The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services

Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

October 19, 2026

Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to **RETROACTIVELY** pay the 2027 membership dues to the Northeast Waste Management Officials Association's (NEWMOA) Interstate Chemicals Clearing House (IC2) (Vendor Code# 161803-B001), Boston, MA in the amount of $6,670, for the period of October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027, upon Governor & Council approval. 100% Federal Funds.

Funding is available in the account as follows:

	FY 2027
03-44-44-441018-5564-026-500251	$6,670
Dept Environmental Services, DWSRF BIL Administration, Organizational Dues	

EXPLANATION

This request for dues is **retroactive** because the invoice was not received until after the start of the fiscal year. NEWMOA is a non-profit, nonpartisan, regional interstate organization supporting the environmental agencies of the northeast States. NEWMOA focuses on the needs of State programs that address pollution prevention, toxics use reduction, sustainability, materials management, hazardous waste, solid waste, emergency response, waste site cleanup, and underground storage tanks. IC2 was formed under NEWMOA in 2011 to connect state and local governments and supporting members to encourage safer chemistry in consumer products. Through opportunities to discuss common issues and participation in IC2 workgroups, state and local agencies and supporting members share strategies, build capacity and reduce duplication of effort. The IC2's goals include: 1) Avoiding duplication and enhance efficiency and effectiveness of agency initiatives on chemicals through collaboration and coordination; 2) Build governmental capacity to identify and promote safer chemicals and products; and 3) Ensure that agencies, businesses, and the public have ready access to high quality and authoritative chemical data, information and assessment methods. Since the invoice for the membership dues was received by NHDES after the start of NEWMOA's fiscal year this request is **retroactive**.

Listed below are answers to standard questions required for Governor and Council organization dues and membership approval submissions:

1. **How long has this organization been in existence and how long has this agency been a member of this organization?** NEWMOA was formally established by the governors of the New England states in 1986. NHDES has been a member since that time. IC2 was established by NEWMOA in 2011. NHDES' initial membership in IC2 began in 2025. The membership is needed to gain access to resources from industry and other states to determine the occurrence of Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in consumer products and identify safer alternative chemicals for these products in order to effectively implement the PFAS products control program established by House Bill 1649 which was signed into law in 2024. Given that approximately 75% of state residents discharge their wastewater to a private septic system, and about 50% of residents obtain their water supply from a private well on their property, this information is needed to identify potential sources of PFAS in wastewater that is discharged to groundwater so that NHDES can work with entities to use safer products that do not contain PFAS to ensure wastewater discharges do not cause a violation of groundwater or drinking water standards adopted by New Hampshire and the United States Environmental Protection Agency in recent years.

2. **Is there any other organization which provides the same or similar benefits which your agency belongs to**? No.

3. **How many other state's belonging to this organization and is your agency the sole New Hampshire state agency that is a member?** Nine other states including Connecticut, Maine, California, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New York, Oregon, Vermont and Washington are members of IC2. NHDES is the sole New Hampshire agency that is a member.

4. **How is the dues structure established? (Standard fee for all states, based on population, based on other criteria, etc)** The dues are based on the following population scale for each member:

   - Less than 25,000: $340
   - Between 25,000 and 100,000: $670
   - Between 100,000 and 500,000: $1,335
   - Between 500,000 and 1 million: $2,670
   - Between 1 million and 2 million: $6,670
   - Between 2 million and 6 million: $11,340
   - Between 6 million and 12 million: $13,340
   - Greater than 12 million: $16,010

5. **What benefit does the state receive from participating in this membership**? New Hampshire obtains access to database clearinghouses and workgroups with other states and participating organizations to obtain information it needs to implement statutes to ensure that PFAS is not present in certain consumer products. It also obtains information regarding safer alternatives for PFAS that have been historically used in consumer products to ensure these products do not contaminate wastewater and drinking water when discharged to the environment. The

membership reduces costs by learning from and not replicating work already created and implemented around the country. The membership also enhances the effectiveness of NHDES' work in eliminating the occurrence of PFAS in consumer products, reducing its exposure to New Hampshire's residents and elimination of the contamination of our environment.

6. **Are training or educational/ research materials included in the membership? If so, is the cost included? Explain in detail.** Yes. Access to training, webinars, member meetings, roundtables, bulletins and databases is provided with the membership.

7. **Is the membership required to receive any federal grants or required in order to receive or participate in licensing or certification exams? Explain.** No.

8. **Is there any travel included with this membership fee? Explain in detail any travel to include the number of employees involved, the number of trips, destination if known and purposes of membership supported trips.** Almost all meetings are expected to be virtual. In-person meetings are not generally anticipated but if they did occur are expected to be a nominal cost.

9. **Which state agency employees are directly involved with this organization? (Indicate if they are members, voting members, committee members, and/or officers of the organization.**

   Jennifer Harfmann, Ph.D. Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau PFAS in Wastewater Discharge Coordinator, Voting Board Member

   Ann Astarita, M.S. Pollution Prevention Coordinator, Voting Board Member

10. **Explain in detail any negative impact to the State if the Agency did not belong to this organization.**
    NHDES would have to incur more costs to implement the requirements of HB 1649 of 2024 by repeating the work of others to identify the occurrence of PFAS in consumer products. This would also delay efforts to reduce exposure of PFAS to New Hampshire's residents from consumer products. Additionally, as NHDES works with entities to ensure PFAS is not discharged in wastewater that is discharged to groundwater, it would have less information to provide technical assistance to these entities describing why PFAS is in their wastewater and steps they can take to eliminate these compounds from their waste stream. As certain PFAS cannot be discharged to the groundwater under state law, entities would be required to complete this work if NHDES could not provide technical assistance.

We respectfully request your approval of this item.

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Commissioner

INVOICE

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Bill to
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Invoice details
Invoice no.: 445
Terms: Net 30
Invoice date: 10/01/2026
Due date: 10/31/2026

#	Product or service	Description	Amount
1.	**IC2 Dues**	Interstate Chemicals Clearinghouse (IC2) Membership Dues for FY2027 (October 1, 2026 - September 30, 2027)	$6,670.00

Total **$6,670.00**

Ways to pay

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