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A Message from...

Chairman

Dean Albro

As recently elected Chairperson of the Northeast Environmental Enforcement Project I am deeply honored to present NEEP's 2006 Annual Report. The idea for an annual report to showcase NEEP's accomplishments came about in 2002. NEEP produced its first annual report in 2003. I have been very happy to see that each successive report shows improvement in both quality and content. The committee formed to start the annual report process hoped that, once started, the annual report would improve with time. I have been very happy to see that each successive report showing improvement in both quality and content. Once again, NEEP's support staff has exceeded our original expectations. The 2006 Annual report is truly a document of both function and beauty.

While I have every expectation that this report will showcase to the reader the highlights of NEEP's accomplishments, I would like to take this opportunity to share my own impressions of NEEP and its dedicated staff. I have been participating with NEEP for several years now and continue to be impressed by the dedication and hard work of NEEP's staff consisting of Connie Morder, Executive Director; Patricia Jones, Training Coordinator; and Melanie Jack, Marketing Information Specialist. Their professionalism and caring are truly represented by this 2006 Annual Report. In addition, the dedication and volunteer efforts of members of the Board of Directors, our state and federal members, our volunteer trainers, our partners in the Northeast Environmental Enforcement Training Fund and the support we enjoy from our state managers, especially from our host State of New Jersey, is truly an inspiration. As environmental enforcement professionals, we are always seeking evidence to support enforcement actions to protect the environment and the public's health and safety. I hope that you will agree that this 2006 Annual Report represents evidence of the leadership that NEEP provides in training environmental enforcement professionals for its member states. I truly believe that NEEP is the gold standard in this effort and continues to strive to maintain that standard.

I hope that this report provides you with important information about NEEP and its efforts. I also hope that this report will inspire your use of NEEP and continued efforts on the part of our member states and federal partners to support NEEP's mission.

Sincerely,

Dean Albro

Dean H. Albro,
Chairperson
Northeast Environmental Enforcement Project

A Message from...

Executive Director

Connie Morder

It is a pleasure to present to you the Northeast Environmental Enforcement Project's 2006 Annual Report. I am proud of our accomplishments over the past fiscal year as we continue to strive towards providing the highest quality training and support services.

We are one year into our 2005-2007 Strategic Plan and have already accomplished a great deal. Our marketing efforts have increased substantially, as well as our efforts in strengthening and improving our core services: training and information sharing. In light of our budgetary constraints and recent funding cuts, the Project's Funding Committee continues to make strides in identifying alternative sources of funding. The services provided by the Project are more important than ever at a time when state and local budgets do not often provide for training of personnel. NEEP provides one of the most cost effective vehicles for training and technical support available to our members.

In April 2006, the membership elected a new Chairperson, Training Chairperson and Board of Directors to guide us through 2008. I would like to welcome the newly elected Board of Directors and look forward to working with these individuals to accomplish the mission and goals of the Project. We are also very fortunate to have the continued support of all of our members and our federal partners.

In closing, I would like to thank NEEP staff members' Patricia Jones and Melanie Jack for their hard work and dedication over this past year. Without their support, we would not have been able to accomplish the activities that are highlighted in this report. We all look forward to achieving our strategic goals this coming year with the assistance of our dedicated membership.

Sincerely,

Connie Morder

Connie Morder
Northeast Environmental Enforcement
Project Executive Director

Who we are...



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NORTHEAST ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT PROJECT

The Northeast Environmental Enforcement Project is a professional environmental association dedicated to the growth and the development of its members by providing

training, networking opportunities, information, and support services. We accomplish this by facilitating relationships among state, local and federal enforcement authorities; using innovative techniques to provide legal, technical, and investigative training, utilizing leading practitioners to design and present a wide variety of topics of current interests; and encouraging communication through meetings, conferences, and information services.

2005-2007 Strategic Plan

VISION

We envision a Northeast Environment Enforcement Project (NEEP) with an increasingly strong capacity to deliver high-quality training programs, efficient and responsive information services, and professional networking opportunities. We will contribute to making this vision a reality by developing a regional communication plan which promotes the unique services provided by the NEEP to its membership.

MISSION

Our mission is to work for the success of the environmental professionals we serve by promoting communication, providing quality training, and offering professional development and networking opportunities.

GOALS

To strengthen and improve NEEP's critical services: training, information sharing, and networking.

Develop a comprehensive Regional Communication Plan for NEEP's Constituents.

Diversify and strengthen NEEP's funding base.

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GUIDING VALUES

We are guided in our actions and decision by these values and principles:

COOPERATION

We will build and sustain productive relationships with other associations inside and outside the Region. We will strive to develop strong relationships and working "partnerships" with others in the environmental enforcement community, including Southern Environmental Enforcement Network, Midwest Environmental Enforcement Association, Western States Project and the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

PROFESSIONALISM

We will adhere to the highest standards of professionalism, ethics, lifelong learning, confidentiality, and dependability.

COMMITMENT TO INNOVATION

We will work toward continuous improvement in all NEEP operations. We will champion innovation by seeking opportunities to market the services of the NEEP throughout the Region using strategic alliances and improved technologies. We will encourage change and pursue creative approaches to providing exceptional training using innovative methods of delivery that will meet the evolving needs of the environmental enforcement professionals.

