

NESCAUM to Welcome Michelle Manion as Next Executive Director

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The Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management (NESCAUM) is pleased to announce the selection of Michelle Manion as its next Executive Director. She will take over leadership of the organization on March 2, 2026.

NESCAUM, as a coalition of state air agencies, promotes regional cooperation and action by its member states in support of effective programs to reduce the adverse public health and environmental impacts of air pollution and climate change.

Ms. Manion states, “For decades, NESCAUM has supported its eight member states as they drive innovative regional, national, and international action to control air and climate pollution and improve human health.” She adds, “I am honored to serve as NESCAUM’s next Executive Director and look forward to leading the organization as it supports the Northeast states’ proud legacy of innovative air and climate priorities.”

Ms. Manion served as Vice President of Policy and Advocacy for Mass Audubon and prior to that held leadership roles at World Resources Institute and Abt Associates. She also spent eight years at NESCAUM from 2005 to 2013 leading the Climate and Energy Program, giving her a deep understanding of the organization, the needs and interests of the Northeast state air programs, and a vision for advancing environmental progress with the states.

Laurie Grandchamp, Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management’s Air Director and NESCAUM’s current Board Chair, states, “We look forward to the experience Michelle brings to NESCAUM as a seasoned and effective non-profit leader, communicator, and strategist, as well as her policy expertise working at the forefront of climate change, clean energy, and air quality policies and programs.”

Throughout her career, Ms. Manion has built and led effective teams and partnerships and helped organizations navigate change and transitions. During her prior tenure at NESCAUM, she was a key contributor to multiple groundbreaking regional climate and energy programs.

In addition to her work experience, Ms. Manion has served on numerous workgroups, panels, and advisory committees, has published articles, and has extensive experience with public communication on clean energy and climate policy.

Dr. Paul J. Miller, NESCAUM’s retiring Executive Director, states, “I am pleased that Michelle Manion will be leading this organization into the future. With her leadership and experience, NESCAUM will continue to deliver innovative programs and strategic support in service of our states’ needs.”

Please welcome Ms. Manion as NESCAUM’s next Executive Director.

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