

**New England
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As NEIWPCC's executive director, Ron Poltak represents the Commission before Congress, state administrations, federal and state agencies, and numerous national organizations. Ron is responsible for the overall management of NEIWPCC, with emphasis on the direction of programs and the setting of priorities. He is the principal liaison to NEIWPCC's Commissioners, Executive Committee, and full membership, and is in frequent contact with senior officials at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.



Ron has served as NEIWPCC's executive director since 1983. Under his leadership, NEIWPCC has dramatically increased its activities related to water quality, wastewater treatment, water resource protection, outreach, and training. Throughout his tenure, he has guided the Commission's efforts to continually stay abreast of our member states' evolving needs, as evidenced by our growing involvement in such issues as climate change and emerging contaminants. Before joining NEIWPCC, Ron served as director of New Hampshire's Division of Parks and Recreation. He also spent 15 years with the Office of the Governor in New Hampshire, serving for five years as director of the state's Office of Comprehensive Planning.

In total, Ron has spent more than 30 years in environmental policy development and implementation, and his achievements continue to earn recognition. In 2012, he received the New England Water Environment Association's Founders Award, which is given in recognition of long-term contributions to NEWEA, dedicated service to the water pollution control industry, and notable achievements in the environmental field. In 2009, Ron received the National Association of Clean Water Agencies' Public Service Award, which recognizes officials who have displayed particular and continuing awareness of the challenges facing the clean water community. And in 2006, EPA presented Ron with a coveted Lifetime Achievement Merit Award, an honor given to those who have shown true ingenuity and commitment in their efforts to preserve the region's environment.

Ron is a former president of the Association of State and Interstate Water Pollution Control Administrators—now known as the Association of Clean Water Administrators—and currently serves as co-chair of its Funding Task Force. He is a former chair of the New England Water Environment Association's Government Affairs Committee.

Education:

B.A., Public Administration, University of New Hampshire
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