FOCUS ON RESULTS

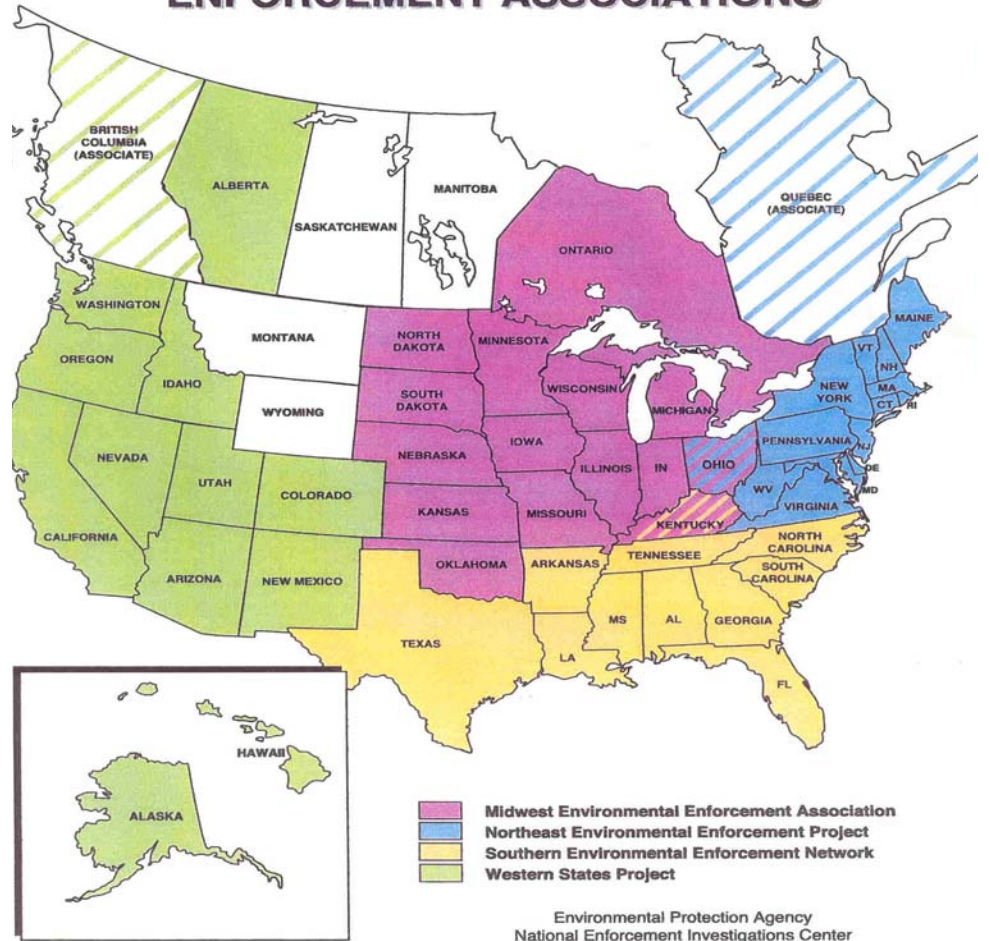
NEEP'S commitment is to help our membership improve performance and achieve workplace results through training, networking, and information sharing. We are committed to achieving measurable results in all our undertakings.

NEEP

Membership States

- Connecticut
- Delaware
- District of Columbia
- Maine
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- New Hampshire
- New Jersey
- New York
- Ohio
- Pennsylvania
- Rhode Island
- Vermont
- Virginia
- West Virginia

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT ASSOCIATIONS



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ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

- ◆ Province of Quebec
- ◆ Air Force Office of Special Investigations
- ◆ Defense Criminal Investigative Service
- ◆ Naval Criminal Investigative Service
- ◆ Environment Canada

NEEP STATE REPRESENTATIVES

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the state Attorneys' General and Environmental Commissioners/Secretaries for their continued commitment to the Northeast Project. We are aware that our State Liaisons involvement and contributions are made possible only because of the support they receive from those in leadership.

CONNECTICUT

Richard Blumenthal, *Attorney General*
Gina McCarthy, *Commissioner*

DELAWARE

Carl C. Danberg, *Attorney General*
John A. Hughes, *Secretary*

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Robert J. Spangnoletti, *Attorney General*
Elizabeth Berry, *Chief Operating Officer*

MAINE

G. Steven Rowe, *Attorney General*
David Littell, *Commissioner*

MARYLAND

J. Joseph Curran, Jr., *Attorney General*
Kendal P. Philbrick, *Secretary*

MASSACHUSETTS

Tom Reilly, *Attorney General*
Arleen O'Donnell, *Acting Commissioner*

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Kelly A. Ayotte, *Attorney General*
Tom Burack, *Commissioner*

NEW JERSEY

Stuart Rabner, *Attorney General*
Lisa Jackson, *Commissioner*

NEW YORK

Eliot Spitzer, *Attorney General*
Denise M. Sheehan, *Commissioner*

OHIO

Jim Petro, *Attorney General*
Joseph Koncelik, *Director*

PENNSYLVANIA

Thomas W. Corbett, Jr., *Attorney General*
Kathleen McGinty, *Secretary*

RHODE ISLAND

Patrick Lynch, *Attorney General*
W. Michael Sullivan, Ph.D., *Director*

VERMONT

William H. Sorrell, *Attorney General*
Jeffrey Wennberg, *Commissioner*

VIRGINIA

Bob Mc Donnell, *Attorney General*
David K. Paylor, *Director*

WEST VIRGINIA

Darrell V. McGraw, Jr., *Attorney General*
Stephanie Timmermeyer, *Cabinet Secretary*



The Northeast Project hosted its 63rd Membership Meeting on October 19-20, 2005 in Williamsburg, Virginia. We would like to thank Deputy Secretary of Natural Resources Russ Baxter for presenting the Opening Remarks at this conference. We thank the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and the Office of the Attorney General for their continued support and commitment to the Northeast Project.

Topics that were addressed during this meeting included: US/Canadian Border Crossing Update, Global Warming: Facts and Myths, Environmental Enforcement Cases: Improving your ability to tell the Story; and a presentation on The Confession Paradox (or ERP's self-disclosure privilege from the perspective of State enforcement programs). The presentation addressed the following:

What enforcement response is available if the document is complete or false or when a violation is self disclosed after it has already been identified by an inspector, and what degree of follow up is required, among other issues.

In addition to the presentations, time was set aside for Discipline breakout sessions, giving individuals the opportunity to share their latest cases and current issues developing within their state.

A special thanks to our experienced instructors who presented these topics: Douglas Knorr, USEPA, Rocky Piaggione, USDOJ, Bernard Penner, Maryland DOE, Dean Albro, RIDEM, Steve DeGabriele, Massachusetts DEP, Russell Vose, National Climate Data Center, Paul Little, USEPA, Dr. Leo Finkelstein, Wright State University, and Pamela Talbot, Massachusetts DEP.



