014%2F06%2F25%2Fready-chemical-alternatives-assessment-ic2-can-help%3Futm_source%3Dnews%2540NEWMOA%2BIssue%2B%25233%252C%2BSummer%2B2014%26utm_campaign%3DThird%2BIssue%2Bof%2Bnews%2540NEWMOA%26utm_medium%3Demail)  Topher Buck, Project Manager for IC2, recently wrote the above Blog article about the IC2 - published on GreenBiz.com.  The article talks about how the IC2 Alternatives Assessment Guide helps states and companies promote better product design and prevent regrettable substitution. | |  |  | | --- | | http://img.constantcontact.com/letters/images/1101116784221/S.gif | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Waste Site Cleanup Program** |      |  | | --- | | NEWMOA and the [Brown University Superfund Research Program](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=4clj75qab.0.tnlwcbrab.wcyim6kab.0&r=3&p=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.brown.edu%2FResearch%2FSRP%2F%3Futm_source%3Dnews%2540NEWMOA%2BIssue%2B%25233%252C%2BSummer%2B2014%26utm_campaign%3DThird%2BIssue%2Bof%2Bnews%2540NEWMOA%26utm_medium%3Demail) held a [Communicating Risk to the Public](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=4clj75qab.0.unlwcbrab.wcyim6kab.0&r=3&p=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.newmoa.org%2Fevents%2Fevent.cfm%3Fm%3D118%26utm_source%3Dnews%2540NEWMOA%2BIssue%2B%25233%252C%2BSummer%2B2014%26utm_campaign%3DThird%2BIssue%2Bof%2Bnews%2540NEWMOA%26utm_medium%3Demail) workshop on March 27 and 28 at the Westford Regency Inn and Conference Center in Westford, MA and Brown University in Providence, RI respectively. The workshop provided attendees with expert advice on risk communication in a variety of situations and covered:   * How people think and its effect on risk communication * Relating risk assessment to real life * Delivering, controlling, and managing your message * Understanding today's media * Risk communication planning * Case studies and lessons learned recommendations |      |  | | --- | | NEWMOA partnered with VT DEC and the [Brown University Superfund Research Program](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=4clj75qab.0.tnlwcbrab.wcyim6kab.0&r=3&p=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.brown.edu%2FResearch%2FSRP%2F%3Futm_source%3Dnews%2540NEWMOA%2BIssue%2B%25233%252C%2BSummer%2B2014%26utm_campaign%3DThird%2BIssue%2Bof%2Bnews%2540NEWMOA%26utm_medium%3Demail) to hold a [Vermont Vapor Intrusion Updates](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=4clj75qab.0.vnlwcbrab.wcyim6kab.0&r=3&p=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.newmoa.org%2Fevents%2Fevent.cfm%3Fm%3D124%26utm_source%3Dnews%2540NEWMOA%2BIssue%2B%25233%252C%2BSummer%2B2014%26utm_campaign%3DThird%2BIssue%2Bof%2Bnews%2540NEWMOA%26utm_medium%3Demail) workshop on May 13 in Montpelier, VT. The workshop was a modified version of NEWMOA's September 2013 Vapor Intrusion (VI) Updates workshop and increased attendee understanding of:   * + - * + Exposure risk and background issues         + Field sampling methods and demonstration         + Important considerations when interpreting data and modeling         + VI guidance variations across the 50 states         + Upcoming policy and guidance changes         + Vermont case studies and lessons learned |      |  | | --- | | Upcoming workshop topics include:   * September 2014: DNAPL Investigation and Remediation * March 2015: 1,4 Dioxane Assessment and Remediation * June 2015: TCE and Vapor Intrusion     To be added to the email list for notices about waste site cleanup workshops, email [Jennifer Griffith](mailto:jgriffith@newmoa.org). |      |  | | --- | | **Solid Waste & Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) Program** |  |  | | --- | | **Pay-as-You-Throw**  NEWMOA has partnered with several rural communities in Vermont and New Hampshire 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 an effective way to incentivize residents to reduce waste disposal and increase recycling. NEWMOA staff is working with targeted solid waste management authorities to educate municipal leaders, residents, solid waste haulers, facility