

Northeast Committee on the Environment

The environmental commissioners of New England and staff came together on January 11th in White River Junction, Vermont to discuss current issues and initiatives in the region. The New England Committee on the Environment (NECOE) commissioners gather quarterly to have informal discussions and share information and best practices.

Topics under discussion included the federal VW Settlement mitigation plans and status updates on state and regional environmental issues. As well, the committee heard reports from two of the three regional organizations: NEWMOA and NESCAUM. This was the first official meeting among the commissioners and the new EPA Region 1 Administrator, Alexandra Dunn. Administrator Dunn comes to EPA with enthusiasm, creativity, and determination to represent New England and its priorities.

A major focus on the meeting was how to continue and strengthen the New England state's collaboration. The NECOE commissioners and Administrator Dunn had a thorough roundtable discussion that ended with a shared commitment around the federal-state partnership in Region 1. We look forward to Administrator Dunn's future endeavors and collaboration with NECOE.



Top Left to Right: Neil Kamman (Senior Policy Advisor, VT DEC); Melanie Loyzim (Deputy Commissioner, ME DEP); Paul Mercer (Commissioner, ME DEP), Janet Coit (Director, RI DEM); Alexandra Dunn (Regional Administrator, EPA Region 1); Paul Miller (Deputy Director, NESCAUM); Terry Gray (Associate Director, RI DEM); Rob Klee (Commissioner CT DEEP); Bob Kaliszewski (Deputy Commissioner, CT DEEP).

Bottom left to right: Terri Goldberg (Executive Director, NEWMOA); Craig Wright (Air Director, NH DES); Martin Suuberg (Commissioner Mass DEP); Julie Moore (Secretary, Vermont ANR); Deb Szaro (Deputy Administrator, EPA Region 1).