

2014 NACWA National Clean Water Law Seminar Selected Environmental Acronym List

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| ACWA | Association of Clean Water Administrators |
| ALJ | Administrative Law Judge. <u>See</u> 40 C.F.R. Part 22 |
| ANPRM | Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking |
| APA | Federal Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. § 551 <u>et seq.</u> |
| AR | American Rivers |
| BAT | Best Available Technology for toxic pollution control under CWA |
| BANANA | Build Absolutely Nothing Anywhere Near Anyone (extreme form of NIMBY) |
| BEACH Act | Beaches Environmental Assessment and Coastal Health Act of 2000 |
| BCT | Best Conventional Technology for organic pollution control under CWA |
| BOD5 | Five-day Biochemical Oxygen Demand |
| BMPs | Best Management Practices for controlling water pollution, particularly for MS4s |
| BPT | Best Practicable Technology currently available for pollution control under CWA |
| CAA | Clean Air Act |
| CAFO | Combined Animal Feeding Operation under CWA |
| CD | Consent Decree |
| CERCLA | Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. §9601 <u>et seq.</u> (also known as “Superfund”) |
| CEQ | White House Council on Environmental Quality. <u>See</u> 40 C.F.R. Part 1500 <u>et seq.</u> |
| CFR | Code of Federal Regulations |
| CLF | Conservation Law Foundation |
| CLG | Career Limiting Gesture |
| CMOM | Capacity-Management, Operations & Maintenance (program for collection systems) |

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| CWA | Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1251 <u>et seq.</u> <u>See also</u> FWPCA |
| CR | Continuing Resolution |
| CSO | Combined Sewer Overflow |
| CYA | Common usage, and frequently good advice |
| DOA | U.S. Department of Agriculture |
| DOE | U.S. Department of Energy |
| DOJ | U.S. Department of Justice |
| DOT | U.S. Department of Transportation |
| DQA | Data Quality Act (common name for the <i>Information Quality Act</i>) |
| EAB | Environmental Appeals Board (part of EPA; hears NPDES permit appeals) |
| EDCs | Endocrine Disrupting Compounds |
| EJ | Environmental Justice |
| ELG | Effluent Limitation Guidelines |
| ENRD | Environment and Natural Resources Division of the U.S. Department of Justice |
| EPA | U.S. Environmental Protection Agency |
| ESA | Endangered Species Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1531 <u>et seq.</u> |
| FEMA | Federal Emergency Management Administration |
| FR | Federal Register (<i>or Fed. Reg.</i>) |
| FOIA | Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, part of the APA |
| FWPCA | Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1972, commonly known as Clean Water Act (CWA), amended by Clean Water Act Amendments of 1977, Water Quality Amendments of 1986, the Wet Weather Water Quality Act of 2000, and the Beaches Environmental Assessment and Coastal Health Act of 2000 |
| GAO | U.S. Government Accountability Office |
| GHG | Greenhouse Gas |
| GI | Green Infrastructure |

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| ICR | Information Collection Request |
| IP | Integrated Planning |
| LID | Low Impact Development |
| LTCP | Long-term control plan under for CSOs under CWA |
| MACT | Maximum Achievable Control Technology under the Clean Air Act |
| MCL | Maximum Contaminant Levels for chemical constituents under the SDWA |
| MEP | Maximum Extent Practicable, pollutant removal standard for MS4s under CWA Section 402(p)(3)(B)(iii) |
| METF | Maximum Extent Technically Feasible, pollutant removal standard for federal projects owned MS4s under Energy Independence and Security Act |
| MHI | Median Household Income for determining financial capability/affordability |
| MOA | Memorandum of Agreement, often between U.S. EPA and DOJ or State agency |
| MRB | Mississippi River Basin |
| MS4 | Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System |
| NGO | Nongovernmental Organization |
| NHSM | Non-Hazardous Secondary Material |
| NIMBY | Not in My Back Yard (milder form of BANANA) |
| NIMTO | Not in My Term of Office |
| NMCs | Nine Minimum Controls for CSOs under CWA |
| NNC | Numeric Nutrient Criteria |
| NOAA | National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration |
| NOI | Notice of Intent to Comply with a General Permit (under MS4 program) |
| NPDES | National Pollution Discharge Elimination System, CWA permitting program. <u>See</u> 40 C.F.R. Part 122 |
| NPS | Nonpoint Source |
| NRC | National Research Council |
| NRDC | Natural Resources Defense Council |

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| OAR | EPA Office of Air and Radiation |
| OECA | EPA Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance |
| OLC | Office of Legal Counsel at the U.S. Department of Justice |
| OMB | White House Office of Management and Budget |
| OPPE | EPA Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation. <u>See</u> 40 C.F.R. §1.39(b) |
| OW | EPA Office of Water |
| PEFT | Peak Excess Flow Treatment Facility (for wet weather) |
| pH | Measure of acidity or alkalinity on logarithmic scale |
| PPPs | Public-Private Partnerships |
| POTW | Publicly Owned Treatment Works, commonly known as wastewater treatment plants, regulated under the CWA |
| RCRA | Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. § 6901 <u>et seq.</u> |
| RDA | Residual Designation Authority (For MS4s – see 33 U.S.C § 1342 (p)(2)(E), (p)(6) and 40 C.F.R. § 122.26(a)(9)(i)(D)) |
| RMCL | Recommend Maximum Contaminant Level for chemical constituents under the SDWA, typically more stringent than MCLs |
| RQ | Reportable Quantity of hazardous substance release under CERCLA or CWA. <u>See</u> 40 C.F.R. Part 302 |
| SAB | U.S. EPA Science Advisory Board |
| SDWA | Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. § 3001 <u>et seq.</u> |
| SIU | Significant Industrial User in CWA Pretreatment program |
| SOL | Statute of Limitations (or all out of luck, depending on usage) |
| SRF | State Revolving Loan Fund for either Clean Water (wastewater) or Drinking Water. Both the Clean Water and Drinking Water SRF are federal loan programs administered by states to provide funding for water infrastructure projects |
| SSI | Sewage Sludge Incinerator |
| SSO | Sanitary Sewer Overflow |
| TMDL | Total Maximum Daily Load |

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| TSS | Total Suspended (non-filterable) Solids in effluent stream under CWA. <u>See</u> 40 C.F.R. Part 401 |
| UAA | Use Attainability Analysis. <u>See</u> 40 C.F.R. Part 131.10(g) |
| UIC | Underground Injection Control. <u>See</u> 40 C.F.R. Part 146 |
| UOTF | Utility of the Future |
| USC | United States Code |
| USDW | Underground Source of Drinking Water |
| WEF | Water Environment Federation |
| WERF | Water Environment Research Foundation |
| WET | Whole Effluent Toxicity |
| WLA | Waste Load Allocation |
| WQBEL | Water Quality Based Effluent Limitation |
| WQS | Water Quality Standards. <u>See</u> 40 C.F.R. Part 120 |

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