

The Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Program (EMAP) National Coastal Database contains estuarine and coastal data that EMAP and Regional-EMAP have collected since 1990 from thousands of stations along the U.S. coasts. These data include water column data, sediment contaminants and toxicity data, and benthic macroinvertebrate and demersal fish community and contaminant data. EMAP estuaries data and metadata can be accessed at <http://www.epa.gov/emap/nca/html/data/index.html>

The US EPA's National Coastal Assessment (NCA) <http://www.epa.gov/emap/nca/> subsequently surveyed the condition of the Nation's estuarine systems, in collaboration with the all of the U.S. coastal states. In the Northeast, NCA surveys of estuarine conditions have been conducted during a late summer index period from 2000 through 2006. NCA summary data and metadata from the Northeast can be accessed at <http://www.epa.gov/emap/nca/html/regions/northeast.html> Data sets that have cleared QA/QC checks and have been reported on in National Coastal Condition Reports <http://www.epa.gov/emap/nca/html/docs.html> are available to the public. In the Northeast (Maine thru Chesapeake Bay), documentation on sampling designs, more recent data, and computational tools facilitating analysis of probability survey data (Excel, ArcMap projects) are available to NCA collaborators, via a password protected website. <http://www.epa.gov/emap/nca/html/regions/er/index.html> This website also documents ongoing collaborative work with NOAA –NMFS involving sample surveys of the Mid-Atlantic Continental Shelf.

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