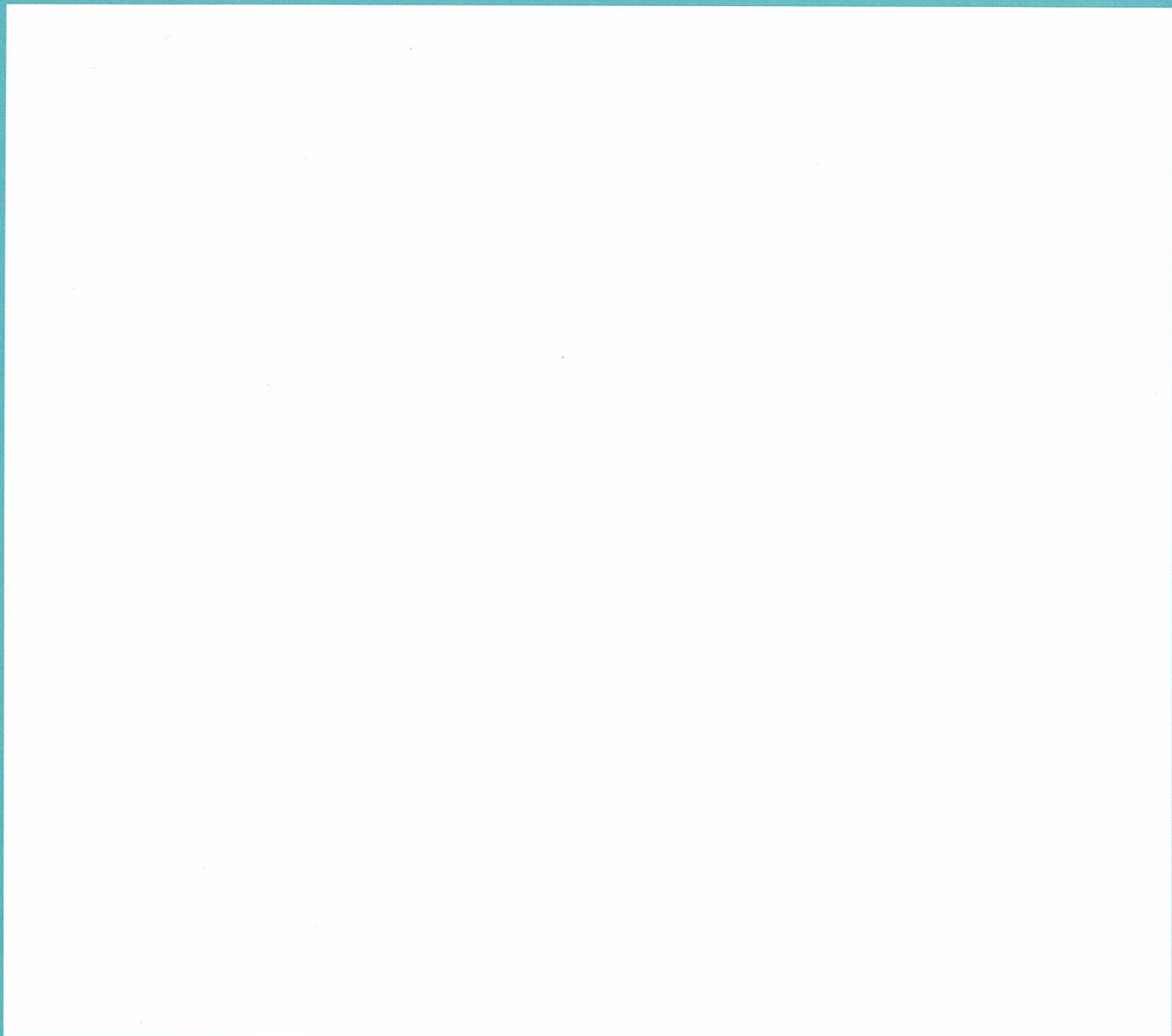


# ORIGIN/DESTINATION

75 YEARS OF  
THE NEW ENGLAND  
WATER ENVIRONMENT  
ASSOCIATION  
1929/2004



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## 05 > ORIGIN/DESTINATION

This book is about a journey. It is about the journey of water from source to destination, from ground and sky to fountain and faucet, from well to waste and back. It is about the journey of the New England Water Environment Association from idea to institution. It is the same journey.

## 13 > REFUSE/RECLAMATION

While this book is about a journey, it also is about sewage – raw sewage, treated sewage, people who work with sewage, who founded an organization with Sewage in its title, who agonized over the word, later got rid of it, but still worked with sewage.

## 17 > FOUNDING/FUTURE

By means of water, NEWEA was given life. In the interest of water, two chemists, dinner at Boston's Warmuth Hotel and Restaurant, a stroll up Devonshire Street, and one suggestion made history. In service to water, NEWEA has given life to the vision of Messrs. Rudolfs and Coburn for seventy-five years.

## 23 > PRELUDES/PRESCIENCE

After growing rapidly through the 1930s and early 1940s, membership and meeting attendance declined dramatically through the years of WWII. At the end of the war, membership jumped to 200. By 1949, membership exceeded 300. And the Association was poised to influence water treatment nationally.

## 31 > EFFLUENT/EDUCATION

There were many things the New England Sewage Works Association had to learn. The importance of water was not one of them. Given the academic prominence of Dr. Rudolfs – and given the scientific accomplishment of Mr. Coburn – this new Association was firm in its conviction that knowledge, education, and training were the keys to its credibility and its success.

## 39 > DIGGING/DIGNITY

The Association recognized the need to treat operators as professionals. It recognized the need to certify them as such. It was prepared to fight for cooperation, discipline, the establishment of standards, and the adoption of those standards. And it was prepared to set precedents.

## 49 > POLLUTION/PRESCRIPTION

The nation's increasing awareness of water pollution brought commensurately increasing funding for pollution-control projects. But since grants can never be taken for granted – and since no laurels grow in polluted water – the Association didn't rest. It drove individual activism down from region, to state, to community. It drove collective cooperation up through the Federation and the EPA.