

# EPA Abbreviations/Acronyms

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| <b>AA</b>        | Assistance Administration                                          | <b>CERCLA</b>          | Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act                                                        |
| <b>AEERL</b>     | Air and Energy Engineering Research Laboratory                     | <b>CERCLIS</b>         | Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Information System                                         |
| <b>AFS</b>       | AIRS Facility Subsystem (subsystem of AIRS)                        | <b>CERI</b>            | Center for Environmental Research Information                                                                                |
| <b>AHERA</b>     | Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act                             | <b>CERL</b>            | Corvallis Environmental Research Laboratory                                                                                  |
| <b>AIC</b>       | Air Information Center                                             | <b>CFC</b>             | Chlorofluorocarbon                                                                                                           |
| <b>AIR RISC</b>  | Air Risk Information Support Center                                | <b>CFR</b>             | Code of Federal Regulations                                                                                                  |
| <b>AIRS</b>      | Aerometric Information Retrieval System                            | <b>CHEM</b>            | Chemical Collection Database (accessible through OLS)                                                                        |
| <b>ALA</b>       | American Library Association                                       | <b>CIC</b>             | Consumer Information Catalog                                                                                                 |
| <b>AML</b>       | ARC Macro Language                                                 | <b>CICIS</b>           | Chemicals in Commerce Information System                                                                                     |
| <b>AMS</b>       | AIRS Area/Mobile Source Subsystem (subsystem of AIRS)              | <b>CIS</b>             | Chemical Information Systems                                                                                                 |
| <b>APTIC</b>     | Air Pollution Technical Information Center                         | <b>CLIM</b>            | Climate Change Database (accessible through OLS)                                                                             |
| <b>AQS</b>       | Air Quality Subsystem (subsystem of AIRS)                          | <b>CLP</b>             | Contract Laboratory Program                                                                                                  |
| <b>AREAL</b>     | Atmospheric Research and Exposure Assessment Laboratory            | <b>CLU-IN</b>          | Clean-up Information Bulletin Board System (formerly OSWER-BBS)                                                              |
| <b>ASMD</b>      | Atmospheric Sciences Modeling Division                             | <b>CML</b>             | Commercial                                                                                                                   |
| <b>ATTIC</b>     | Alternative Technology Treatment Information Center                | <b>CRADA</b>           | Cooperative Research and Development Agreement                                                                               |
| <b>AWBERC</b>    | Andrew W. Breidenbach Environmental Research Center                | <b>CRL</b>             | Central Regional Laboratory                                                                                                  |
| <b>BACT/LAER</b> | Best Available Control Technology/ Lowest Achievable Emission Rate | <b>CST</b>             | Central Standard Time                                                                                                        |
| <b>BBS</b>       | Bulletin Board System                                              | <b>CTC</b>             | Control Technology Center                                                                                                    |
| <b>BIF</b>       | Boiler and Industrial Furnace                                      | <b>CWA</b>             | Clean Water Act                                                                                                              |
| <b>BIOS</b>      | Biological Data System (file within STORET)                        | <b>CWA Section 404</b> | Specific section of the CWA regulation the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the U.S., including wetlands |
| <b>BLIS</b>      | BACT/LAER Information System                                       | <b>DEC</b>             | Department of Environmental Conservation                                                                                     |
| <b>BRS</b>       | Bibliographic Retrieval System                                     | <b>DEP</b>             | Department of Environmental Protection                                                                                       |
| <b>CAA</b>       | Clean Air Act                                                      | <b>DEQ</b>             | Department of Environmental Quality                                                                                          |
| <b>CAAA</b>      | Clean Air Act Amendments                                           | <b>DFS</b>             | Daily Flow System (file within STORET)                                                                                       |
| <b>CADRE</b>     | Computer Aided Data Retrieval and Evaluation Software              | <b>DNR</b>             | Department of Natural Resources                                                                                              |
| <b>CARD</b>      | Contract Laboratory Program Analytical Results Database            | <b>DNRC</b>            | Department of Natural Resources and Conservation                                                                             |
| <b>CARL</b>      | Colorado Association of Research Libraries                         | <b>DOC</b>             | Department of Conservation                                                                                                   |
