



# TOXICS ACTION CENTER

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## DIRTY DOZEN AWARDS 2004



### AWARD RECIPIENTS 2004

**Belcher Corporation**  
Easton, MA

**Bio Energy Corporation**  
Hopkinton, NH

**Bradford Dyeing Association**  
Bradford, RI

**CommonWealth Bethlehem Energy**  
Bethlehem, NH

**Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee**  
Vernon, VT

**Griffin Park**  
Bangor, ME

**IBM Corporation**  
Essex Junction, VT

**International Paper Company**  
Ticonderoga, NY

**New Keith Middle School**  
New Bedford, MA

**Old Town Landfill**  
Old Town, ME

**St. Lawrence Cement Co.**  
Greenport, NY

**Wheelabrator Claremont Company**  
Claremont, NH

*Embargoed Until:*  
Wednesday, Dec 1<sup>st</sup>

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### **Belcher Foundry “Honored” with 2004 New England Dirty Dozen Award** *Persistent Pollution Earns Foundry Regional Recognition*

**Easton** – Citing ongoing pollution, odor and noise problems, residents and a New England environmental group presented Belcher Foundry with a 2004 Dirty Dozen Award.

Despite a Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) consent order, Belcher Foundry continues to plague the surrounding neighborhood with soot, noise and odor problems. Soot scraped off area homes revealed high levels of lead, a neurotoxin, and particulates known to cause respiratory problems. The smells are often so strong they prevent residents from going outside.

The resident’s group Foundry Watch is calling on the Easton Board of Health to enforce nuisance ordinances and hold the foundry accountable for its persistent septage problems. Foundry Watch is also working to require a town permit to regulate the plant’s hours of operation.

“Enough is enough,” said George Allen, a resident of Easton and abutter to the foundry. “It’s time for the Easton Board of Health to step to the plate and restore our quality of life.”

“Belcher Foundry could do much more to be a good neighbor to these residents,” said Johanna Neumann, Community Organizer for Toxics Action Center.

The 8th Annual Dirty Dozen Awards spotlight twelve of New England’s top polluters. This year’s Dirty Dozen highlight a wide array of toxics hazards ranging from leaking landfills and a proposed cement plant to trash incinerators and contaminated hazardous waste sites. All of these sites pose a significant threat to public health and the environment and need immediate action by industry and/or government officials. The Dirty Dozen were selected from a set of nominations by a 15-member panel of environmental and public health professionals.

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