



2020 National Pretreatment Workshop Acronym List

BAT	Best Available Technology for toxic pollution control under CWA
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
CEQ	White House Council on Environmental Quality
CIU	Categorical Industrial User
CMOM	Capacity-Management, Operations & Maintenance (program for collection systems)
CWA	Clean Water Act
CSO	Combined Sewer Overflow
DOA	US Department of Agriculture
DOE	US Department of Energy
DOT	US 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)
EPA	US Environmental Protection Agency
ELG	Effluent Limitation Guidelines

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FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Administration
FOG	Fats, Oils and Grease
GHG	Greenhouse Gas
GI	Green Infrastructure
ICR	Information Collection Request
IU	Industrial User
LID	Low Impact Development
MACT	Maximum Achievable Control Technology under CAA
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Levels for chemical constituents under the SDWA
MEP	Maximum Extent Practicable, pollutant removal standard for MS4s under CWA
METF	Maximum Extent Technically Feasible, pollutant removal standard for federal projects owned MS4s under Energy Independence and Security Act
MS4	Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System
NGO	Nongovernmental Organization
NHSM	Non-Hazardous Secondary Material
NMCs	Nine Minimum Controls for CSOs under CWA
NNC	Numeric Nutrient Criteria
NPDES	National Pollution Discharge Elimination System, CWA permitting program
NPS	Nonpoint Source
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

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OPPE	EPA Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation
OW	EPA Office of Water
PEFT	Peak Excess Flow Treatment Facility (for wet weather)
pH	Measure of acidity or alkalinity on logarithmic scale
PFAS/PFOA	Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl substances
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
RDA	Residual Designation Authority
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.
SAB	US EPA Science Advisory Board
SDWA	Safe Drinking Water Act
SIU	Significant Industrial User in CWA Pretreatment program
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
TSS	Total Suspended (non-filterable) Solids in effluent stream under CWA
UAA	Use Attainability Analysis
UIC	Underground Injection Control

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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

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