*Scott Kline and Governor
James Douglas*



*Mike Staub, Connie Morder,
and Dean Albro*



The Northeast Project hosted its 64th Membership Meeting in Burlington, Vermont on April 25-27, 2006. We were privileged to have Governor James Douglas presenting the Opening Remarks at this conference. Our thanks go out to the State of Vermont for their continued support and commitment to the Northeast Environmental Enforcement Project.

The conference included the following training topics: Laboratory Issues: sampling/testing protocols and presenting a listed waste case to a jury; U.S. DOJ's updates on Task Forces and U.S./Canadian Border Initiatives; Massachusetts Update: Covert Anti-Dumping Initiative; and a presentation on the Toxics in Packaging Clearinghouse. In addition, time was set aside for Roundtable Discussions and Discipline breakout sessions, giving individuals the opportunity to share their latest cases and current issues developing within their states.

A special thanks to our experienced instructors who presented these topics: John Fowler, USEPA/NEIC, Stacy Mitchell, USDOJ, Rocky Piaggione, USDOJ, Timothy Dame, Massachusetts DEP, Pamela Talbot, Massachusetts DEP, and Patricia Dillon, Toxics in Packaging Clearinghouse.

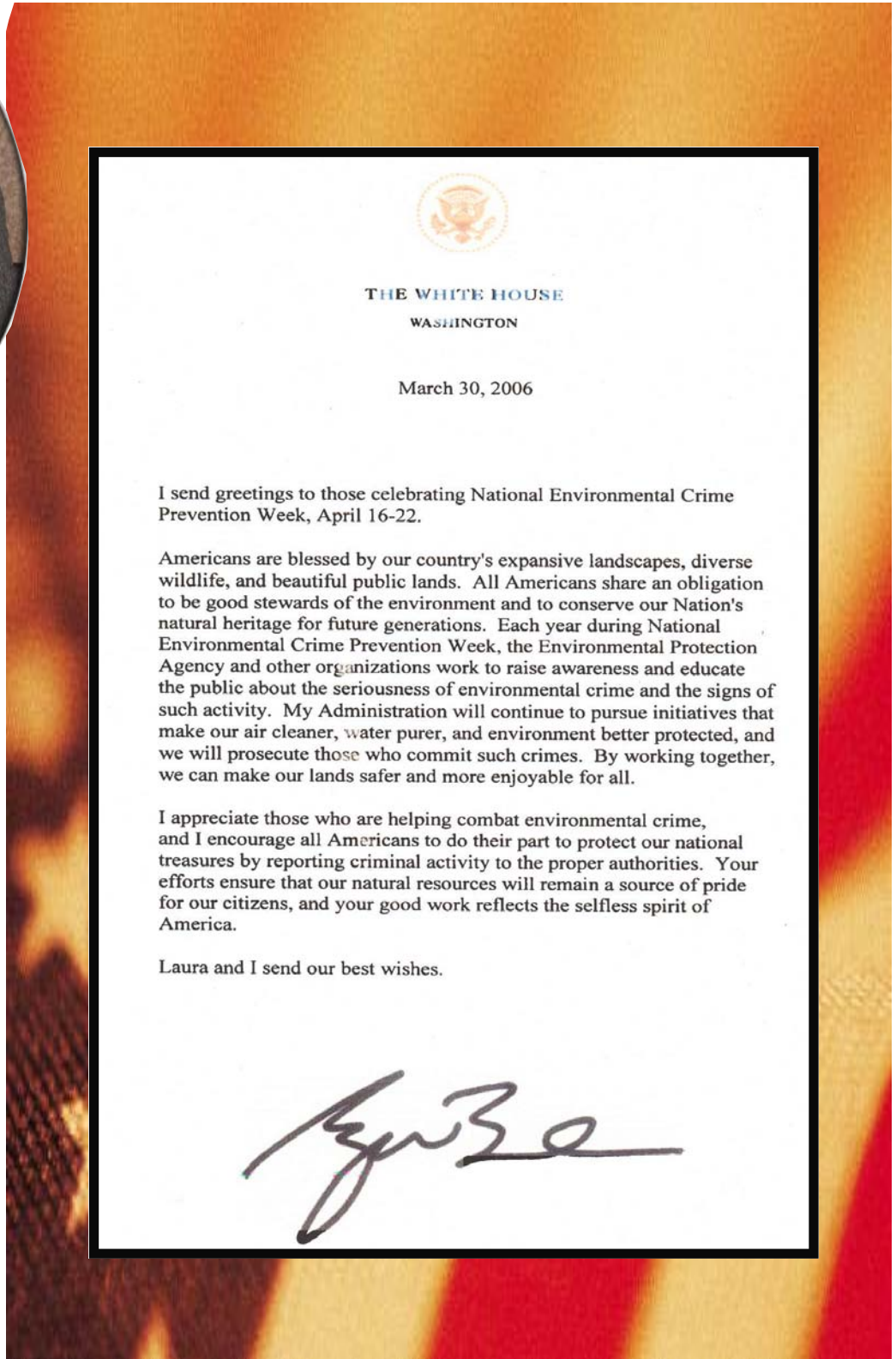
We were also pleased to have Barbara Foreman from USEPA at the conference to present the Northeast Project with a proclamation from President Bush recognizing our accomplishments during the National Environmental Crimes Prevention Week. We thank Barbara for all of her efforts in obtaining this recognition for NEEP. A copy of the letter can be found on page 12.

If you are interested in receiving any of the handout materials for this conference, please contact the Project office.

