

The LSPA: Working to Clean Up Massachusetts

Massachusetts is proud of its industrial history and the role it played in propelling the nation to economic prosperity and prominence. The residue of that history – contaminated sites concentrated mostly in urban areas – has contributed to a decline of inner city neighborhoods and decreased tax revenues from once productive properties.

Licensed Site Professionals (LSPs) are scientists and engineers experienced in the assessment and cleanup of oil and hazardous material contamination.

The LSP Association (LSPA), founded in 1993, is a professional association with approximately 850 members and a mission to promote sound business and technical practices among LSPs and other members. The LSPA represents its membership concerning the standards of practice and roles and responsibilities of the LSP, and serves as an education, information and communication resource to its membership and the general public.

The LSPA supports an aggressive agenda that protects the health and safety of Massachusetts citizens while expediting the cleanup and reuse of blighted, contaminated properties. This year, among other things, the LSPA has:

- Provided extensive comments to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) on its proposed amendments to the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MCP) – the regulations which lay out the state’s rules for cleaning up contaminated property.
- Offered over 25 courses and meetings for LSP continuing education credit, including some in conjunction with MassDEP and some on-line.
- Testified before a Massachusetts legislative committee in support of the extension of the Brownfields Tax Credit.
- Worked closely with MassDEP officials at headquarters and regional offices, and represented LSPs on MassDEP’s Waste Site Cleanup Advisory Committee.
- Submitted comments to legislative, administrative and regulatory officials on a variety of topics, including PCE and TCE toxicity levels, a Good Samaritan bill, soil management guidance, and underground storage tank insurance.
- Provided information and support to candidates for appointment to the Board of Registration of Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Professionals (the licensing board, aka the LSP Board).
- Outreached to students and young professionals interested in entering the profession, and provided scholarships through our LSPA Scholarship Fund.

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