



**New England Chapter of the Academy of Certified  
Hazardous Materials Managers (NEACHMM)  
~ Meeting Announcement (2008 Meeting #1)  
Monday, March 10, 2008**

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**Topic:           Emerging Contaminants**

*This presentation will focus on the work of MassDEP's Emerging Contaminant Workgroup, an intra-Departmental team that was established to identify and assess public health and environmental problems associated with unregulated contaminants. The underlying basis and progress of the Workgroup will be described, including the initiation of an innovative research project with the University of Massachusetts on pharmaceuticals and personal care products.*

*In July 2006, MassDEP became the first state in the nation to promulgate drinking water and waste site cleanup standards for perchlorate. Understanding the need to address perchlorate along with an awareness and concern for other potentially unregulated contaminants in the environment led MassDEP to establish an emerging contaminant workgroup. The Workgroup centralizes MassDEP's focus on emerging contaminants, fosters an intra-departmental information exchange, and brings together a broad range of cross-program expertise. To date, the Workgroup has: (1) defined what constitutes an emerging contaminant; (2) scanned Departmental databases and utilized professional experience to develop a master list of emerging contaminants; (3) established a framework to screen and prioritize the contaminants; and (4) worked to develop risk management strategies for priority contaminants. Using a master list of approximately 100 contaminants, MassDEP is closely examining several priority emerging contaminants, which appear to deserve further agency attention. Short-term actions include participation in a collaborative study with the University of Massachusetts of pharmaceuticals and personal care products (PPCPs) in drinking water that will assess whether and how water supply treatment affects PPCP levels and composition. MassDEP is also reviewing data assessing the prevalence of un-regulated contaminants in drinking water for follow-up action. Issues that are being discussed for future work include nanotechnology and brominated flame-retardants. MassDEP seeks to inform and involve external stakeholders in its efforts as it moves forward, including updating the master list of emerging contaminants twice a year. The presentation will describe the progress of the workgroup and solicit input on emerging contaminant views from NEACHMM meeting participants.*

**Speaker:       Sharon Weber, Sr. Technical Advisor  
                  Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection**

**Location:       Best Western TLC Hotel  
                  477 Totten Pond Road,  
                  Waltham, Massachusetts**

**Date:           Monday March 10, 2008  
                  5:30   Networking  
                  6:00   Buffet Dinner served!  
                  6:45   Announcements/Chapter Business/Speaker Presentation  
                  8:30   Adjourn**

**Cost:           \$20 for members who pre-register by Thursday March 6, 2008.  
                  \$30 for non-members and late registrants (after Mar. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008)/walk-ins.**

**A cash bar will be available from 5:30 – 7:00 pm. Walk-ins accepted, pending available space (food may be limited).**

**RSVP:         Please respond no later than Thursday Mar. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006 to Zehra Schneider Graham at [zehra@umb.edu](mailto:zehra@umb.edu) if you plan on attending. Please make sure you include your name, company, and a phone or email address by which to contact you in the event of changes.**

**Cancellations received after Mar. 6<sup>th</sup> , or NO SHOWS to the meeting will be charged the full amount due to the cost of the catered meal.**

**NEXT NEACHMM MEETING (2007 MEETING #2)**

**May, 2008**

**Watch your email or check [www.neachmm.com](http://www.neachmm.com) for updated info**

***SPEAKER BIO:***

Sharon Weber is Senior Technical Advisor in the Commissioner's Office at the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. She has been employed at MassDEP for the last decade, working particularly on power plant emissions monitoring for cap and trade programs, the low emissions vehicle program, and air emissions regulations for older power plants.

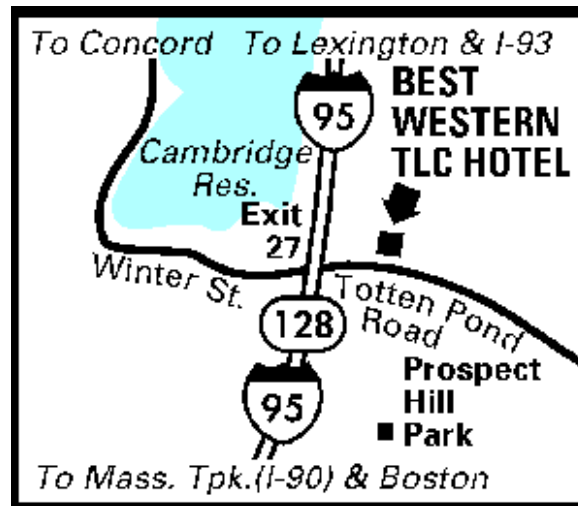
She has a BS in Materials Science & Engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and an MS from Tufts University in Urban & Environmental Policy and Civil & Environmental Engineering.

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NEACHMM members, their guests, and anyone with an interest in hazardous materials management are welcome to attend! You do not need to be a member to attend this meeting - - so make an effort to join us if you are available. Remember that we need to get a headcount ahead of time, so please RSVP now! Cancellations received after March 4th will be charged the full amount.

## Directions to Best Western TLC, Waltham

Best Western TLC Hotel Phone: 781-890-7800



- **From the north:**  
If you are traveling on Route 128 or Interstate 95, take Exit 27A, then head east on Totten Pond Road. The Best Western TLC entrance is immediate on the left.
- **From the south:**  
If you are traveling on Route 128 or Interstate 95, take Exit 27A. Turn right at the end of ramp. The Best Western TLC entrance is immediately on the left.
- **From the east:**  
If you are traveling on Route 90 West (MA Pike) to Route 128 or Interstate 95 North, take Exit 27A then head east on Totten Pond Road. The Best Western TLC entrance is immediately on the left.
- **From The west:**  
If you traveling on Route 90 East (MA Pike) to Route 128 or Interstate 95 North, take Exit 27A then head east on Totten Pond Road. The Best Western TLC entrance is immediately on the left.

**IF YOU NEED TO REACH US AT THE MEETING FACILITY CALL**

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