

List of Common Acronyms

AASHTO = American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials	EQB = Environmental Quality Board
ABACT = Antidegradation Best Available Combination of Technologies	EQIP= Environmental Quality Incentives Program
ACA = Animal Concentration Area	EV = Exceptional Value (stream designation)
ACAP= Agricultural Conservation Assistance Program	E&S = Erosion & Sediment Pollution Control
ACOE = Army Corps of Engineers (US)	FEMA = Federal Emergency Management Act
ACT = Agricultural Conservation Technician	FSA = Farm Service Agency (USDA)
AEU = Animal Equivalency Unit	FPP = Farmland Preservation Program
AHUA = Animal Heavy Use Area	GG = Growing Greener
AHUG= Allegany Hardwoods Utilization Group	GIF = General Information Form
AMD = Abandoned Mine Drainage	GP= General Permit (NPDES)
ANF = Allegheny National Forest	HQ = High Quality (stream designation)
AOP = Aquatic Organism Passage	ICIS = Integrated Compliance Information System (EPA)
APIPMA = Allegheny Plateau Invasive Plant Management Area	IDP = Individual Development Plan
BAMR = Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation (DEP)	IP = Individual Permit (NPDES)
BBWA = Bennett's Branch Watershed Association	IRRC = Independent Regulatory Review Commission
BCW= Bureau of Clean Water	JAC = Joint Annual Conference
BMP = Best Management Practice (pertains to E&S)	JP = Joint Permit (DEP and ACOE)
BOF = Bureau of Forestry (DCNR)	LOD = Limit of Disturbance
BOI = Bureau of Investigations (DEP)	MM = Manure Management
CAFO = Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation	MMM = Manure Management Manual
CAO = Concentrated Animal Operation	MMP = Manure Management Plan
CAP = Corrective Action Plan	MOU = Memorandum of Understanding
CB = Chesapeake Bay	MS4 = Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System
CBP = Chesapeake Bay Program	MSDS = Material Safety Data Sheet
CD = Conservation District	NAACC = North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative
CDAC = Conservation District Advisory Committee	NACD = National Association of Conservation Districts
CDFAP= Conservation District Fund Allocation Program	NCG = Non-Conventional Gas Drilling (Marcellus & Utica Shale gas well drilling)
CDFR = Conservation District Field Representative	NCRO = North Central Regional Office (DEP Williamsport)
CFS = Compost Filter Sock (also Cubic Feet Per Second)	NERO = Northeast Regional Office (DEP Wilkes Barre)
CO = Central Office (DEP Harrisburg)	NICET = National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies
CPESC = Certified Professional in Erosion & Sediment Control	NM = Nutrient Management
CREP = Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program	NMA = Nutrient Management Act
CSL= Clean Streams Law	NMP = Nutrient Management Plan
CWA = Clean Water Act	NOAA = National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
DCED = Department of Conservation and Economic Development	NOI = Notice of Intent
DCNR = Department of Conservation and Natural Resources	NOT = Notice of Termination
DEP = Department of Environmental Protection	NOV = Notice of Violation
DGLVR = Dirt, Gravel & Low Volume Road Program	NPDES = National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems (Permits)
DRBC = Delaware River Basin Commission	NRCS = Natural Resources Conservation Service
ECATO= Elk County Association of Township Officials	NWI = National Wetland Inventory
ECCD = Elk County Conservation District	NWRO = Northwest Regional Office (DEP Meadville)
ECFB= Elk County Farm Bureau	O&G = Oil & Gas
EDRR= Early Detection Rapid Response (Invasives)	O&M = Operation and Maintenance
EHB = Environmental Hearing Board	PAC = Pennsylvania Agricultural Conservation
EPA = Environmental Protection Agency (US)	PACD = PA Association of Conservation Districts
ESM = Environmentally Sensitive Maintenance	PAFBC (or PFBC) = PA Fish & Boat Commission
	PAGC (or PGC) = PA Game Commission
	PASA = PA Association for Sustainable Agriculture

PASPGP4 = PA State Programmatic General Permit #4
 PASPGP5 = PA State Programmatic General Permit #5
 PASPGP6 = PA State Programmatic General Permit #6
 PCSM = Post Construction Stormwater Management
 PDA = PA Department of Agriculture
 PDG = Permit Decision Guarantee
 PE = Professional Licensed Engineer
 PEMA = PA Emergency Management Agency
 PG = Professional Licensed Geologist
 PHMC = Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission
 PLA = Professional Landscape Architect (licensed)
 PLS = Professional Land Surveyor (licensed)
 PNDI = Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory
 POI = Point of Interest
 PPC = Preparedness, Prevention & Contingency Plan
 PRISM = Partnerships for Regional Invasive Species Management (Grant Pilot Program)
 PRP = Permit Review Process
 PSATS = PA Association of Township Officials
 PUC = Pennsylvania Utility Commission
 QAB = Quality Assurance Board (for DGLVR Program)
 QA/QC = Quality Assurance/Quality Control
 RCPP = Resource Conservation Partnership Program
 RCSOB = Rachel Carson State Office Building (DEP's Central Office, Harrisburg)
 REAP= Resource Enhancement and Protection Program
 ROMs = Required Output Measures
 RTKL = Right-to-Know Law
 SCC = State Conservation Commission
 SCRO = South Central Regional Office (DEP – Harrisburg)
 SCM = Stormwater Control Measure (pertains to PCSM)
 SERO = Southeast Regional Office (DEP – Norristown)
 SFI = Sustainable Forestry Initiative
 SIPMA= Sinnemahoning Invasive Plant Management Area
 SOP = Standard Operating Procedure
 SPFP = Special Projects Funding Program
 SPGP = State of Pennsylvania General Permit
 SRBC = Susquehanna River Basin Commission
 SWRO = Southwest Regional Office (DEP – Pittsburgh)
 TMDL = Total Maximum Daily Load (U.S. Clean Water Act term-the max amount of a given pollutant that a waterbody can receive while still meeting water quality standards)
 UGWF = Unconventional Gas Wells Funds
 USDA = US Department of Agriculture
 USFWS – US Fish & Wildlife Service
 USGS = US Geological Survey
 WCO = Waterway Conservation Officer (PA Fish and Boat Commission)
 WHIP = Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program
 WPC = Western Pennsylvania Conservancy
 WPCAMR = Western PA Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation
 WRAC = Water Resources Advisory Council
 WREN = Water Resources Education Network

WS = Watershed Specialist or Watershed

Act 13 – Marcellus Shale Regulations
 Act 38 – Nutrient Management Regulations
 Act 167 – Stormwater Management Regulations
 Chapter 78 – Oil and Gas Regulations
 Chapter 93 – Water Quality Standards & Stream Quality Designations
 Chapter 102 – Erosion & Sediment Control Rules & Regulations
 Chapter 105 – Stream & Wetland Regulations