

Commonly Used Acronyms & Abbreviations for the Chapter 102 Program

ACRONYM ASSOCIATED COMPOUND TERM

A

AASHTO	American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials www.transportation.org
ABACT	Antidegradation Best Available Combination of Technologies
ACA	Animal Concentration Area
ACP	Agricultural Conservation Program
ACOE	Army Corps of Engineers www.usace.army.mil/
ACT	Agricultural Conservation Technician
ADE	Assistant District Engineer (PennDOT)
AEU	Animal Equivalent Unit
AHUA	Animal Heavy Use Area
AMD	Acid Mine Drainage
ARD	Assistant Regional Director (DEP)
AST	Aboveground Storage Tank
ASTM	American Society for Testing and Materials https://www.astm.org/

B

BAMR	Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation (DEP)
BAT	Best Available Technology Economically Achievable
BCW	Bureau of Clean Water (DEP)
BECB	Bureau of Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields (DEP)
BMP	Best Management Practice
BOD	Biochemical Oxygen Demand
BOI	Bureau of Investigations (DEP)
BPJ	Best Professional Judgement
BSDW	Bureau of Safe Drinking Water (DEP)
BWEW	Bureau of Waterways Engineering and Wetlands (DEP)

C

C	Coefficient of Runoff
CAC	Citizens Advisory Council
CACP	Consent Assessment of Civil Penalties
CAFO	Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation
CAM	Compliance Assurance Monitoring
CAO	Concentrated Animal Operation
CAP	Corrective Action Plan
CB	Chesapeake Bay
CBAC	Chesapeake Bay Advisory Committee

CBP	Chesapeake Bay Program www.chesapeakebay.net
CD/CCD	Conservation District / County Conservation District
CDBG	Community Development Block Grant
CDFAP	Conservation District Fund Allocation Program (funding for the districts, including PA State Budget Line-Item, UGWF monies, etc.)
CDFR	Conservation District Field Representative (DEP)
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act
CFS	Cubic Feet per Second
CMP	Corrugated Metal Pipe
CN	Curve Number
CO	Central Office (DEP – Harrisburg)
COA	Consent Order and Agreement
CPA	Civil Penalty Assessment
CREP	Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (funding to farmers to conserve and enhance sensitive lands) www.creppa.org and www.fsa.usda.gov
CSL	Clean Streams Law (PA) http://www.depgreenport.state.pa.us/elibrary/GetDocument?docId=8151&DocName=CLEAN%20STREAMS%20LAW%20-%202014.PDF%20
CSO	Combined Sewer Overflow
CSS	Combined Sewer System
CWA	Clean Water Act (Federal) epa.gov/laws-regulations/summary-clean-water-act
CWF	Cold Water Fishes (Chapter 93 Stream Classification)
CY	Cubic Yard
CZM	Coastal Zone Management

D

DCED	Department of Community and Economic Development
DCNR	Department of Conservation and Natural Resources www.dcnr.state.pa.us/
DCP	Drought Contingency Plan
DE	District Engineer (PennDOT)
DEIS	Draft Environmental Impact Statement
DEP	Department of Environmental Protection
DF	District Forester (DCNR)
DGLVR	Dirt and Gravel, Low Volume Road Program www.dirtandgravel.psu.edu
DGS	Department of General Services
DMO	District Mining Office (DEP)
DO	Dissolved Oxygen
DOE	Department of Energy (Federal)
DOH	Department of Health (PA)
DOT	Department of Transportation (Federal)
DRBC	Delaware River Basin Commission www.state.nj.us/drbc/

E

EA	Environmental Assessment
EAP	Emergency Action Plan
eFACTS	Environmental Facility Application Compliance Tracking System (DEP)
EHB	Environmental Hearing Board http://ehb.courtapps.com/public/index.php
eMAP	Environmental Management Assistance Program (DEP)