LETTER FROM PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH



**Barbara Foreman, U.S.E.P.A.
and Connie Morder,
Executive Director**





The Project continues to support the states through our environmental crimes awareness program designed for the nation's middle school students. The four Regional Environmental Enforcement Associations developed a collection of materials that can be used to make presentations to middle school students in an effort to increase awareness of

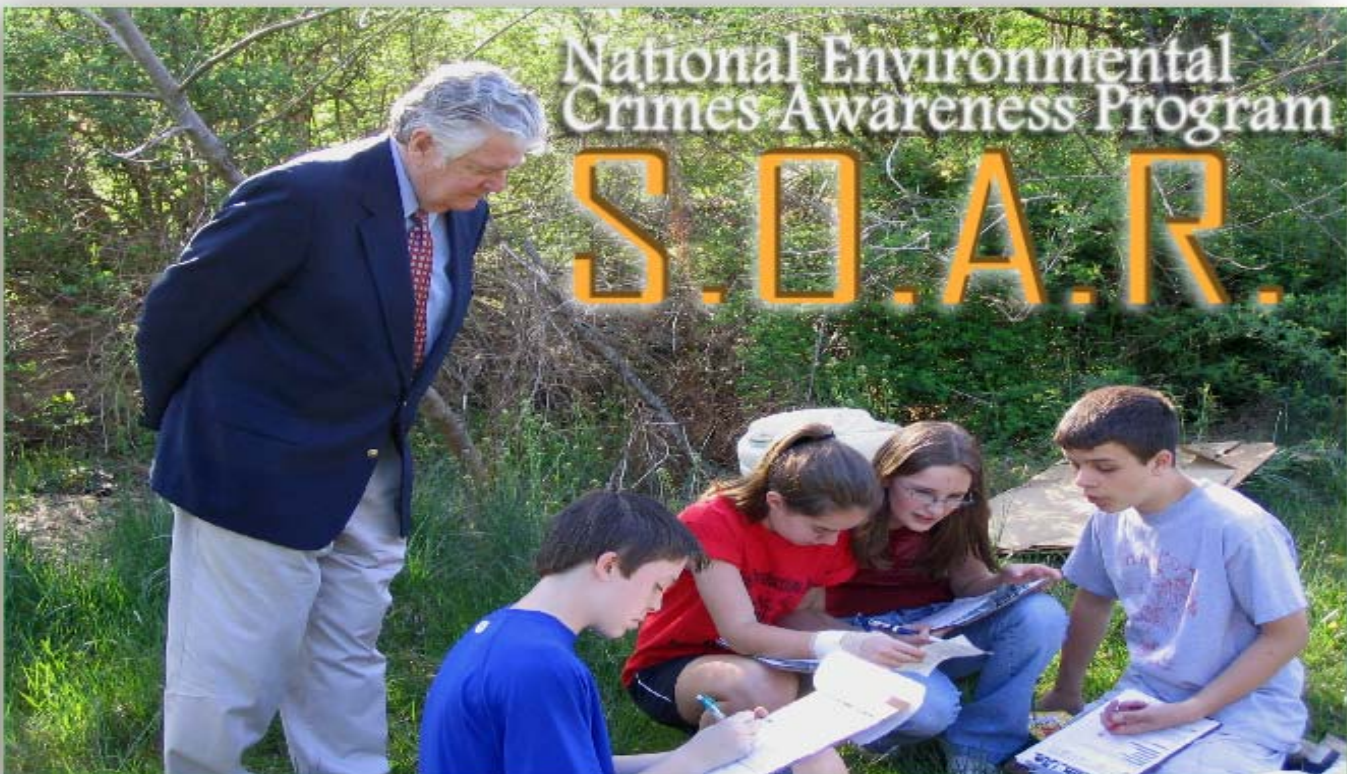
environmental criminal activities. The acronym **SOAR** is used throughout the materials...**S**afety, **O**bservation, **A**wareness, and **R**eporting. The material packet contains the following:

- ✓ A CD containing a PowerPoint presentation describing environmental laws, criminal activity and suggestions for action. The CD can be modified to include information about the presenting agency, i.e., contact information.

- ✓ A short video, "Isn't It About Time?" features a boy and his mother who observe possible environmental criminal activity. The video discusses what they should do about it.
- ✓ A supply of comic books, "It's Grime Crime, Justin Tyme!" introducing students to environmental crimes. The comic book directs students to an Internet-based environmental crime investigative game. Students who complete the game will receive a "special agent T-shirt."
- ✓ A commemorative poster featuring the national poster contest winner.

The Project would like to promote this awareness program and encourage the member states to outreach to their middle schools.

If you would like more information on this outreach program, please contact your State Liaison.



Maryland Attorney General Joseph Curran visits schools throughout the state.

FISCAL YEAR 2006 TRAINING TOTALS

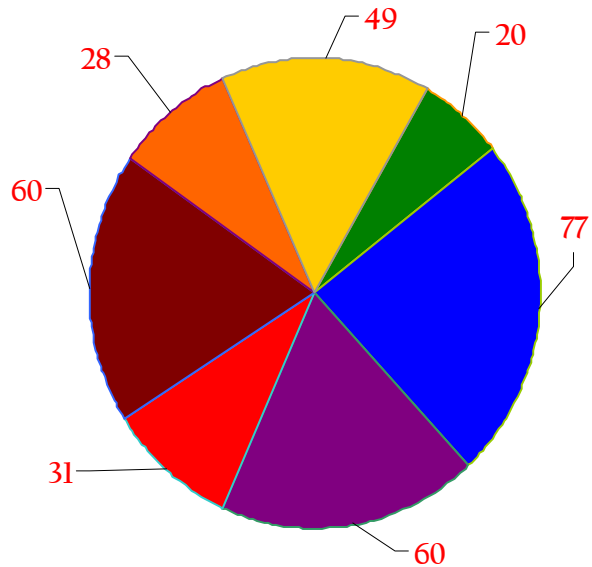
TRAINING

Basic and advanced level training is offered annually to regulatory personnel, state investigators, prosecutors and civil attorneys. Specialized training for local law enforcement officers and prosecutors is also available. Case management training for regulatory enforcement personnel has also been designed and delivered.

The training that the Project provides is critical for enforcement staff in the regulatory, civil and criminal programs. The goal of the training is to teach skills that result in appropriate and efficient enforcement actions. Courses focus on case development skills including report writing and interviewing, program referral preparation, sampling procedures and proper evidence collection, and preparing technical data for the courtroom. Faculty are experienced state regulatory managers, Attorney General staff and environmental investigators.

