



Welcome to the Northern Transportation and Air Quality Summit for 2010 (NTAQS 2010). NTAQS, like its Southern Transportation Air Quality Summit (STAQS) cousin, is held every two years to discuss regional air quality issues of importance to your region. Our meeting this year includes sessions on climate change, regulatory changes, air quality and its inter-relationship with NEPA and planning, SIP and conformity issues, air quality analysis presentations, transportation-related air quality research, and air quality funding programs and projects. There will be a Roundtable for you to give input directly back to us on your issues and needs from FHWA and EPA, this meeting's sponsors. NTAQS 2010 also includes two training workshops – one on conformity requirements and one on EPA's new MOVES model.

Our host and co-sponsors this year are the Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management (NESCAUM) and the Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization. They have assisted us in many ways including the use of NESCAUM's Website where you registered. The NTAQS portion of this website will remain active following the conference for a while to enable those interested in the presentations and other information to obtain these documents from NESCAUM's website ([www.nescaum.org](http://www.nescaum.org)). Many of the presentation are currently available on the NTAQS Webpage and additional presentations and information will be added following the meeting. It was decided that rather than print all the presentations, posting them to the website might be more cost-effective, environmentally friendly, and a time saver as well.

We would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to all of you who are attending. Your attendance and participation in this meeting make it successful by providing your input, questions and comments. This exchange informs us of your needs and helps us focus on the issues that you face in our northern and northeastern region of the country.

The NTAQS 2010 Planning Team

