



Department of Environment Quality (DEQ)

Acronym List

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	AAI	All Appropriate Inquiry
	AAM	American Association of Museums
	AASLH	American Association for State and Local History
	ACBM	Asbestos-Containing Building Material
	ACM	Asbestos-Containing Material
	ACO	Administrative Consent Order
	ACP	Agricultural Conservation Program
	ACWA	American Clean Water Association
	AD	Administration Division (QOL)
	ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
	AEP	Alternative Energy Production
	AFS	American Fisheries Society
	AFWA	Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
	AFO	Animal Feeding Operation
	AGC	Association of General Contractors
	AIP	Auto Ignition Point
	AISL	Acute Inhalation Screening Levels
	AIS	Aquatic Invasive Species
	Al	Aluminum
	ALFAM	Association of Living History Farms and Museums
	ALJ	Administrative Law Judge
	AMM	Association of Midwestern Museums
	ANC	Aquatic Nuisance Control
	ANR	Academy of Natural Resources
	ANS	Aquatic Nuisance Species
	ANSI	American National Standards Institute
	AOC	Area of Concern
	APC	Automated Partial Chemistry
	AQD	Air Quality Division (DEQ)
	ARI	Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Institute
	ARM	Automotive Recyclers of Michigan
	As	Arsenic
	ASIWPCA	Association of State and Interstate Water Pollution Control Administrators
	ASR	Air Supplied Respirator
	AST	Aboveground Storage Tank
	ASTM	American Society for Testing and Materials
	ATA	Archery Trade Association
	ATSDR	Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry
	ATTF	Air Toxics Task Force
	ATV	All Terrain Vehicle
	AW	Alternative Water
	AWR	Annual Wastewater Report
	AWRA	American Water Resources Association
	AWWA	American Water Works Association
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	Ba	Barium

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	BAF	Bioaccumulation Factors
	BACT	Best Available Control Technology
	BAT	Best Available Technology
	BAWSS	By-Product and Waste Search Service
	BCC	Bioaccumulative Chemical of Concern
	BCF	Bioconcentration Factor
	BDL	Below Detection Limit
	Be	Beryllium
	BEA	Baseline Environmental Assessment
	BEI	Biological Exposure Indices
	BEMP	Building Energy Management Program
	BF	Biomagnification
	BG	Below Grade
	BGL	Below Ground Level
	BLEVE	Boiling Liquid Expanding Vapor Explosion
	BMDL	Below Method Detection Limit
	BMP	Best Management Practice
	BMR	Baseline Monitoring Report
	BNA	Base Neutral/Acid (Organic Extraction Method)
	BOD	Biological Oxygen Demand
	BOW	Becoming an Outdoors-Woman
	BP	Boiling Point
	BR	Biennial Report
	BR	Brownfield Redevelopment
	BRA	Baseline Risk Assessment
	BRBA	Buy Recycled Business Alliance
	BTEX	Benzene, Toluene, Ethylbenzene, Xylene
	BTU	British Thermal Units
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	C3	Clean Corporate Citizen
	CA	Compliance Assistance
	CA	Corrective Action
	CAA	Clean Air Act
	CAAA	Clean Air Act Amendments
	CAAP	Clean Air Assistance Program
	CAER	Chemical Awareness and Emergency Response Program (CMA)
	CAER	Community Awareness and Emergency Response
	CAFO	Consent Agreement & Final Order
	CAFO	Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation
	CAMEO	Computer Aided Management of Emergency Operations
	CAMP	Continuous Air Monitoring Program
	CAMR	Clean Air Mercury Rule
	CAO	Corrective Action Order
	CAP	Capacity Assurance Plan
	CAP	Corrective Action Plan
	CAP	Criteria Air Pollutants
	CAU	Carbon Absorption Unit
	CAU	Compliance Assistance Unit
	CCAP	Center for Clean Air Policy
	Cd	Cadmium
	CDA	Critical Dune Area