FY05 Statistics from Training Courses/Conference 325 Trained in FY06

- Jul-05 Negotiation Skills Workshop - Harrisburg, PA 20
- Oct-05 NEEP Membership Conference - Williamsburg, VA 77
- Nov-05 Basic Environmental Crimes Training - Harrisburg, PA 60
- Dec-05 Negotiation Skills Workshop - Richmond, VA 31
- Apr-06 NEEP Membership Conference - Burlington, VT 60
- May-06 Negotiation Skills Workshop - Pittsburgh, PA 28
- Jun-06 Advanced Training Course - Ft. Monmouth, NJ 49



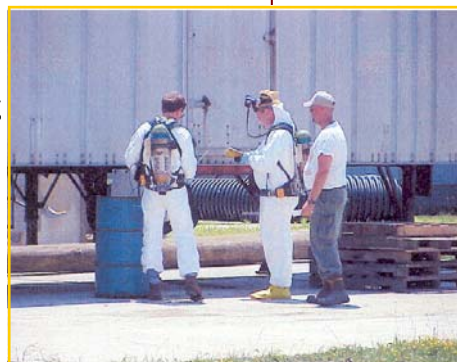
TRAINING COURSES

MULTI-MEDIA COURSE FOR REGULATORS

This three-day course is designed for state and local regulatory personnel from Air, Water and Waste programs with more than 3 years experience. This course provides an awareness of the different media programs and the options that exist to address violations of those laws found during an environmental inspection. The course includes practical exercises on multi-media inspections, as well as a walk-through of an electroplating facility.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROSECUTORS TRAINING

This two-day course is designed for state and local prosecutors. The course progresses through each phase of an environmental prosecution from charging strategies through jury charges. Faculty will discuss latest decisions and current issues throughout each phase of the course. The course prepares students for trial through review of techniques, strategies, and trial examples.



TRAINING COURSES

BASIC INVESTIGATIVE TRAINING FOR INVESTIGATORS AND INSPECTORS

This three and one-half day course is designed for investigators and regulatory personnel with less than 3 years experience in the environmental field. The course is intended to present basic skills in developing environmental cases. It also provides an awareness of and cross-training among multiple disciplines. This training is the prerequisite for NEEP's Field Investigations Course and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center's (FLETC) Advanced Environmental Crimes Training Course.



ADVANCED FIELD INVESTIGATIONS

This three-day course consists of both classroom lectures and a series of hands-on practical exercises simulating what is typically encountered by enforcement personnel investigating an environmental incident/case.

Each team works through four environmental scenarios which will address the following issues: illegal discharge into the water, illegal burning of tires/copper wire, abandoned trailer filled with drums, and abandoned drums. In addition, one classroom segment addresses the Use of the Internet in Investigations.

REFRESHER COURSE FOR COMPLIANCE/ ENFORCEMENT INSPECTORS

This two-day course is designed for regulatory personnel from all media programs and includes such topics as inspection planning and preparation, use of the internet/sources of information, inspection authority and enforcement process, multi-media awareness, interviewing techniques, inspection reports and courtroom testimony.



TRANS-BORDER ENFORCEMENT AWARENESS WORKSHOP

This one-day course is targeted to environmental enforcement professionals from both sides of the U.S./Canadian border. The purpose is to heighten participant awareness of the variety and types of environmental crimes occurring along the border and to encourage the development of transnational-cooperative networks to address violations of environmental law and international agreements.



PRESENTATION AND TRAINING SKILL: PRACTICAL TIPS THAT WORK

This one and one-half day program is a modification of the NEEP Train the Trainer program that was designed and delivered in the past exclusively to NEEP faculty members. We have broadened our original Train the Trainer program to meet the needs of anyone who does training, public speaking or meeting facilitation. The program is highly interactive and gives participants hands-on experience in using a wide variety of practical tips, tactics, and how-to's for improving presentations. *(continue on page 16)*

The course includes instruction on how to handle a difficult audience, opening and closing with impact, creating dynamic visuals, involving participants, and how to recognize differences in learning and teaching styles. We will also show you how to deal with anxiety, shorten your preparation time, and organize your material. We have successfully used these innovative presentations techniques in seminars and workshops in many governmental agencies throughout the country.

NEGOTIATION SKILLS WORKSHOP

This two-day course can be tailored toward attorneys, case managers, or field personnel within your agency. The course teaches basic principles and skills, communication styles, planning for structure and process, strategies and tactics, as well as state-specific policies and procedures. The course includes a one-half day simulation in which all students participate. The simulation is based upon an actual environmental negotiation. This course is available upon request on an in-state basis.



CIVIL ATTORNEYS TRAINING COURSE

This two-day training course is highly interactive and will progress through each phase of a civil proceeding. Topics include drafting the complaint, motions/depositions, evidence gathering, parallel proceedings, dealing with regulatory agencies and citizen groups, direct case strategy and issues, defense strategies and issues, and negotiations of multi-defendant cases.

TESTIMONIALS

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Advanced Training Course:

“All of the faculty were excellent! Exceptional knowledge and helped groups enough but not too much.”



“I felt that all of the scenarios were valuable. Keep it real as possible, based on previous cases.”



“Meth Labs can be very dangerous and I learned important safety procedures.”



“The course focused in on all of my daily activities and opened my eyes to new situations I have yet to encounter.”



“Great training experience!”





Mike Staub, Attorney General Thomas Corbett and Connie Morder

Basic Environmental Crimes

HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

On November 15-18, 2005, the Northeast Project conducted a Basic Environmental Crimes Investigations Training Course in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.



This three and one-half day course is designed for investigators and regulatory personnel with less than 3 years experience in the environmental field. The course is intended to present basic skills in developing environmental cases. It also provides an awareness of and cross-training among multiple disciplines. This training is the prerequisite for NEEP's Field Investigations Course and FLETC's Advanced Environmental Crimes Training Course.