EMC	Event Mean Concentration
EOS	Equivalent Opening Size
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
EPCRA	Emergency Preparedness and Community Right to Know Act
ESA	Endangered Species Act
ESCGP	Erosion and Sediment Control General Permit
ESCP	Erosion and Sediment Control Permit
ESM	Environmentally Sensitive Maintenance (a DGLVR program, necessary for grant funding eligibility)
EQB	Environmental Quality Board www.dep.pa.gov/PublicParticipation/EnvironmentalQuality
EQIP	Environmental Quality Incentives Program (an NRCS program)
EV	Exceptional Value Waters (Chapter 93 Stream and Wetland Classifications)
E&S/E&SC	Erosion & Sedimentation Control

F

FACU	Facultative Upland
FACW	Facultative Wetland
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Act
FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
FGM	Flexible Growth Medium
FGM	Fluvial Geomorphology
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FIA	Flood Insurance Administration
FIRM	Flood Insurance Rate Map
FIS	Flood Insurance Study
FLP	Farmland Preservation Program
FONSI	Finding of Significant Impact
FSA	Farm Service Agency (USDA) www.fsa.usda.gov

G

GG	Growing Greener (a DEP grant program) www.dep.pa.gov/growinggreener
GIF	General Information Form
GP	General Permit
GPM	Gallons Per Minute
GPS	Geographic Positioning Satellite or Global Positioning System

H

HAZMAT	Hazardous Materials
HDPEP	High-Density Polyethylene Pipe
HOP	Highway Occupancy Permit (PennDOT)
HSCA	Hazardous Sites Cleanup Act
HQ	High Quality Waters (Chapter 93 Stream Classification)

I

I	Intensity of Rainfall
ICIS	Integrated Compliance Information System (EPA)
IDP	Individual Development Plan

IECA	International Erosion Control Association
IP	Individual Permit (NPDES)
IRRC	Independent Regulatory Review Commission (www.irrc.state.pa.us)
J	
JAC	Joint Annual Conference (PACD and SCC)
JD	Jurisdictional Determination (ACOE)
JP/JPA	Joint Permit / Joint Permit Application (with DEP and ACOE)
K	
K	Hydraulic Conductivity of Soil
L	
LOD	Limits of Disturbance
LRP	Land Recycling Program (DEP)
M	
MF	Migratory Fishes (Chapter 93 Stream Classification)
MM	Manure Management extension.psu.edu/plants/nutrient-management/manure
MMM	Manure Management Manual
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MP	Monitoring Point
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization (US Department of Transportation)
MS4	Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System
MSDS	Material Safety Data Sheet
MSHA	Mine Safety & Health Administration (Federal)
MSC	Medium-specific Concentration
MSI	Mine Subsidence Insurance
N	
n	Manning's Roughness Coefficient
NACD	National Association of Conservation Districts www.nacdnet.org
NAEP	National Association of Environmental Professionals
NCRO	Northcentral Regional Office (DEP – Williamsport)
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NERO	Northeast Regional Office (DEP – Wilkes-Barre)
NFIP	National Flood Insurance Program
NHPA	National Historic Preservation Act
NICET	National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies www.nicet.org
NM	Nutrient Management
NMA	Nutrient Management Act
NMP	Nutrient Management Plan
NO ₃	Nitrate
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration www.noaa.gov
NOI	Notice of Intent (part of NPDES permit application)
NOT	Notice of Termination (for closing NPDES-permitted site)
NOV	Notice of Violation

NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
NPS	Non-Point Source
NRCS	National Resource Conservation Service
NRDC	Natural Resources Defense Council
NREP	National Registry of Environmental Professionals
NWI	National Wetland Inventory
NWP	Nationwide Permit
NWS	National Weather Service
NWRO	Northwest Regional Office (DEP – Meadville)

O

O&M	Operation and Maintenance
OBW	Obligate Wetland
OCC	Office of Chief Counsel (DEP)
OGM	Oil and Gas Management (DEP)
OIG	Office of Inspector General (Federal)
OSIG	Office of State Inspector General (PA)
OPI	Office of Program Integration (DEP)
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration (Federal)
OSM	Office of Surface Mining (Federal)