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	CDC	Centers for Disease Control (HHS)
	CDF	Confined Disposal Facility
	CDI	Chronic Daily Intake
	CE, C&E	Compliance & Enforcement
	CE	Conservation Easement
	CEA	Cooperative Enforcement Agreement
	CEC	Compounds of Emerging Concern
	CED	CERCLA Enforcement Division (OSWER)
	CEM	Continuous Emission Monitoring (CAA)
	CEMS	Continuous Emission Monitoring System
	CEPPO	Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Office
	CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act of 1980
	CESQG	Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator
	CFC	Chlorofluorocarbon
	CFM	Cubic Feet per Minute
	CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
	CFS	Cubic Feet per Second
	CG	Compressed Gas
	CGI	Combustible Gas Indicator
	CGLG	Council of Great Lakes Governors
	CHEEC	Center for Health Effects of Environmental Contamination
	CHEMNET	A CHEMTREC resource for registered users to help find emergency response contractors for hazardous materials emergency incidents
	CHEMTREC	Chemical Transportation Emergency Center
	CHMM	Certified Hazardous Materials Managers
	ChV	Chronic Value
	CIS	Chemical Information System
	CIWPIS	Coastal and Inland Waters Permit Information System
	CKD	Cement Kiln Dust
	Cl	Chloride
	CL	Combustible Liquid
	CLMP	Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Agreement
	CM	Corrective Measure
	CMA	Chemical Materials Agency (US Army)
	CMB	Chemical Mass Balance
	CME	Comprehensive (Groundwater) Monitoring Evaluation
	CMI	Clean Michigan Initiative
	CMR	Critical Materials Register
	Cn	Cyanide
	CNG	Compressed Natural Gas
	CNMP	Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan
	CNS	Central Nervous System
	CO	Conservation Officer
	CO	Change Order
	CO	Consent Order
	CO ₂	Carbon Dioxide
	COATCEM	Cumulative Outdoor Air Toxics Concentration Exposure Methodology
	COC	Certificate of compliance
	COC	Chemicals of Concern
	COC	Certificate of Coverage

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	COE	Corps of Engineers (US Army)
	COGs	Councils of Government
	COH	Coefficient of Haze
	COM	Continuous Opacity Monitor
	CON/HTRW	Containerized Hazardous, Toxic, and Radioactive Waste
	COPC	Chemical of Potential Concern
	COPEC	Contaminants of Potential Ecological Concern
	CP	Certified Professional (Michigan Qualified Underground Storage Tank Consultant)
	CPC	Chemical Protective Clothing
	CPE	Carcinogenic Potency Factor
	Cr	Chromium
	CREP	Conservation Resource Enhancement Program
	CRF	Clean-up & Redevelopment Fund
	CRP	Conservation Reserve Program
	CRT	Cathode Ray Tube
	CSF	Carcinogenic Slope Factor
	CSI	Chemical Substances Inventory
	CSI	Compliance Sampling Inspection
	CSO	Combined Sewer Overflow
	CSS	Combined Sewer System
	Cu	Copper
	CV	Coefficient of Variation
	CWA	Clean Water Act (FWPCA)
	CZMA	Coastal Zone Management Act
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	DBCP	Dibromochloropropane
	DBMS	Data Base Management System
	DCC	Direct Contact Criteria
	DCPT	Dense Cone Penetration Test
	DECON	Decontamination
	DELEG	Department of Energy, Labor and Economic Growth
	D-J	Dingel-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act
	DNRE	Department of Natural Resources and Environment (former)
	DNAPL	Dense Non-Aqueous Phase Liquid
	DO	Dissolved Oxygen
	DO	District Office
	DOC	Dissolved Organic Carbon
	DOE	US Department of Energy
	DMDF	Dredged Materials Disposal Facility
	DMR	Discharge Monitoring Report
	DRO	Diesel Range Organics
	DS	Dichotomous Sampler
	DSM	Demand Side Management
	DTB	Depth to Bottom
	DTP	Depth to Product
	DTW	Depth to Water
	DU	Ducks Unlimited
	DWRF	Drinking Water Revolving Fund
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	EA	Environmental Assessment

