



**A Message from the
New England Laboratory XL Project Coordinator**

**PROJECT XL SUMMARY REPORT
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On the following pages, you will find the campus reports from Boston College, the University of Massachusetts-Boston and the University of Vermont on their experience and progress as participants in the New England Universities Laboratory XL Project. We welcome your review.

We hope that these reports continue to inform representatives from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters and the EPA Regions in the finalization and adoption of performance-based “Standards Applicable to Generators of Hazardous Waste; Subpart K – Standards Applicable to Academic Laboratories.”

While the regulatory prize that we seek is a national final rule, these reports suggest that a prize is closer at hand, at least on these three campuses. An EMS approach to managing lab waste which has focused on pollution prevention is paying dividends in the laboratories (e.g., hazard and toxics reduction, energy conservation, material conservation, green building) and creating a foundation for work on various other environmental issues across campus. Success begets success.

We hope that next year’s report will be our last. The expiration date for the New England Laboratories Project XL was extended until April 15, 2009. It is our fervent hope that a national rule will be issued prior to that date.

Please contact me, or the Lab XL contacts at each institution, if you have additional questions, comments or information to share.

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