Mike Staub, Thomas Fidler, Deputy Secretary of Waste, Air, and Radiation Management and Connie Morder

We were honored to have Attorney General Thomas Corbett and Deputy Secretary Thomas Fidler present the Opening Remarks at this training course. Sixty participants from the member states attended this training which covered the following topics: coordination in environmental enforcement, an overview of the federal regulations, introduction to the criminal justice system, overview of environmental terrorism, methods of illegal disposal, coordination of field investigations, special legal concerns, interviewing techniques, information sources, report writing, reviewing company documents, testifying in court, defense attorney perspective, and a mock trial.

Basic Environmental Crimes Investigations Training Course

T E S T I M O N I A L S

"The overall program was great. It gave me a solid foundation in order to guide investigations"

*Officer Robert Scott,
Passaic (NJ) County Sheriff's Department*

"This is the first NEEP training I have attended. I found the staff to be courteous and professional. Training materials should come in handy as a basic reference resource."

*Brian Littlefield,
Maryland Department of the Environment*

"I've had some limited enforcement experience. This program taught me many things and helped put together what I already knew into a context that makes sense. Gave me a well rounded awareness"

*Angel Arroyo, Ohio
Environmental Protection Agency*

"The combination of theory and practice in the teachings makes the workshop a very good one. Additionally, the program dynamics- attendees participation in the process- help a great deal in knowledge sharing overall."

*Anthony Enweze,
Maryland Department of the Environment*

NORTHEAST PROJECT STAFF



Left to right: Patricia Jones, Connie Morder, and Melanie Jack

Executive Director Connie Morder has been with Northeast Project for 22 years. She has extensive knowledge and experience with every aspect of the Project's operations. Her responsibilities include directing and coordinating all of NEEP's activities relating to training, information sharing, and networking opportunities for its members. Connie is also responsible for the Project's funding including grant applications, budgeting, analysis and reporting, coordinating with NEETFI (non-profit), and seeking alternate funding through settlements and other grant sources.

Training Coordinator Pat Jones joined the Project in May 2003. Pat has extensive experience in the training arena for state and local law enforcement personnel. She is responsible for training announcements, faculty selection, course materials, and overall coordination of the training program. Pat also excels at her duties relating to meeting planning, hotel selection, and on-site coordination of training programs and conferences.

Marketing/Information Specialist Melanie Jack joined the Project in August 2003. She has excelled in her responsibilities regarding the overall marketing of NEEP services including the development of annual reports, brochures, newsletter, training materials and audio-visual aids. Melanie's creativity can be seen in all of these marketing efforts including the layout and design of this annual report.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



2006-2008 Board of Directors

Chairperson

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Training Chairperson

- Robert Cheugh, Ohio Attorney Generals Office, 614-466-5243, rcheugh@ag.state.oh.us

Large State Representatives

AG REPRESENTATIVE

- Matthew Dullagan, Virginia Attorney General Office

REGULATORY REPRESENTATIVE

- Wolf Skacel, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, 609-984-3285, wolfgang.skacel@dep.state.nj.us

INVESTIGATIVE REPRESENTATIVE

- Jeff Gross, New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice, 609-984-7141, grossj@njdcj.org

Medium State Representatives

AG REPRESENTATIVE

- Hans Miller, Maryland Office of the Attorney General

REGULATORY REPRESENTATIVE

- Joe Dorant, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, 617-292-5645, joseph.dorant@state.ma.us

INVESTIGATIVE REPRESENTATIVE

- Mike O'Hara, New York Department of Environmental Conservation, 518-402-8820, mrohara@gw.dec.state.ny.us

Small State Representatives

AG REPRESENTATIVE

- Holly Harris, Vermont Office of the Attorney General, 802-828-5332, hharris@atg.state.vt.us

REGULATORY REPRESENTATIVE

- John Duclos, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, 603-271-1998, jduclos@des.state.nh.us

INVESTIGATIVE REPRESENTATIVE

- Kurt Reuther, Delaware DNREC, 302-739-9401, kurt.reuther@state.de.us

STATE LIAISONS

State support for the Northeast Project is accomplished through biannual Membership Meetings. The membership meetings are held in various cities in the northeast and are planned and delivered by the Project staff. The primary function of the Membership Meetings is to provide management level training to the State Liaisons who direct the Project staff. Each member state and the District of Columbia have three representatives (Attorney General, Regulatory, and Investigative) named the State Liaisons. This governing body determines the services that the Project provides. Many of the liaisons serve also as faculty for the training courses delivered by the Project.

State Liaisons nominate students from their states for attendance at Project training courses. They also provide, for their agencies, access to the R@IN and other information services, which are offered exclusively to enforcement agencies. The Project's Executive Director is located with the Project staff in Trenton, New Jersey, and reports to the State Liaisons at bi-annual meetings. State Liaisons direct the staff as to the training and information services to be provided to the states.

State Liaisons also monitor environmental enforcement trends in order to keep their own education current through topical presentations at each meeting. Each Membership Meeting features a minimum of three training sessions that include case studies, environmental law updates, or other areas of regional concern. Disciplinary breakout sessions are held for prosecutors, investigators, and regulatory enforcement managers to discuss current case law, methods of investigation, and regulatory updates in the media programs.

State Liaisons are typically program managers and directors from the enforcement programs in their states. Many of them have multi-media enforcement responsibility, and some are responsible for pollution prevention activities as well. The representatives from Attorney General offices are from investigative and prosecutorial units, with some representation from the civil programs as well. In recent years, the Project's scope has expanded to include multi-media training as well as greater emphasis on civil and administrative enforcement training.