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	EA	Environmental Auditing
	EAB	Environmental Appeals Board
	EAC	Environmental Advisory Council
	EAC	Environmental Assistance Center 1-800-662-9278
	EAP	Emergency Action Plan/Procedures
	EAP	Environmental Action Plan
	EAP	Environmental Assistance Program
	EB	Emissions Balancing
	ECOS	Environmental Council of the States
	ED	Exposure Duration
	EDC	Endocrine disrupting chemicals
	EDB	Ethylene dibromide
	EEMS	Emissions Elements Needs Survey (RCRA)
	EF	Emission Factor
	EF	Exposure Frequency
	EH	Redox Potential
	EHC	Environmental Health Criteria
	EHIS	Emission History Information System
	EHS	Extremely Hazardous Substance
	EI	Emission Inventory
	EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
	EIC	Environmental Industry Council
	EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
	EIS	Emissions Inventory System
	EIS/AS	Emissions Inventory System/Area Source
	EIS/PS	Emissions Inventory System/Point Source
	EJ	Environmental Justice
	EL	Exposure Level
	ELCR	Excess Lifetime Cancer Risk
	ELG	Effluent Limitations Guidelines
	ELGE	Enhanced Landfill Gas Extraction
	EM	Electromagnetic
	EM	Electron Microscope
	EMCOG	East Michigan Council of Governments
	EMP	Environmental Management Plan
	EMR	Environmental Management Report
	EMS	Environmental Management System
	EMU	Environmental Monitoring Unit
	EOE	Equal Opportunity Employer
	EP	Emergency Preparedness
	EPA	(US) Environmental Protection Agency
	EPC	Emergency Preparedness Coordinator
	EPC	Exposure Point Concentration
	EPCRA	Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know
	EQA	Environmental Quality Analyst
	EQM	Environmental Quality Manager
	ERA	Ecological Risk Assessment
	ERC	Emergency Response Commission
	ERMD	Environmental Resource Management Division (DEQ former)
	ERNIE	Environmental Response Network Information System
	EROS	Earth Resource Observation Science Center, USGS

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	ERP	Environmental Results Program
	ERPC	Emergency Response Planning Coordinator
	ERR	Estimated Receptor Risk
	ERT	Environmental Response Team
	ESA	Endangered Species Act
	ESA	Environmental Site Assessment
	ESSD	Environmental Sciences & Services Division - Reorganized to OPPCA
	ETBE	Ethyl Tertiary Butyl Ether
	EU	Emission Unit
	EUP	Environmental Use Permit
	EXEC	Executive Division (DEQ)
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	F	Flourine
	FAR	Final Assessment Report
	FAV	Final Acute Value
	FCAA	Federal Clean Air Act
	FCMP	Fish Contaminate Monitoring Program
	FCV	Final Chronic Value
	FD	Fisheries Division (DNR)
	FDA	(US) Food & Drug Administration
	FDO	Final Determination and Order
	Fe	Iron
	FEIS	Fugitive Emissions Information System
	FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
	FEMIS	Federal Emergency Management Information System
	FERC	Federal Emergency Regulatory Commission
	FIFRA	Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act
	FIRM	Flood Insurance Rate Map
	FL	Flammable Liquid
	FL/CL	Flammable/Combustible Liquids
	FLP	Flash Point
	FMD	Fire Marshal Division, Michigan State Police
	FMD	Forest Management Division (DNR)
	FO	Field Office
	FOC	Fraction of Organic Carbon
	FOD	Frequency of Detection
	FOIA	Freedom of Information Act, 1976 PA 442
	FP	Fine Particulate Matter
	FP	Flash Point
	FPD	Flame Photometric Detector
	FR	Federal Register
	FUDS	Formerly Used Defense Sites
	FWS	Fish & Wildlife Service
	FWPCA	Federal Water Pollution Control Act
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	GAAMPS	Generally Accepted Agricultural Management Practices
	GAC	Granular Activated Carbon
	GAC	Groundwater Activated Carbon
	GC/MS	Gas Chromatograph/Mass Spectrograph
	GCL	Geosynthetic Clay Liner
	GD	Groundwater Division (DEQ former)

