



## Benefits

Membership in the LSPA provides:

- 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 attendance at monthly membership meetings, which cover timely environmental practice issues such as evaluating LNAPL, Asbestos in Soil, Data Quality, and Ecological Risk Assessment.
- Listing in the LSPA's web-based directory of members.
- Professional development opportunities through white papers, bulletins, and the LSPA on-line journal covering technical practice issues.
- Discounted rates for LSPA-sponsored training courses and at technical conferences.
- Advocacy through LSPA input to MassDEP regulatory policy.
- Networking opportunities at meetings, conferences and workgroups.

## Membership Opportunities

**Full Membership:** Available to anyone holding a current license to practice as a Licensed Site Professional (LSP) in Massachusetts. *The annual fee is \$150.*

**Associate Membership:** Available to non-LSPs who are engaged in hazardous waste site evaluation 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. *The annual fee is \$100.*

**Public Agency, Student and Non-Profit Membership:** Available to students and teachers at accredited colleges, universities, and other centers of learning as well as to public employees and employees of non-profits who are associated with oil and hazardous material abatement and regulation. *The annual fee is \$20.*

**Membership applications are available on-line at:**  
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# Working to Clean Up Massachusetts

The LSP Association (LSPA) supports an aggressive agenda that protects the health and safety of Massachusetts' citizens while expediting the cleanup and reuse of contaminated properties.

LSPs have closed up over 25,000 contaminated properties since 1993.

LSPA members work with lawmakers, regulators, and other environmental professionals to revitalize older industrial neighborhoods through the redevelopment of "brownfield" sites.



## Licensed Site Professionals

In 1993, Massachusetts created a model program that privatized the cleanup of hazardous waste sites in the Commonwealth. Licensed Site Professionals (LSPs) are the scientists and engineers who are authorized by the Commonwealth to work on behalf of property owners, operators, and other responsible parties to oversee the assessment and cleanup of contamination that has been released into the environment.

This privatized system has significantly reduced the backlog of contaminated properties, including redevelopment of “brownfield” sites, by authorizing LSPs to assess risk and implement cleanups. LSPs are governed by the Board of Registration of Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Professionals, an independent 11-member board responsible for licensing LSPs. MassDEP retains a strong audit and enforcement role.

Between 1983 and 1993, the state reported the closure of only 630 sites. From 1993 to the present, LSPs have closed over 30,000 sites by restoring them to a condition where they meet the environmental standards for business, commercial/retail, industrial, institutional, open space or housing.

## The LSP Association (LSPA)

The LSPA, founded in 1993, is a professional association with nearly 1,000 members and a mission to promote sound business and technical practices among LSPs. The LSPA:

- Helps its members to achieve and maintain a standard of practice commensurate with their level of responsibility in overseeing the assessment and remediation of hazardous waste disposal sites.
- Serves as the voice of the membership in communicating with MassDEP and the LSP Board of Registration.
- Acts as the responsible advocate for its membership with respect to regulations, policies, and practices which impact the LSP profession.
- Serves as an educational, informational and communications resource to its membership and the general public.
- Provides its members with a forum for timely topics and professional issues; education programs; and technical and professional information.

## LSPA Committees

The LSPA is an all-volunteer organization whose members contribute to the development of the practice through involvement in the Association as advocates for our profession.

Much of this work is done through one of the LSPA's six standing committees:

- Education
- Loss Prevention
- Member Services & Programs
- Regulations
- Technical Practices
- Western Massachusetts

Committee chairs and members are proactively involved in commenting on MassDEP regulations, attending LSP Board of Registration and MassDEP committee meetings and hearings, keeping current on professional and technical practice issues, and communicating critical information to members, regulators, legislators, and the general public.