

APPENDIX D

THE NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL ASSESSMENT REVIEW PROCESS

The review process for the New England Regional Assessment (NERA) has taken four separate forms: an internal Website review by Workshop participants; an internal review by members of the NERA Steering Committee; an external review by scientists; and an external review by stakeholders. The two external reviews were facilitated by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) Local Impact Assessment Project (LIAP). This LIAP effort, coordinated by the DES and funded by the US EPA, brought together approximately 50 researchers and scientists (primarily from the Forestry and Water Resources Sectors), as well as over 60 stakeholders, to evaluate the NERA *Overview* Document. None of the LIAP evaluators had participated in the NERA process. In the case of the research scientists, the focus of the review was on assessing the accu-

racy and validity of the science presented in the NERA *Overview* for the specific Sectors. In the case of the stakeholders, the focus of the review was on the impact of the material presented and on the usefulness of the public message delivered.

The table below characterizes the participants in the external review, which consisted of both scientists and stakeholders. Participants in the external reviews were sent draft copies of the NERA Overview prior to attending day-long evaluation workshops. Both written and oral evaluations were solicited. All written and oral reviews were considered and most were incorporated into the final version of the NERA *Overview* Document.

	Forestry	Water	Human Health	Economists	Biologists/ Wildlife	Climate Scientists	Recreation	Real Estate	Total
Scientists	17	10	4	5	10	4	3		49
Stakeholders	11	26	4	2	9		10	2	64
Total	28	36	8	7	19	4	13	2	113