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	GDF	Gasoline Dispensing Facility
	GEMS	Geologic Exposure Modeling System
	GEMS	Global Environmental Monitoring System
	GHG	Greenhouse gas
	GHSL	Groundwater Household Screening Level
	GIS	Global Indexing System
	GIS	Geographic Information Systems
	GLBRC	Great Lakes Bioenergy Research Center
	GLC	Gas Liquid Chromatography
	GLC	Great Lakes Commission
	GLFT	Great Lakes Fishery Trust
	GLI	Great Lakes Initiative
	GLNPO	Great Lakes National Program Office
	GLNPPR	Great Lakes National Pollution Prevention Roundtable
	GLRC	Great Lakes Regional Collaboration
	GLRI	Great Lakes Restoration Initiative
	GLSS	Great Lakes Shorelands Section
	GLWQA	Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement
	GPR	Ground Penetrating Radar
	GPS	Global Positioning System
	GREAT	Groundwater Resource and Education Activity for Teachers
	GRO	Gasoline Range Organics
	GSI	Groundwater Surface Water Interface
	GVIAC	Groundwater Volatilization Indoor Air Inhalation Criteria
	GVP	Gasoline Vapor Pressure
	GVW	Gross Vehicle Weight
	GW	Ground Water
	GWAT	Great Workplace Action Team
	GWDR	Ground Water Disinfection Rule
	GWM	Ground Water Monitoring
	GWPS	Groundwater Program Section
	GWTF	Ground Water Task Force (OSWER)
	GWTP	Groundwater Treatment Plant
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	H2O	Water
	H2O2	Hydrogen Peroxide
	H2S	Hydrogen Sulfide
	HA	Health Advisory
	HAP	Hazardous Air Pollutant
	HAPPS	Hazardous Air Pollutant Prioritization System
	HASP	Health and Safety Plan
	HAZMAT	Hazardous Materials
	HAZWOPER	Hazardous Waste Operations & Emergency Response
	HCFC	Hydrochlorofluorocarbons
	HCl	Hydrogen Chloride
	HHS	US Health & Human Services Department
	Hg	Mercury
	HHW	Household Hazardous Waste
	HHWC	Household Hazardous Waste Center
	HMIS	Hazardous Materials Identification System
	HMS	Hazardous Materials Storage

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	HMSI	Hazardous Materials Storage Inspector
	HMTA	Hazardous Materials Transportation Act
	HREA	High Risk Erosion Area
	HSM	Historical Society of Michigan
	HSO	Health and Safety Officer
	HSP	Health & Safety Plan
	HVAC	Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (System)
	HVOC	Halogenated Volatile Organic Compounds
	HW	Hazardous Waste
	HWLF	Hazardous Waste Land Fill
	HWMA	Hazardous Waste Management Act
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	IAP	Indoor Air Pollution
	IAR	Initial Assessment Report
	ICP	Institutional Conservation Program
	IDEP	Illicit Discharge Elimination Plan
	IDL	Instrument Detection Limit
	IDLH	Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health
	IE	Information and Education
	IJC	International Joint Commission
	IOC	Inorganic Chemical
	IPP	Industrial Pretreatment Program
	IR	Interim Response
	IRAP	Interagency Radiological Assistance Plan
	IRAP	Interim Remedial Action Plan
	IRIS	Integrated Risk Information System
	ISE	Ion-Specific Electrode
	ISO	International Organization of Standards
	ISRI	Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries
	ISTEA	Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act
	ITRC	Interstate Technology Regulatory Council
	ITS	Incident Tracking System
	ITSL	Initial Threshold Screening Level
	IUPAC	International Union of Pure and Applied Chemists
	IWC	In-Stream Waste Concentration (CWA)
	IWTP	Industrial Wastewater Treatment Plan
	IKES	Izaak Walton League
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	JCAR	Joint Committee on Administrative Rules
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	K	Potassium
	kg	Kilogram
	kg/l	Kilogram per Liter
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	LAER	Lowest Achievable Emission Rate
	LaMP	Lakewide Management Plan
	LAMS	Lake Analysis Management System
	LC	Liquid Chromatography
	LCA	Life Cycle Assessment
	LCD	Local Climatological Data
	LCS	Leachate Collection System