| <b>CARS</b>      | Corrective Action Reporting System (now known as RCRIS)            | <b>DOCKET</b>          | Enforcement Docket                                                                                                           |
| <b>CAS</b>       | Chemical Abstract Service                                          | <b>DOT</b>             | U.S. Department of Transportation                                                                                            |
| <b>CBI</b>       | Confidential Business Information                                  | <b>E-CATS</b>          | Electronic Catalog System                                                                                                    |
| <b>CDS/ISIS</b>  | CDS/Integrated Set of Information System                           | <b>EBB</b>             | Electronic Bulletin Board                                                                                                    |
| <b>CDS</b>       | Compliance Data System (now part of AIRS)                          | <b>ECAO</b>            | Environmental Criteria and Assessment Office                                                                                 |
| <b>CELDS</b>     | Computer Aided Environment Legislative Data System                 | <b>EDRS</b>            | Enforcement Document Retrieval System                                                                                        |
| <b>CEM/CEMS</b>  | Continuous Emission Monitoring/ System                             | <b>EER</b>             | Excess Emission Report                                                                                                       |
| <b>CEQ</b>       | Council on Environmental Quality                                   | <b>EFIN</b>            | Environmental Financing Information Network                                                                                  |
|                  |                                                                    | <b>EID</b>             | Environmental Improvement Division                                                                                           |
|                  |                                                                    | <b>EIS</b>             | Environmental Impact Statement                                                                                               |
|                  |                                                                    | <b>EMAP</b>            | Environmental Management and Assessment Program                                                                              |
|                  |                                                                    | <b>EMMI</b>            | Environmental Monitoring Methods Index                                                                                       |

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| <b>EMSL</b>         | Environmental Monitoring Systems Laboratory                          | <b>IFD</b>     | Industrial Facilities Discharge File (file within <i>STORET</i> ) |
| <b>EOD</b>          | Engineering Operations Division                                      | <b>ILL</b>     | Interlibrary Loan                                                 |
| <b>EPA</b>          | Environmental Protection Agency                                      | <b>IMB</b>     | Information Management Branch                                     |
| <b>EPA Reg. No.</b> | EPA Registration Number (one for each pesticide)                     | <b>IOC</b>     | Inorganic Chemicals                                               |
| <b>EPA EST. No.</b> | EPA Establishment Number (where a pesticide is manufactured)         | <b>IRC</b>     | Information Resource Center                                       |
| <b>EPCRA</b>        | Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know-Act                   | <b>IRIS</b>    | Integrated Risk Information System                                |
| <b>ERC</b>          | Environmental Research Center                                        | <b>IRM</b>     | Information Resources Management                                  |
| <b>ERD</b>          | Emergency Response Division                                          | <b>ISI</b>     | Information Systems Inventory                                     |
| <b>ERL</b>          | Environmental Research Laboratory                                    | <b>JURIS</b>   | Justice Retrieval and Inquiry System                              |
| <b>ERL/GB</b>       | Environmental Research Laboratory Gulf Breeze                        | <b>LAKE</b>    | Clean Lakes Database (accessible through <i>OLS</i> )             |
| <b>ERL-C</b>        | Environmental Research Laboratory Corvallis                          | <b>LDR</b>     | The Land Disposal Restrictions or Land Ban                        |
| <b>ERLN</b>         | Environmental Research Laboratory Narragansett                       | <b>LEPC</b>    | Local Emergency Planning Committee                                |
| <b>ERNS</b>         | Emergency Response Notification System                               | <b>LQG</b>     | Large Quantity Generator                                          |
| <b>EST</b>          | Eastern Standart Time                                                | <b>MCLGs</b>   | Maximum Contaminant Level Goals                                   |
| <b>ETS</b>          | <i>EPCRA</i> 313 Tracking System                                     | <b>MCLs</b>    | Maximum Contaminant Levels                                        |
| <b>FATES</b>        | FIRFA and TSCA Enforcement System (now known as <i>SSTS</i> )        | <b>MEDLARS</b> | Medical Literature Analysis and Retrieval System                  |
| <b>FFIS</b>         | Federal Facilities Information System                                | <b>MPCA</b>    | Minnesota Pollution Control Agency                                |
| <b>FIFRA</b>        | Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act                  | <b>MPRSA</b>   | Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act                  |
| <b>FINDS</b>        | Facility Index System                                                | <b>MSDS</b>    | Material Safety Data Sheets                                       |
| <b>FIPS</b>         | Federal Information Processing Codes                                 | <b>MVEL</b>    | Motor Vehicle Emission Laboratory                                 |
| <b>FK</b>           | Fisk Kill (file within <i>STORET</i> )                               | <b>NAAQs</b>   | National Ambient Air Quality Standards                            |
