

Commonly Used Acronyms

BOD – biochemical oxygen demand
BTEX – benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, xylenes
BTU – British thermal units
CBOD – carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand
CFU- colony-forming units
COC – chain of custody
COD – chemical oxygen demand
DEP – Department of Environmental Protection
DO – dissolved oxygen
DW – drinking water
EPA – Environmental Protection Agency
FDA – Food and Drug Administration
MBAS – surfactants
MCL – maximum contaminant level
MDA – minimum detectable activity
MDL – method detection limit
NH₃-N – ammonia-nitrogen
PCB – polychlorinated biphenyls
PPM – parts per million
QA – quality assurance
QC – quality control
SVOC – semi-volatile organic compounds
SW – surface water
TCL – target compound list
TCLP – toxicity characteristic leaching procedure
TDS – total dissolved solids
TNTC – too numerous to count
TOC – total organic carbon
TPH – total petroleum hydrocarbons
TSS – total suspended solids
VOC – volatile organic compounds
WW – waste water