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	LDL	Lower Detection Limit
	LDR	Land Disposal Restrictions
	LDS	Leak Detection System
	LED	Law Enforcement Division (DNR)
	LEL	Lower Explosive Limit
	LEPC	Local Emergency Planning Committee
	LF	Land Fill
	LHD	Local Health Department
	LID	Low Impact Development
	LIW	Liquid Industrial Waste
	LLRW	Low Level Radioactive Waste
	LLW	Low Level Waste
	LNAPL	Light Non-Aqueous Phase Liquid
	LNG	Liquefied Natural Gas
	LOD	Level of Detection
	LOE	Level of Effort
	LOT	Land Owner Tenant
	LPG	Liquefied Petroleum Gas
	LQG	Large Quantity Generator
	LSB	Legislative Service Bureau
	LTIRA	Long Term Interim Response Action
	LTIRA	Long Term Irrigation Rights Agreement
	LTIRAP	Long Term Interim Response Action Plan
	LTM	Long Term Monitoring
	LTDD	Low Temperature Thermal Desorption
	LUST	Leaking Underground Storage Tank
	LWCF	Land and Water Conservation Fund
	LWMD	Land & Water Management Division (DEQ former)
	LWV	League of Women Voters
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	MAC	Michigan Administrative Code
	MACT	Maximum Achievable Control Technology
	MADCAP	Model of Advection, Diffusion and Chemistry for Air Pollution
	MAEAP	Michigan Agricultural Environmental Assurance Program
	MAER	Maximum Allowable Emission Rate
	MAERS	Michigan Air Emissions Reporting System
	MAI	Maximum allowable Increase
	MALPH	Michigan Association of Local Public Health
	MAPHERD	Michigan Association of Physical Health, Education and Dance
	MAPR	Michigan Air Pollution Reporting
	MASN	Michigan Air Sampling Network
	MBH	Michigan Bow Hunters
	MBP3	Michigan Business Pollution Prevention Partnership
	MBSS	Michigan Background Soil Survey
	MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level
	MCL	Michigan Compiled Laws
	MCO	Media and Communications Office (QOL)
	MDA	Michigan Department of Agriculture (former)
	MDARD	Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development
	MDCH	Michigan Department of Community Health
	MDELEG	Michigan Department of Energy, Labor and Economic Growth

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	MDEQ	Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (former)
	MDL	Method Detection Limit
	MDNR	Michigan Department of Natural Resources (former)
	MDNRE	Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment
	MDOT	Michigan Department of Transportation
	MEC	Michigan Environmental Council
	MEF	MUSTFA Emergency Fund
	MEK	Methyl Ethyl Ketone
	MEPA	Michigan Environmental Protection Act (Part 17 of Act 451)
	MERA	Michigan Environmental Response Act
	MESB	Michigan Environmental Science Board
	METD	Marketing Education and Technology Division (QOL)
	MHC	Michigan Historical Center
	MHM	Michigan Historical Museum
	mg	Milligram
	mg/l	Milligram per Liter
	MICAR	Michigan Certified Automotive Recycler
	MiCorps	Michigan Clean Water Corps
	MIRIS	Michigan Resource Information System
	MISPC	Mackinac Island State Park Commission
	MiSWIM	Michigan Surface Water Information Management
	MIV	Map Image Viewer
	MM	Miscellaneous Materials
	MMA	Michigan Manufacturers Association
	MMA	Michigan Museums Association
	MML	Michigan Municipal League
	MNA	Monitored Natural Attenuation
	MNAPL	Mobile Non-Aqueous Phase Liquids
	MNFI	Michigan Natural Features Inventory
	MNSP	Michigan Natural Shoreline Partnership
	MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
	MOT	Materials of Trade
	MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
	MOVES	Motor Vehicle Emission Simulator
	MRC	Michigan Recycling Coalition
	MRPA	Michigan Recreation and Park Association
	MS4	Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System
	MSDS	Material Safety Data Sheet(s)
	MSHP	Mackinac State Historic Park
	MSP	Michigan Department of State Police
	MSWLF	Municipal Solid Waste Landfills
	MTBE	Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether
	MUCC	Michigan United Conservation Clubs
	MUSTFA	Michigan Underground Storage Tanks Financial Assurance
	MUSTR	Michigan Underground Storage Tank Rules
	MW	Monitor Well
	MW	Municipal Water
	MWC	Municipal Waste Combustor
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	N	Nitrogen
	NAAQS	National Ambient Air Quality Standards