| <b>FOIA</b>         | Freedom of Information Act                                           | <b>NADB</b>    | National Air Data Branch                                          |
| <b>FRC</b>          | Federal Records Center                                               | <b>NAPIS</b>   | National Agricultural Pest Information System                     |
| <b>FRDS</b>         | Federal Reporting Data System                                        | <b>NARS</b>    | National Asbestos-Contractor Registry System                      |
| <b>FTS</b>          | Federal Telecommunications System                                    | <b>NASA</b>    | National Aeronautics and Space Admin.                             |
| <b>FTTA</b>         | Federal Technology Transfer Act                                      | <b>NATICH</b>  | National Air Toxics Information Clearinghouse                     |
| <b>GBERL</b>        | Gulf Breeze Environmental Research Laboratory                        | <b>NCAT</b>    | National Catalog Database (accessible through <i>OLS</i> )        |
| <b>GCS</b>          | Geo-Common Subsystem (subsystem of <i>AIRS</i> )                     | <b>NCC</b>     | National Computing Center                                         |
| <b>GICS</b>         | Grants Information and Control System                                | <b>NDPD</b>    | National Data Processing Division                                 |
| <b>GIS</b>          | Geographic Information System                                        | <b>NEDS</b>    | National Emission Data System (now known as <i>AIRS</i> )         |
| <b>GPO</b>          | Government Printing Office                                           | <b>NEIC</b>    | National Enforcement Investigations Center                        |
| <b>GRCDA</b>        | Governmental Refuse Collection and Disposal Association              | <b>NESHAPs</b> | National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants          |
| <b>GRIDS</b>        | Geographical Resources Information and Data System                   | <b>NLM</b>     | National Library of Medicine                                      |
| <b>HAP</b>          | Hazardous                                                            | <b>NOAA</b>    | National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration                   |
| <b>HAZW</b>         | Hazardous Waste Collection Database (accessible through <i>OLS</i> ) | <b>NPDES</b>   | National Pollution Discharge Elimination System                   |
| <b>HEEDs</b>        | Health and Environmental Effects Documents                           | <b>NPIRS</b>   | National Pesticide Information Retrieval System                   |
| <b>HEEPs</b>        | Health and Environmental Effects Profiles                            | <b>NPL</b>     | National Priority List                                            |
| <b>HERL/MIS</b>     | Health Effects Research Laboratory Management Information System     | <b>NPS</b>     | Nonpoint Sources                                                  |
| <b>HERL</b>         | Health Effects Research Laboratory                                   | <b>NSPS</b>    | New Source Performance Standards                                  |
| <b>HON</b>          | Hazardous Organic <i>NESHAP</i>                                      | <b>NSR</b>     | New Source (Pre-construction) Review                              |
| <b>HQ</b>           | Headquarters                                                         | <b>NTIS</b>    | National Technical Information Service                            |
| <b>HSWA</b>         | Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments                                 | <b>OA</b>      | Office of the Administrator                                       |
| <b>HWDMS</b>        | Hazardous Waste Data Management System (now known as <i>RCRIS</i> )  | <b>OAQPS</b>   | Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards                      |
| <b>HWSFC</b>        | Hazardous Waste Superfund Collection                                 | <b>OAR</b>     | Office of Air and Radiation                                       |
| <b>HWSFD</b>        | Hazardous Waste Superfund Database                                   | <b>OARM</b>    | Office of Administration and Resources Management                 |
| <b>IAB</b>          | Information Access Branch                                            |                |                                                                   |

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| <b>OCLC</b>     | Online Computer Library Center                                     | <b>RTP</b>       | Research Triangle Park, North Carolina                               |
| <b>ODES</b>     | Ocean Data Evaluation System                                       | <b>SAB</b>       | Science Advisory Board                                               |
| <b>OE</b>       | Office of Enforcement                                              | <b>SARA</b>      | Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act                         |
| <b>OGC</b>      | Office of General Counsel                                          | <b>SAROAD</b>    | Storage and Retrieval of Aerometric Data (now known as <i>AIRS</i> ) |
| <b>OHM/TADS</b> | Oil and Hazardous Substances Technical Assistance Data System      | <b>SCADS</b>     | Superfund Chemical Analysis Data System (see <i>CARD</i> )           |
| <b>OHS MSDS</b> | Occupational Health Services Material Safety Data Sheets           | <b>SCRAM/BBS</b> | Support Center For Regulatory Air Models, Bulletin Board System      |
| <b>OIA</b>      | Office of International Activities                                 | <b>SDI</b>       | Selective Dissemination of Information                               |
| <b>OIG</b>      | Office of Inspector General                                        | <b>SDWA</b>      | Safe Drinking Water Act                                              |
| <b>OIRM</b>     | Office of Information Resources Management                         | <b>SERC</b>      | State Emergency Response Commission                                  |
| <b>OLS</b>      | Online Library System                                              | <b>SIC</b>       | Standard Industrial Classification Code                              |
| <b>OMMSQA</b>   | Office of Modeling, Monitoring Systems, and Quality Assurance      | <b>SIP</b>       | State Implementation Plan                                            |
