

EPA Smart Sectors is a partnership program that provides a platform to collaborate with regulated sectors and develop sensible approaches that better protect the environment and public health.

The New England (EPA Region 1) Smart Sectors initiative is intended to be a platform to better communicate with specific regulated sectors important to the New England economy, environment, and public health. The Region 1 program is based in the Office of the Regional Administrator, which enables our sector leads to work with the national Smart Sectors program and across EPA's land, water, air, and chemical program offices, as well as with Headquarters and other EPA regional offices.

The Smart Sectors team is focused on improving our interface with important economic sectors throughout New England. Our focus is on best practices, convening forums and workshops to facilitate collaboration, improving government-to-sector communication, raising public awareness and information sharing, and enhancing knowledge of federal environmental programs.

Region 1's initial focus is on three sectors at the heart of New England's economy:

Maritime Sector

Bordered by the Atlantic Ocean to the east and southeast, and Long Island Sound to the south, New England has an extensive coastline that supports robust economic sectors, encompassing a wide variety of uses that support coastal communities, including shipping ports, fisheries' facilities, boatbuilding, ferries, tourism, recreation, and waterfront revitalization.

Food and Beverage Sector

In each of the six New England states, this robust sector includes the breweries, dairy farms, maple syrup operations, cranberry bogs, and many niche agricultural producers, in addition to many other food and beverage producers and retail providers who support world-famous products tied to the region.

Outdoor Recreation Sector

All six New England states champion thriving outdoor recreation economic sectors. New Englanders enjoy outdoor pursuits during all four seasons, in activities that include downhill and cross-country ski operations, river rafting, hiking and backpacking, photography, bicycling, fishing and hunting, etc.

Find more information about these programs, upcoming events, and ways to keep in touch about the Region 1 EPA Smart Sectors efforts at www.epa.gov/smartsectors/newengland.

Program Contacts

Regional staff working on this program will serve as liaisons between sector industries and the Agency, coordinate site visits and sector-based roundtables, and foster an open dialogue with stakeholders in each sector. In Region 1, Smart Sectors staff include:

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Planned Smart Sectors activities include:

- Educational site visits and technical roundtables,
- Forums for sharing new ideas and innovative approaches to public health and environmental stewardship, and for discussing opportunities for process improvement,
- Open dialogue between sector stakeholders and the Agency's regional leadership, and
- Profiles of sector success stories.