Connecticut

*Tamberlyn E. Conopask
Matthew Levine
Nicole Lugli*

Delaware

*Kevin Maloney
Nancy Marker
Kurt J. Reuther*

District of Columbia

*Rick DuBose
Amy McDonnell
Louie White*

Maine

*Peter J. Carney
Brian MacMaster
Scott Whittier*

Maryland

*Rick Johnson
Jay Robinson
David Riggs*

Massachusetts

*Joe Dorant
Gail Larson
Paul Malloy
Pamela Talbot*

New Hampshire

*John Duclos
Jennifer Patterson
Sandra L. Petell*

New Jersey

*Edward Bonanno
Kenneth Elwell
Jeff Gross
Wolf Skacel*

New York

*James H. Ferreira
Hugh L. McLean
Mike O'Hara*

Ohio

*Robert Cheugh
Kevin Clouse
Richard Fair*

Pennsylvania

*Glenn Parno
Rick Shipman
Michael A. Staub*

Province of Quebec

Michel Vallières

Rhode Island

*Dean Albro
Christian Capizzo
Kurt A. Schatz*

Vermont

*Donald Gallus
Peter Marshall
Holly Harris*

Virginia

*Matthew Dullaghan
Ralph Mayer
Amy Owens*

West Virginia

Perry McDaniel

Air Force Office of Special Investigations

*Jennifer McBee
Johnnie Mullins*

Defense Criminal Investigation Service

Daniel Rodriguez

Naval Criminal Investi- gative Service

*Darren Geary
Terry O'Connor*

Environmental Canada

Renzo Benocci

2006 SETTLEMENT STRATEGY

“States that had previously indicated they did not have the ability to direct their settlements to NEEP went back to their administrations, and in many cases because of the example set by other states, found they were able to do this.”

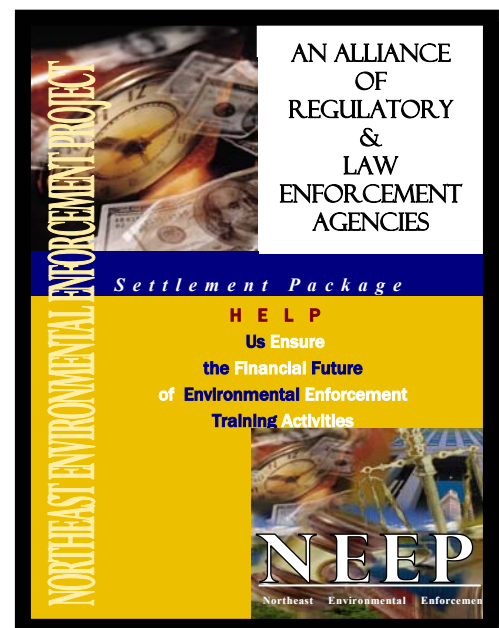
NEEP has been extremely fortunate to have received settlement monies from the member states throughout the years. The money received has been vital to our existence and allows us to continue to provide quality training and services to our members.

In response to the potential loss of a major funding source, State Liaisons began to direct enforcement settlements to the NEEP account, to offset the anticipated federal loss. This started a trend that NEEP reported on it during membership conferences and the trend has gained momentum and has continued. States that had previously indicated they did not have the ability to direct their settlements to NEEP went back to their administrations, and in many cases because of the example set by other states, found they were able to contribute in this way. Currently, these examples are reported during membership conferences and at the Prosecutor and Civil Attorney Training courses.

As part of this effort, NEEP has developed a settlement package that is used to provide examples, options, contacts, and explicit instructions on how to direct settlements to NEEP. This tool was revised by the “Settlement Committee” which held its first meeting at the National Conference in San Antonio, Texas in April 2003.

On behalf of the members and staff of NEEP, we would like to thank those members who have contributed settlement monies to NEEP.

To receive a Settlement Packet, please contact the NEEP office.



2006 NEEP Settlement Package Brochure

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

The Regional Associations Information Network (R@IN) is an internet-based information resource designed specifically for environmental regulatory and enforcement professionals such as local, state, and federal regulators, civil attorneys, law enforcement personnel, prosecutors, and others involved in environmental regulation and enforcement. This site is password protected, intended for the use of governmental personnel only, and requires application approval. R@IN is jointly sponsored by the four state Regional Environmental Enforcement Associations: Midwest Environmental Enforcement Association, Northeast Environmental Enforcement Project, Southern Environmental Enforcement Network and Western States Project. The application is available at www.regionalassociations.org.

Visit
www.Regionalassociations.org



- **Looking for Environmental Enforcement Training Opportunities?**

Try the Calendar of Events. Users can search for information on upcoming training courses, seminars, workshops, conferences and other events of interest, and also input information about events of interest.

- **Need a Contact in Another Agency or Jurisdiction?**

Use the searchable Contacts and Expertise database to find a contact or someone with a particular expertise. Enter your own personal information into the database, and you become a potential contact person for others.

- **Need Assistance, an Opinion or Just Want to Discuss an Issue?**

Check out the Discussion Forums. These forums are designed to assist you in sharing information with others. The Forums are divided into four major areas: Regulatory Issues, Civil and Administrative Issues, Criminal Enforcement Issues and Legislation/Regulations Policy. You can initiate a discussion, add information to an existing discussion, or simply monitor a discussion.

- **Searching for Documents?**

Hundreds of useful documents are available for downloading. Use the search engine to locate the type of documents you need, then simply download those you want. You can also submit documents to be included in the documents clearinghouse.



Investing for the Future

Creation of Non-Profit Entity
Northeast Environmental Enforcement Training Fund

On October 15, 2001, the Coordination Committee (now referred to as State Liaisons) unanimously voted to authorize the creation of a non-profit entity entitled the Northeast Environmental Enforcement Training Fund (“NEETFI”). The creation of NEETFI reflects many years of discussion and planning by the NEEP Steering Committee (now referred to as Board of Directors) and NEEP staff about forming a non-profit to provide even greater support for a growing and very unique training and information network. As the Project grew in membership and services, the membership also saw a need for growth of income in order to offset lean state and federal funding years.

The mission of the non-profit is to receive and administer funds for the sole purpose of supporting environmental enforcement training for professionals in the membership of, or in association with, the Northeast Environmental Enforcement Project.

NEETFI will carry out its mission by acquiring non-traditional types of funds for states’ environmental enforcement training programs and by developing a diverse portfolio that includes a plan for investment, focusing on an endowment for the long term, and includes the potential for pursuing foundation monies, grants, and other mechanisms for growth.