P

PACD	Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts www.pacd.org
PAG	Pennsylvania General Permit
PAM	Polyacrylamide
PASPGP	Pennsylvania State Programmatic General Permit
PCB	Polychlorinated Biphenyl
PCSM	Post Construction Stormwater Management
PDA	PA Department of Agriculture www.agriculture.pa.gov
PDG	Permit Decision Guarantee
PEDF	Pennsylvania Environmental Defense Fund
PEM	Palustrine Emergent
PEMA	Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency www.pema.pa.gov
PennDOT	Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
PENNVEST	Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority
PFBC	Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission
PFO	Palustrine Forested
PGC	Pennsylvania Game Commission
PHMC	Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission
PIESCES	Pennsylvania Integrated Ecological Services, Capacity Enhancement, and Support Program
PIOGA	Pennsylvania Independent Oil and Gas Association
PLS	Pure Live Seed
PMAA	Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association
PNDI	Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory
POC	Point of Contact
PO	Policy Office (DEP)
POI	Point of Interest

PP	Pollution Prevention
PPC	Preparedness, Prevention and Contingency Plan
PPG	Program Policy Guidelines
PPM	Parts Per Million
PRC	Pennsylvania Resource Council
PRP	Permit Review Process (DEP Policy)
PRP	Pollution Reduction Plan (MS4 Permit)
PSATS	Pennsylvania Association of Township Officials
PSS	Palustrine Scrub Shrub
PUC	Pennsylvania Utility Commission
PVC	Polyvinyl Chloride
PWRP	Pennsylvania Wetland Replacement Program

Q

Q	Quantity of Flow (usually expressed as CFS or GPM)
QA/QC	Quality Assurance / Quality Control
QAB	Quality Assurance Board (at CDs for DGRLVR Program)
QAPP	Quality Assurance Program (or Project) Plan

R

RBC	River Basin Commission
RCP	Reinforced Concrete Pipe
RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
RCSOB	Rachel Carson State Office Building
REAP	Resource Enhancement and Protection (Ag. Tax Credit Program)
RECP	Rolled Erosion Control Product
RO	Regional Office (DEP)
ROD	Record of Decision
ROMs	Required Output Measures
RTKL	Right-to-Know Law www.openrecords.pa.gov

S

SCC	State Conservation Commission www.agriculture.pa.gov/Protect/StateConservationCommission
SCRO	Southcentral Regional Office (DEP – Harrisburg)
SEJ	Socio-Economic Justification
SERO	Southeast Regional Office (DEP – Norristown)
SF	Square Foot
SLLA	Submerged Land License Agreement
SLPP	Smooth Lined Plastic Pipe
SMCRA	Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (Federal)
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure
SPFP	Special Projects Funding Program
SRBC	Susquehanna River Basin Commission www.srbc.net
SWRO	Southwest Regional Office (DEP – Pittsburgh)

T

T&E	Threatened and Endangered
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TAB Technical Advisory Board (DEP – Oil and Gas)
TARP Technological Acceptance and Reciprocity Partnership
TDS Total Dissolved Solids
TMDL Total Maximum Daily Load
TN Total Nitrogen
Toc/Tc Time of Concentration
TP Total Phosphorous
TRM Turf Reinforcement Mat
TSF Trout Stocked Fishes (Chapter 93 Stream Classification)
TS Total Solids
TSS Total Suspended Solids

U

UGWF Unconventional Gas Well Funds
USDA U.S. Department of Agriculture
USFWS U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service www.fws.gov
USGS U.S. Geological Survey www.usgs.gov
UST Underground Storage Tank
UTM Universal Transverse Mercator

W

WETPAC Wetland Protection Advisory Committee
WCO Waterway Conservation Officer (PFBC)
WRAC Water Resources Advisory Committee
WREN Water Resources Education Network www.sourcewaterpa.org
WQC Water Quality Certificate
WWF Warm Water Fishes (Chapter 93 Stream Classification)
WWTP Wastewater Treatment Plant