



## LSPA Membership Benefits

Membership in the LSP Association offers substantial benefits, including discounts on course and meeting registrations, and up-to-date information on practice issues.

- Continuing education and training courses covering state-of-the-art environmental topics such as cost-effective assessment approaches, current regulatory policy and guidance, and innovative cleanup strategies.
- Free registration at our monthly membership meetings, which cover timely environmental practice issues on such topics as NAPL, vapor intrusion, MassDEP's Audit and Enforcement process, and soil management.
- Listing in the LSPA's web-based directory of members.
- Access to the LSPA website's member pages, containing technical resources and historical information.
- Up-to-date information and professional development opportunities through regular email blasts, our newsletter, the Peer Review Program, and the LSPA Technical Journal covering technical practice issues.
- Advocacy through LSPA input to MassDEP, the LSP Board of Registration, and the state legislature.
- Networking opportunities in meetings, committees, and workgroups, as well as corporate sponsorship opportunities.



## Membership Opportunities

**Full Membership:** Available to anyone holding a current license to practice as a Licensed Site Professional (LSP) in Massachusetts. *Annual Fee: \$175*

**Associate Membership:** Available to non-LSPs who are engaged in hazardous waste site assessment and remediation or related fields, including environmental professionals who have not yet received their licenses, laboratory personnel, environmental attorneys, risk assessors, hazardous waste contractors, and other associated professionals *Annual Fee: \$125*

*For an Annual Fee of \$20:*

**Public Agency and Non-Profit Membership:** Available to anyone whose primary employment is with a Public Agency involved in the regulation of oil and hazardous materials, or to anyone whose primary employment is with an allied not-for-profit organization.

**Student Membership:** Available to teachers and students of subjects related to oil and hazardous materials and pollution abatement in accredited universities, colleges or other centers of learning.

**Job Seeker Membership:** Available to individuals who are currently seeking employment in the environmental industry.

**To join:** visit [www.lspa.org/join-the-lspa](http://www.lspa.org/join-the-lspa) or email [info@lspa.org](mailto:info@lspa.org)

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## Working to Clean Up Massachusetts

The LSP Association (LSPA), the association for Licensed Site Professionals and related professionals, supports a regulatory agenda that protects the health and safety of Massachusetts' citizens while expediting the cleanup and reuse of properties contaminated with oil and hazardous materials.

Since 1993, LSPs have helped to clean up nearly 32,000 sites by restoring them to a condition where they meet regulatory standards for housing, open space, institutional, commercial/retail or business uses.

LSPA members work with regulators, lawmakers, the public, and other environmental professionals to return contaminated properties in the Commonwealth, including "brownfield" sites, to active reuse.



## Licensed Site Professionals

In sweeping revisions to MGL c.21E in 1992, the Massachusetts legislature created an innovative program that privatized the cleanup of hazardous waste sites in the Commonwealth and created a new professional to oversee the new program: the Licensed Site Professional (LSP). LSPs are the scientists, engineers, and public health specialists licensed by the Commonwealth to work on behalf of property owners, operators, and other involved parties to oversee the assessment and cleanup of oil and hazardous materials released to the environment.

Over the past two decades, this privatized program has proven to be a tremendous success, and has become a national model. LSPs assess risk and implement cleanups in order to bring contaminated properties into compliance with environmental regulations. Since 1993 LSPs have helped to clean up nearly 32,000 sites by restoring them to a condition where they meet regulatory standards for business, commercial/retail, industrial, institutional, open space or housing.

LSPs are governed by the Board of Registration of Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Professionals, which is also responsible for licensing LSPs. The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) has a strong audit and enforcement role. Together, we stay abreast of scientific, public health, technology, and policy issues to ensure the program continues to be effective and innovative.

## The LSP Association (LSPA)

The LSPA, founded in 1993, is a vibrant professional association of over 800 members, about half of whom are Licensed Site Professionals (LSPs).

The LSPA:

- Helps members achieve and maintain a standard of practice commensurate with their level of responsibility in overseeing the assessment and remediation of sites contaminated with oil and hazardous materials.
- Serves as the voice of membership in communicating with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), the LSP Board of Registration, the Massachusetts legislature, the media, the public, and other public and private entities.
- Acts as the responsible advocate for membership with respect to regulations, policies, and practices that affect the LSP profession.
- Serves as an educational, informational and communications resource for members and the general public.
- Provides members with many forums for timely topics and professional issues; for educational programs; and for technical and professional information.

## Advocating for the Profession

The LSPA is an all-volunteer professional association whose members contribute to the advancement of the practice and their own professional development through involvement in the Association as advocates for our profession.

Much of this work is done through involvement in the LSPA's seven very active committees:

- Education
- Loss Prevention
- Member Services & Programs
- Regulations and Legislative Outreach
- Technical Practices
- Western Massachusetts
- Young Professionals

Committees and LSPA members at large are proactively involved in commenting on MassDEP and other relevant regulations, participating in LSP Board of Registration and MassDEP committee meetings and hearings, keeping current on professional and technical practice issues, and communicating timely information to members, regulators, legislators, students, and the general public.