This non-profit entity incorporated in Ohio on November 8, 2002, and received tax-exempt approval from the Internal Revenue Service in June 2003.

The formation of NEETFI was the result of staff and the Steering Committee working together to explore the options available for establishing a separate non-profit organization to provide training funds for NEEP activities, thereby extending the resources

available to NEEP. The organization is operating in Ohio and is led by a volunteer Board made up exclusively of past NEEP associates. The job of the Board is two-fold: to assist NEEP financially in its annual programming; and to grow assets in the long run in order to provide an endowment for NEEP.

While accomplishing these two goals simultaneously in the current investment climate will no doubt present a real challenge, NEEP has never had this type of support, and the benefits are already evident. Since 2003, eight NEEP member states have contributed settlement funds toward environment enforcement training or directly to the endowment. NEETFI also received a state grant dedicated to environmental enforcement training and educational materials—for NEEP members as well as for school children. These funds have enabled NEETFI to grant training dollars that would not otherwise be available, as well as to enable the endowment to grow for the future.

The development of this new vehicle for growth of environmental enforcement training resources marks a very exciting time in the history of the services NEEP offers to member states. NEEP members will be able to look to NEETFI as an opportunity for their states to support environmental enforcement as a long term program that will have lasting impact on the health and environment of the north-eastern region of the continent.

For more information on how you can support NEETFI, please contact NEEP Executive Director Connie Morder for details.



NEEP'S CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM

NEEP 2006 TRAINING / CONFERENCE CALENDAR

DATE	COURSE NAME
April 25-27	NEEP Membership Conference Location: Burlington, Vermont
May 10-11	Negotiation Skills Workshop ** Location: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
June 13-15	Advanced Training Course Location: Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey
August 1-2	Negotiation Skills Workshop Location: Providence, Rhode Island
October 17-19	NEEP Membership Conference Location: Albany, New York
November 15-16	Negotiation Skills Workshop Location: Columbus, Ohio

****State specific training program**

Refresher Course for Compliance /Enforcement Inspectors and Negotiation Skills Workshops are just two examples of State specific training available to your agencies. If you would like additional information on NEEP co-sponsoring these or other types of in-state courses, please contact: **Patricia Jones, Training Coordinator, at (609) 984-1961.**



The New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) in Newark, New Jersey, has recognized the Northeast Environmental Enforcement Project as a qualified provider of continuing education programs. NJIT is ranked among the nation's leading comprehensive technological universities, and is New Jersey's leading provider of engineering, architectural, professional, management and technical education. Each participant has the option of receiving CEU awards for any training course NEEP provides at a nominal cost payable to NJIT. The CEU is used nationally to document the type, quality, and duration of non-credit study. In general, one CEU is defined as being equal to 10 classroom hours.

In addition, students can obtain Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credits for attendance at NEEP courses and conferences. The NEEP staff will provide any documentation necessary for individuals to obtain CLE credits when they apply to their state's bar association.

If you would like to receive the tentative 2007 Training /Conference Calendar, please contact Pat Jones at (609) 984-1961 or look on the R@IN website.

NEEP BALANCE SHEET

July 01, 2005 to June 30, 2006

The Northeast Environmental Enforcement Project relies on funding from the following three sources: a federal grant, membership dues, and settlement funds. Funding from USEPA was originally derived from the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) (hazardous waste program) which primarily funded NEEP's training activities; and through the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (superfund program) which primarily funded information service and networking activities, including membership conferences. In 1990, EPA's National Enforcement Training Institute (NETI) was created with the passage of the Pollution Prosecution Act. The four associations were expected to play a major role in carrying out NETI training at the state and local levels, as mandated by the Act. Funding to the Northeast Project was then centralized under the NETI umbrella. NETI is part of the EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance.

The Project's Membership dues are calculated based on a state contribution formula which utilizes a base contribution of \$2,000, per member. The additional match funds for each state are then determined according to the general population of that state. In addition, membership fees for associate members are \$2,000 per year.

Finally, contributions from member states through settlement monies constitute an additional source of funding for NEEP. For more information on settlement contributions, please see the Settlement article found on page 20 of this annual report.

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REVENUE

Membership Dues	\$146,500
EPA Grant	<u>\$125,000</u>
Sub Total	\$271,500

Carryover Funds	\$244,868
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TOTAL \$516,368

EXPENDITURES

Training / Conferences	\$106,965
Salaries	\$176,577
Fringe Benefits	\$ 62,208
Office Supplies	\$ 28,232
Indirect Costs	\$ 3,582

TOTAL \$377,564

FY 06 CARRYOVER FUNDS

TOTAL \$138,804

Special Acknowledgements



Mike Staub and Connie Morder

The Northeast Project would like to recognize and thank **Mike Staub** of the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office for his significant contributions to NEEP over the years. Mike completed his second term as Chairperson in April 2006. The Board of Director's unanimously voted to add Mike's name to NEEP's outstanding Achievement Award plaque which hangs in the Project office. In addition to serving two terms as Chairperson, Mike has also served as Training Chairperson. He also instructs at almost all of NEEP's current training courses. Mike assisted in the development of the NECPW materials and has been involved in NEEP's committees for over 20 years. We look forward to his continued involvement and guidance on NEEP's committees and as a State Liaison.



Robert Cheugh and Connie Morder

Robert Cheugh of the Ohio Attorney General's Office has been elected to a second term as NEEP's Training Chairperson. We would like to thank Bob for his continued support and commitment to NEEP's training program. The Project staff look forward to working with Bob and the Training Committee over the next two years to strengthen and improve our training efforts.

A special thanks to **Hans Miller**, formerly with the Maryland Attorney General's Office and **Matthew Dullaghan**, formerly with the Virginia Attorney General's Office, for their contributions on the NEEP Board of Directors. These two individuals have accepted new positions and have vacated their positions on the Board. We welcome their replacements, **Hugh McLean**, New York Office of the Attorney General and **Christian Capizzo**, Rhode Island Department of the Attorney General. We look forward to working with these individuals and the rest of the newly elected Board of Directors.



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