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	NAICS	North American Industry Classification System
	NaOH	Sodium Hydroxide
	NAPL	Non-Aqueous Phase Liquid
	NARA	National Air Resource Act
	NARA	National Archives and Records Administration
	NARM	Naturally occurring and Accelerator produced Radioactive Material
	NASP	National Archery in the Schools Program
	NATICH	National Air Toxics Information Clearinghouse
	NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
	NAWMP	North American Waterfowl Management Plan
	NDWAC	National Drinking Water Advisory Council
	NEA	National Energy Act
	NEMCOG	Northeast Michigan Council of Governments
	NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
	NESHAPS	National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (CAA)
	NETC	National Emergency Training Center
	NFIP	National Flood Insurance Program
	NFPA	National Fire Protection Association
	NIEHS	National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences
	NIH	National Institutes of Health
	NIOSH	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
	NMIM	National Mobile Inventory Model
	NMS	NPDES Management System
	NO	Nitric Oxide
	NO2	Nitrogen Dioxide
	NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
	NOT	Notice of Termination
	NOV	Notice of Violation
	NOX	Nitrogen Oxides
	NPS	National Park System
	NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (CWA)
	NPE	Nonylphenol Ethoxylates
	NPFC	National Pollution Funds Center
	NPL	National Priorities List (CERCLA)
	NPS	Nonpoint Source
	NRA	National Rifle Association
	NRC	National Response Center (800-424-8802)
	NRC	Natural Resource Commission
	NRC	US Nuclear Regulatory Commission
	NRC	Nation Recycling Coalition
	NREPA	Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act 1994 PA 451
	NRTF	Natural Resources Trust Fund
	NSF	Nation Science Foundation
	NSPS	New Source Performance Standard
	NSSF	National Shooting Sports Foundation
	NWCMCOG	Northwest Michigan Council of Governments
	NWF	National Wildlife Federation
	NWS	National Weather Service
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	O&G	Oil and Gas
	O&M	Operation and Maintenance

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	O2	Oxygen
	O3	Ozone
	ODS	Ozone depleting substance
	OEA	Office of Environmental Assistance (DEQ)
	OGL	Office of the Great Lakes (DEQ)
	OGS	Office of Geological Survey (DEQ)
	OLF	Office of Land and Facilities (DNR)
	OPIM	Other Potentially Infectious Material
	OPPCA	Office of Pollution Prevention and Compliance Assistance (DEQ former)
	OPS	Office of Pipeline Safety
	ORC	Oxygen Release Compound
	ORM	Other Regulated Material
	ORV	Off Road Vehicle
	OSA	Office of the State Archaeologist, Michigan
	OSC	On Scene Coordinator
	OSC	Operations Service Centers
	OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
	OSWAP	Onsite Wastewater Systems Assistance Program
	OSWER	Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response
	OUST	Office of Underground Storage Tanks (OSWER)
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	P2	Pollution Prevention
	PA	Public Act
	PAH	Polynuclear Aromatic Hydrocarbons
	PAL	Point, Area, and Line Source Air Quality Model
	PALDS	PAL Model with Deposition and Settling of Pollutants
	Pb	Lead
	PBB	Polybrominated Biphenyl
	PBT	Persistent, bioaccumulative toxic pollutants (BCC, POP)
	PCB	Polychlorinated Biphenyl
	PCE	Perchloroethene
	PEAS	Pollution Emergency Alerting System 800-292-4706
	PEL	Permissible Exposure Limit
	PF	Pheasant's Forever
	PF	Potency Factor
	PFD	Proposal For Decision
	Ph	The measure of the alkalinity or acidity of a solution
	PHMSA	Pipeline & Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
	PID	Photoionization Detector
	PIPP	Pollution Incident Prevention Plan
	PM	Particulate Matter
	PM	Project manager
	PNA	Polynuclear Aromatic Hydrocarbons
	POP	Persistent Organic Pollutant
	POTW	Publicly Owned Treatment Works
	PPE	Personal Protection Equipment
	ppb	Parts per Billion
	ppm	Parts per Million
	PRCS	Permit Required Confined Space
	P-R	Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act
	PRP	Potentially Responsible Parties (CERCLA)