operators, and recycling coordinators to promote the benefits of SMART. NEWMOA has developed [case studies](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=4clj75qab.0.wnlwcbrab.wcyim6kab.0&r=3&p=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.newmoa.org%2Fsolidwaste%2Fprojects%2Fsmart%2F%3Futm_source%3Dnews%2540NEWMOA%2BIssue%2B%25233%252C%2BSummer%2B2014%26utm_campaign%3DThird%2BIssue%2Bof%2Bnews%2540NEWMOA%26utm_medium%3Demail) and [outreach materials](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=4clj75qab.0.xnlwcbrab.wcyim6kab.0&r=3&p=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.newmoa.org%2Fsolidwaste%2Fprojects%2Fsmart%2FNEK_Brochure_11x17.pdf%3Futm_source%3Dnews%2540NEWMOA%2BIssue%2B%25233%252C%2BSummer%2B2014%26utm_campaign%3DThird%2BIssue%2Bof%2Bnews%2540NEWMOA%26utm_medium%3Demail) and will be conducting meetings and workshops with its partners over the summer.  This project is funded by a grant from the USDA.    **Meeting @ EPA Region 2 on Sustainable Materials Management (SMM)**  On June 24, NEWMOA held a [meeting](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=4clj75qab.0.ynlwcbrab.wcyim6kab.0&r=3&p=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.newmoa.org%2Fevents%2Fevent.cfm%3Fm%3D133%26utm_source%3Dnews%2540NEWMOA%2BIssue%2B%25233%252C%2BSummer%2B2014%26utm_campaign%3DThird%2BIssue%2Bof%2Bnews%2540NEWMOA%26utm_medium%3Demail) of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC), New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJ DEP), and EPA Region 2 staffs on sustainable materials management and solid waste. The meeting focused on a wide range of topics, including:   * Food waste management and the Food Recovery Challenge * Disaster debris planning * E-waste * Federal procurement of compost and recycled products * Extended producer responsibility (EPR) programs * State Data Measurement Sharing Program * Pay-as-you throw |      |  | | --- | | **Interstate Chemicals Clearinghouse (IC2)** |  |  | | --- | | http://ih.constantcontact.com/fs122/1111234994262/img/76.jpg |      |  | | --- | | The IC2 will be launching a new website - ([http://theic2.org](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=4clj75qab.0.znlwcbrab.wcyim6kab.0&r=3&p=http%3A%2F%2Ftheic2.org%2F%3Futm_source%3Dnews%2540NEWMOA%2BIssue%2B%25233%252C%2BSummer%2B2014%26utm_campaign%3DThird%2BIssue%2Bof%2Bnews%2540NEWMOA%26utm_medium%3Demail)) in the near future. The site features an updated appearance and makes it much easier for visitors to find IC2's signature online databases, including:   * Priority Chemicals, which provides a searchable database that combines state lists of priority chemicals so users can find chemicals on one or more state lists, identify source lists for the chemicals, identify hazards and toxicity characteristics associated with the chemicals, and links to additional information on the chemicals * Chemical Hazard Assessments, which enables users to search for [GreenScreen®](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=4clj75qab.0.9nlwcbrab.wcyim6kab.0&r=3&p=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.greenscreenchemicals.org%2F%3Futm_source%3Dnews%2540NEWMOA%2BIssue%2B%25233%252C%2BSummer%2B2014%26utm_campaign%3DThird%2BIssue%2Bof%2Bnews%2540NEWMOA%26utm_medium%3Demail) and Quick Chemical Assessment Tool (QCAT) assessments to promote awareness of hazard assessments conducted on chemicals of high concern, facilitate transparency and discussion, and reduce duplication of effort * State Chemicals Policy, which enables users to search for passed and pending state-level chemicals legislation by state, region, status (e.g., enacted, proposed, and failed), policy category (e.g., pollution prevention, single chemical restriction), chemical, and product type (e.g., children's products, cleaning products).   The site also features the [*IC2 Alternatives Assessment Guide (Guide)*](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=4clj75qab.0.8nlwcbrab.wcyim6kab.0&r=3&p=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.newmoa.org%2Fprevention%2Fic2%2FIC2_AA_Guide-Version_1.pdf%3Futm_source%3Dnews%2540NEWMOA%2BIssue%2B%25233%252C%2BSummer%2B2014%26utm_campaign%3DThird%2BIssue%2Bof%2Bnews%2540NEWMOA%26utm_medium%3Demail) and Response-to-Comment (RTC) documents. The Guide includes three ways in which an AA can be conducted.    