

NEWWA SPRING CONFERENCE

During the first week of April, I had the privilege of attending the New England Water Works Association's annual Spring Conference in Worcester, Massachusetts.

The conference is put on each year by NEWWA and offers water industry professionals from across the region an opportunity to network, to share knowledge, and grow in their careers. In addition to networking opportunities, the event also has sessions that allow attendees to earn continuing education hours for maintaining various certifications and licenses.

Once I arrived and got checked in, I attended a session on cross connections and how to prevent the backflow of contaminants into water systems. It was an informative session that highlighted the importance of protecting water quality at every point in the system — something that affects both public health and regulatory compliance.

It was incredibly insightful, especially since this is a topic I'm not too familiar with. Following the session, I ran into some of my coworkers, and we walked around the expo portion of the conference. There were so many vendors, many of which I had never heard of before. I had never thought there were so many companies that deal with drinking water.

After lunch, we returned to the DCU Center and connected with more colleagues from Pennichuck. I spent the rest of the afternoon attending sessions and participating in the evening networking event with them.

Overall, it was such a valuable experience, and I'm grateful I had the opportunity to attend. I'm already looking forward to returning next year!