| <b>OPP</b>      | Office of Pesticide Programs                                       | <b>VSITE</b>     | Superfund Innovative Technology Evaluation                           |
| <b>OPPE</b>     | Office of Policy, Planning, and Evaluation                         | <b>SOC</b>       | Synthetic Organic Chemical                                           |
| <b>OPTS</b>     | Office of Pesticides and Toxic Substances                          | <b>SQG</b>       | Small Quantity Generator                                             |
| <b>ORD BBS</b>  | <i>ORD</i> Electronic Bulletin Board System                        | <b>SRF</b>       | State Revolving Fund (module of <i>GICS</i> )                        |
| <b>ORD</b>      | Office of Research and Development                                 | <b>SRIM</b>      | Selected Research In Microfiche                                      |
| <b>OSC</b>      | On-Scene Coordinator                                               | <b>SSTS</b>      | Section Seven Tracking System                                        |
| <b>OSHA</b>     | Occupational Safety and Health Administration                      | <b>STARS</b>     | Strategic Targeting Activities Reporting System                      |
| <b>OSW</b>      | Office of Solid Waste                                              | <b>STN</b>       | Scientific and Technical Information Network                         |
| <b>OSWER</b>    | <i>OSWER</i> Electronic Bulletin Board System (see <i>CLU-IN</i> ) | <b>STORET</b>    | Storage and Retrieval of U.S. Waterways Parametric Data              |
| <b>BBS</b>      |                                                                    | <b>SWICH</b>     | Solid Waste Information Clearinghouse and Hotline Online Database    |
| <b>OSWER</b>    | Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response                       | <b>SWTR</b>      | Surface Water Treatment Rule                                         |
| <b>OTIS</b>     | Oklahoma Telecommunications Interlibrary                           | <b>TART</b>      | Technical Assistance Response Program                                |
| <b>OTS</b>      | Office of Toxic Substances                                         | <b>TCLP</b>      | Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure                           |
| <b>OUST</b>     | Office of <i>UST</i>                                               | <b>TDD</b>       | Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf                               |
| <b>OW</b>       | Office of Water                                                    | <b>TIU</b>       | Technical Information Unit                                           |
| <b>PC</b>       | Personal Computer                                                  | <b>TRAN</b>      | Translation Database (accessible through <i>OLS</i> )                |
| <b>PCBs</b>     | Polychlorinated Biphenyls                                          | <b>TRDS</b>      | Text Retrieval Data System                                           |
| <b>PCS</b>      | Permit Compliance System                                           | <b>TRI</b>       | Toxic Release Inventory                                              |
| <b>PIC</b>      | Public Information Center                                          | <b>TRI-US</b>    | Toxic Release Inventory - User Support                               |
| <b>PIES</b>     | Pollution Prevention Information Exchange                          | <b>TSCA</b>      | Toxic Substances Control Act                                         |
| <b>PIRU</b>     | Public Information Reference Unit                                  | <b>TSCATS</b>    | Toxic Substances Control Act Submissions                             |
| <b>PM</b>       | Particulate Matter                                                 | <b>TSDF</b>      | Treatment Storage and Disposal Facility                              |
| <b>POTWs</b>    | Publicly Owned Treatment Works                                     | <b>TSO</b>       | Time Sharing Option                                                  |
| <b>PPIC</b>     | Pollution Prevention Information Clearinghouse                     | <b>TSSMS</b>     | Time Sharing Service Management System                               |
| <b>PWS</b>      | Public Water Supplies                                              | <b>U.S.C.</b>    | United States Code                                                   |
| <b>QA/QC</b>    | Quality Assurance/Quality Control                                  | <b>UIC</b>       | Underground Injection Control                                        |
| <b>RACT</b>     | Reasonably Available Control Technology                            | <b>UMTRCA</b>    | Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act                          |
| <b>RCRA</b>     | Resource Conservation and Recovery Act                             | <b>UNEP</b>      | United Nations Environment Programme                                 |
| <b>RCRIS</b>    | Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Docket Information System   | <b>USGS</b>      | U.S. Geological Survey                                               |
| <b>RDF</b>      | Refuse Derived Fuel                                                | <b>UST</b>       | Underground Storage Tank                                             |
| <b>RFC</b>      | Inhalation Reference Concentration                                 | <b>VE</b>        | Visible Emissions                                                    |
| <b>RIC</b>      | Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Docket Information Center   | <b>VOC</b>       | Volatile Organic Compounds                                           |
| <b>RILS</b>     | Regulatory Interpretation Leners                                   | <b>WIC</b>       | Washington Information Center                                        |
| <b>RODS</b>     | Records of Decision System                                         | <b>WLN</b>       | Washington Library Network                                           |
| <b>RODS</b>     | Records of Decision                                                | <b>WQAS</b>      | Water Quality Analysis System                                        |
| <b>RSKERL</b>   | Robert S. Kerr Environmental Research Laboratory                   | <b>WTIE/BBS</b>  | <i>WTIE</i> Bulletin Board System                                    |
|                 |                                                                    | <b>WTIE</b>      | Wastewater Treatment and Information Exchange                        |