Check out the new site and send us your comments and suggestions.    **Additions to the CHAD**  IC2 recently added 18 chemical profiles to the Chemical Hazard Assessment Database. These include:   * Antimony oxide (aka antimony trioxide; CASRN 1309-64-4) * Aluminum hydroxide (CASRN 21645-51-2) * Magnesium hydroxide (CASRN 1309-42-8) * Phosphoric acid, mixed esters with [1,1'-bisphenyl-4,4'-diol] and phenol (aka BPBP; CASRN 1003300-73-9) * Bisphenol A bis-(diphenyl phosphate) (CASRN 181028-79-5 and 5945-33-5) * Melamine cyanurate (CASRN 37640-57-6) * Aluminum diethylphosphinate (CASRN 225789-38-8) * Resorcinol bis-diphenylphosphate (CASRN 125997-21-9) * Substituted amine phosphate mixture (CASRN 66034-17-1) * Triphenyl phosphate (CASRN 115-86-6) * Zinc borate (CASRN #1332-07-6 and 138265-88-0) * Melamine polyphosphate (CASRN 15541-60-3) * N-alkoxy hindered amine reaction products (CASRN 191680-81-6) * Phosphonate oligomer (CASRN 68664-06-2) * Poly[phosphonate-co-carbonate] (CASRN 77226-90-5) * Polyphosphonate (CASRN 68664-06-2) * Ammonium polyphosphate (CASRN 68333-79-9) * Red phosphorus (CASRN 7723-14-0)   IC2 thanks Supporting Member, [Clean Production Action](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=4clj75qab.0.7nlwcbrab.wcyim6kab.0&r=3&p=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.cleanproduction.org%2F%3Futm_source%3Dnews%2540NEWMOA%2BIssue%2B%25233%252C%2BSummer%2B2014%26utm_campaign%3DThird%2BIssue%2Bof%2Bnews%2540NEWMOA%26utm_medium%3Demail) and Alex Stone of the Washington Department of Ecology for translating DfE's flame retardant hazard assessments to GreenScreen® assessments and Ecology for funding this important work.    **New Members**  IC2 welcomes its newest Member, the Delaware Department of Health and Human Services. The Department joined IC2 to take advantage of its information and networking opportunities. IC2 is excited to be working with the Department. IC2 also welcomes its newest Supporting Member, Office Depot. |      |  | | --- | | **Interstate Mercury Education & Reduction Clearinghouse (IMERC)** |  |  | | --- | | http://ih.constantcontact.com/fs122/1111234994262/img/77.jpg |      |  | | --- | | [IMERC](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=4clj75qab.0.6nlwcbrab.wcyim6kab.0&r=3&p=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.newmoa.org%2Fprevention%2Fmercury%2Fimerc%2Fabout.cfm%3Futm_source%3Dnews%2540NEWMOA%2BIssue%2B%25233%252C%2BSummer%2B2014%26utm_campaign%3DThird%2BIssue%2Bof%2Bnews%2540NEWMOA%26utm_medium%3Demail) has been receiving a steady stream of submissions of 2013 Triennial notification forms through its [e-filing system](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=4clj75qab.0.5nlwcbrab.wcyim6kab.0&r=3&p=https%3A%2F%2Fimerc.newmoa.org%2FPublic%2FEnSuite%2FShared%2FPages%2FMain%2FLogin.aspx%3Futm_source%3Dnews%2540NEWMOA%2BIssue%2B%25233%252C%2BSummer%2B2014%26utm_campaign%3DThird%2BIssue%2Bof%2Bnews%2540NEWMOA%26utm_medium%3Demail) from manufacturers and distributors of mercury-added products. Notification through the system enables firms to comply with the Mercury-added Product Notification requirements of CT, LA, ME, MA, NH, NY, RI, and VT. 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 was January through April 2014.    