



2021 National Pretreatment Virtual Event 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
BMP	Best Management Practice for controlling water pollution
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
CIU	Categorical Industrial User
CWA	Clean Water Act
CSO	Combined Sewer Overflow
EPA	US Environmental Protection Agency
ELG	Effluent Limitation Guidelines
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Administration
FOG	Fats, Oils and Grease
GHG	Greenhouse Gas
GI	Green Infrastructure
ICR	Information Collection Request
IU	Industrial User
LL	Local Limit

MACT	Maximum Achievable Control Technology under CAA
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Levels for chemical constituents under the SDWA
MS4	Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System
NGO	Nongovernmental Organization
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
OMB	White House Office of Management and Budget
OW	EPA Office of Water
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
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
UOTF	Utility of the Future
USC	United States Code
WEF	Water Environment Federation
WRF	Water Research Foundation
WET	Whole Effluent Toxicity
WLA	Waste Load Allocation
WQBEL	Water Quality Based Effluent Limitation
WQS	Water Quality Standards

NACWA adds to the acronym list each year.

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