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	PSD	Prevention of Significant Deterioration
	PSI	Pounds per Square Inch
	PSIA	Pounds per Square Inch - Atmosphere
	PTE	Potential to Emit
	PTI	Permit to Install
	PV	Photovoltaic
	PVA	Poly Vinyl Alcohol
	PVC	Polyvinyl Chloride
	PWA	Protected Water Area
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	QA	Quality Assurance
	QC	Quality Control
	QC	Michigan Qualified Underground Storage Tank Consultant - Part 215 of PA 451
	QOL	Quality of Life Umbrella over MDARD, DEQ and DNR
	QRT	Quality Review Team, RRD
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	RA	Remedial Action
	RA	Risk Assessment
	RAD	Unit of absorbed radiation
	RAP	Remedial Action Plan
	RBCA	Risk Based Corrective Action
	RBSL	Risk Based Screening Level
	RCC	Regional Collection Center
	RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
	RD	Remediation Division (DEQ)
	RDWC	Residential Drinking Water Criteria
	REAP	Resource Enhancement and Protection
	REC	Rural Electric Cooperative
	RECD	Recreation Division (DNR)
	REDA	Recycling Economic Development Advocate
	RELS	Recommended Exposure Levels
	REP	Reasonable Efforts Program
	RETAP	Retired Engineer Technical Assistance Program
	RFP	Request For Proposal
	RI	Remedial Investigation
	RLOCS	Revolving Loan and Operator Certification Section
	RMDL	Recommended Method Detection Limit
	RMP	Risk Management Plan
	ROP	Renewable Operating Permit
	RP	Responsible Party
	RPS	Radiological Protection Section of WHMD
	RQ	Reportable Quantity
	RRD	Remediation & Redevelopment Division (DEQ Former)
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	S3TM	Sampling Strategies and Statistics Training Materials for Part 201 Cleanup Criteria
	SA	Site Assessment
	SAA	Society of American Archivists
	SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 86

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	Sb	Antimony
	SC	Sierra Club
	SCC	Source Classification Code
	SCD, SWDC	Soil and Water Conservation District
	SCF	Standard Cubic Feet
	SCFM	Standard Cubic Feet Per Minute
	SCORP	State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan
	SCR	Site Cleanup Report
	SDWA	Safe Drinking Water Act
	Se	Selenium
	SECP	State Energy Conservation Program
	SEEP	Senior Environmental Employee Program
	SEMCOG	Southeast Michigan Council of Governments
	SEMOS	Southeast Michigan Ozone Study
	SEP	State Energy Program
	SEP	Supplementary Environmental Projects (enforcement agreement)
	SERC	State Emergency Response Commission
	SERE	Streamlined Ecological Risk Evaluation
	SESC	Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control
	SF	Superfund
	SHPO	State Historic Preservation Office
	Si	Silica
	SI	Site Inspection
	SIC	Soil Inhalation Criteria for Ambient Air
	SIC	Standard Industrial Classification Code
	SID	Storage Tank Information Database
	SIP	State Implementation Plan
	SIU	Significant Industrial User
	SLF	Sanitary Land Fill
	SMU	Site Management Unit
	SNAP	Significant New Alternatives Policy
	SO ₂	Sulfur Dioxide
	SOC	Synthetic Organic Compound
	SPAB	State Preserves Advisory Board
	SPCC	Spill Prevention, Containment and Countermeasures
	SPO	Science & Policy Office (QOL)
	SQG	Small Quantity Generator
	SRF	Site Reclamation Fund
	SRF	State Revolving Fund
	SRP	Site Reclamation Program
	SRSL	Secondary Risk Screening Level
	SS	Soil Sampling
	SSL	Soil Screening Levels
	SSO	Sanitary Sewer Overflow
	ST	Storage Tank
	STEL	Short-Term Exposure Limit
	STEM	Scanning Transmission-Electron Microscopy
	STORET	Storage and Retrieval
	STP	Sewage Treatment Plant
	STP	Standard Temperature and Pressure
	STU	Storage Tank Unit