IMERC has developed a five-year Strategic Plan that was approved earlier this month. |      |  | | --- | | **Summit on Lean & Process Improvement for Environmental Agencies** |  |  | | --- | | With a small amount of seed funding from CT DEEP, NH DES, NYS DEC, and VT DEC, NEWMOA held a ["Summit on Lean & Process Improvement for Environmental Agencies in the Northeast"](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=4clj75qab.0.4nlwcbrab.wcyim6kab.0&r=3&p=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.newmoa.org%2Fevents%2Fevent.cfm%3Fm%3D120%26utm_source%3Dnews%2540NEWMOA%2BIssue%2B%25233%252C%2BSummer%2B2014%26utm_campaign%3DThird%2BIssue%2Bof%2Bnews%2540NEWMOA%26utm_medium%3Demail) on May 28, 2014 at the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP) Offices in Hartford, CT. The New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission (NEIWPCC) and the Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management (NESCAUM) co-sponsored the event. The Summit:   * Provided a forum for exchanging success stories, results, tools, and information * Facilitated sharing of projects that are improving performance and delivering value * Identified opportunities for coordination and collaboration   Participants included northeast state and federal environmental and related agency managers, staff involved with and interested in [Lean](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=4clj75qab.0.aolwcbrab.wcyim6kab.0&r=3&p=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.newmoa.org%2Fabout%2Flean%2Findex.cfm%3Futm_source%3Dnews%2540NEWMOA%2BIssue%2B%25233%252C%2BSummer%2B2014%26utm_campaign%3DThird%2BIssue%2Bof%2Bnews%2540NEWMOA%26utm_medium%3Demail) and other approaches to improving efficiency, and various interstate organizations. |      |  | | --- | | **Sustainable Compliance Results Workgroup** |  |  | | --- | | NEWMOA recently held a second conference call of its newly formed " [Sustainable Compliance Results Workgroup](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=4clj75qab.0.bolwcbrab.wcyim6kab.0&r=3&p=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.newmoa.org%2Fabout%2Fworkgroups.cfm%3Futm_source%3Dnews%2540NEWMOA%2BIssue%2B%25233%252C%2BSummer%2B2014%26utm_campaign%3DThird%2BIssue%2Bof%2Bnews%2540NEWMOA%26utm_medium%3Demail)" to facilitate collaboration among the northeast states and with EPA Regions 1 and 2 on promoting the use of a variety of approaches to advancing, monitoring, and enforcing compliance with regulatory requirements and measuring results. The new group focuses on:   * Sharing lessons learned and tools * Creating a common understanding of basic principles and concepts * Communicating success stories to build stakeholder support * Expanding support for various compliance monitoring and performance measurement approaches and strategies to promote their wider use and institutional acceptance   Members of the Workgroup provided support to the national [Environmental Council of the States (ECOS)](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=4clj75qab.0.colwcbrab.wcyim6kab.0&r=3&p=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.ecos.org%2F%3Futm_source%3Dnews%2540NEWMOA%2BIssue%2B%25233%252C%2BSummer%2B2014%26utm_campaign%3DThird%2BIssue%2Bof%2Bnews%2540NEWMOA%26utm_medium%3Demail) for a Resolution, "[Next Generation Compliance Assurance and Measurement](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=4clj75qab.0.dolwcbrab.wcyim6kab.0&r=3&p=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.ecos.org%2Fsection%2Fpolicy%2Fresolution%3Futm_source%3Dnews%2540NEWMOA%2BIssue%2B%25233%252C%2BSummer%2B2014%26utm_campaign%3DThird%2BIssue%2Bof%2Bnews%2540NEWMOA%26utm_medium%3Demail)" that was adopted in April 2014. The Resolution commits EOCS to developing a subcommittee under their Compliance Committee that will focus on these topics. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | http://img.constantcontact.com/letters/images/1101116784221/S.gif | |  |  | | --- | | [View our profile on LinkedIn](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=4clj75qab.0.vwvwnblab.wcyim6kab.0&r=3&p=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.linkedin.com%2Fcompany%2Fnewmoa) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | *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.*   [**www.newmoa.org**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=4clj75qab.0.mnlwcbrab.wcyim6kab.0&r=3&p=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.newmoa.org%2F%3Futm_source%3Dnews%2540NEWMOA%2BIssue%2B%25233%252C%2BSummer%2B2014%26utm_campaign%3DThird%2BIssue%2Bof%2Bnews%2540NEWMOA%26utm_medium%3Demail)  **NEWMOA is an equal opportunity employer and provider** | | | |