

NORTHEASTERN STATES EQUIPMENT MANAGER CONFERENCE

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The first Northeastern States Equipment Manager Conference was co-hosted by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission. The conference was held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, September 12-14, 1995. Representatives from the following transportation agencies were in attendance: New Jersey, Connecticut, Delaware, Ohio, Vermont, Pennsylvania, Maine and the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission.

Agenda topics included:

- Mechanic and Operator Training.
- Pennsylvania's Alternative Fuels Program.
- Preventive Maintenance Quality Assurance.
- Equipment Refurbishing.
- Biodiesel Fuel.
- Spreader Evaluations.
- Equipment Specifications Roundtable:
 - Snow Plows,

- Dump Trucks,
- Loaders,
- Patching Equipment,
- Tractor Mowers,
- Joint Sealing Machines, and
- Truck Mounted Attenuators.
- Winter Operations Roundtable.

A tour of Pennsylvania's Equipment Operator Training Site at Ft. Indiantown Gap also was provided. All in attendance agreed the 1st Northeastern Equipment Managers Conference was a success. It was decided to stage another conference in the Spring or Fall of 1997. Connecticut will host the conference if approvals can be obtained. Delaware will serve as a backup. If Connecticut is unable to host the 1997 conference, Ron Doemland will contact other states who did not attend the 1995 conference to see if they can host a 1997 conference. Delaware will remain the backup.