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	SUO	Sewer Use Ordinance
	SVE	Soil Vapor Extraction
	SVIAC	Soil Volatilization Indoor Air Inhalation Criteria
	SVOC	Semivolatile Organic Compounds
	SWLF	Solid Waste Land Fill
	SWMP	Solid Waste Management Plan
	SWMP	Storm Water Management Plan
	SWPPI	Storm Water Pollution Prevention Initiative
	SWPPP	Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan
	SWRF	Septage Waste Receiving Facility
	SWSF	Septage Waste Storage Facility
	SWP3	Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan
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	TAC	Technical Advisory Committee
	TAC	Toxic Air Contaminate
	TAMS	Toxic Air Monitoring System
	TAMTAC	Toxic Air Monitoring Technical Advisory Committee
	TAO	TSCA Assistance Office
	TAP	Technical Assistance Program
	TAPN	Technical Assistance Providers Network
	T-BACT	Best Available Control Technology for Toxics
	TBEL	Treatment Based Effluent Limit
	TBI	Throttle Body Injection Systems
	TCA	1,1,1-trichloroethane
	TCDD	Dioxin (Tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin)
	TCDF	Tetrachlorodibenzofurans
	TCD's	Toxic Cleanup Days
	TCE	Tetrachloroethylene
	TCLP	Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure
	TCP	Trichloroethylene
	TDL	Target Detection Limit
	TDS	Total Dissolved Solids
	TI	Thallium
	TIP	Turn In Poachers
	TLV	Threshold Limit Value
	TMDL	Target Method Detection Limit
	TMDL	Total Maximum Daily Load
	TNC	The Nature Conservancy
	TOC	Total Organic Compound
	TOXNET	Toxicology Data Network
	TPH	Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons
	TPQ	Threshold Planning Quantity
	TQ	Threshold Quantity
	TRI	Toxic Chemical Release Inventory
	TRV	Toxicity Reference Value
	TSCA	Toxic Substance Control Act
	TSCC	Toxic Substances Coordinating Committee
	TSDF	Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facility
	TSS	Total Suspended Solids
	TTHMs	Total Trihalomethanes
	TWA	Time Weighted Average

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	U	Uranium
	UCL	Upper Confidence Limit
	UEL	Upper Explosive Limit
	UF	Uncertainty Factor
	UFL	Upper Flammability Limit
	ug	Microgram
	ug/kg	Micrograms per kilogram (ppb)
	ug/l	micrograms per liter (ppb)
	UN	United Nations
	USACE	United States Army Corps of Engineers
	USC	United States Code
	USCG	United States Coast Guard
	USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
	USDOT	United States Department of Transportation
	USEPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
	USFS	United State Forest Service
	USFWS	United State Fish and Wildlife Service
	USGS	United States Geological Survey
	USNRC	United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
	UST	Underground Storage Tank
	UTL	Upper Tolerance Limit
	UV	Ultraviolet
	UXO	Unexploded Ordnance
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	V	Vanadium
	VC	Vinyl Chloride
	VD	Vapor Density
	VGW	Venting Ground Water
	VHS	Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia
	VOC	Volatile Organic Compound
	VOC	Volatile Organic Hydrocarbon
	VP	Vapor Pressure
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	WAP	Waste Analysis Plan (RCRA)
	WB	Water Bureau (DEQ former)
	WCMP	Water Chemistry Monitoring Project
	WD	Wildlife Division (DNR)
	WDS	Waste Data System
	WET	Whole Effluent Toxicity
	WHMD	Waste & Hazardous Materials Division (DEQ former)
	WHO	World Health Organization (UN)
	WILD	WILDlife Education Program
	WMCOG	West Michigan Council of Governments
	WP	Work Plan
	WRAP	Waste Reduction Assistance Program
	WRD	Water Resource Division (DEQ)
	WTF	Wild Turkey Federation
	WQ	Water Quality
	WQBEL	Water Quality Based Effluent Limit

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