



Conservation Acronyms (updated 8/2018)

AASHTO	American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials www.transportation.org
ABACT	Anti-degradation Best Available Combination of Technologies
ACA	Animal Concentration Area
ACOE	Army Corps of Engineers www.usace.army.mil/
ACT	Agricultural Conservation Technician (district position - partially DEP-funded)
AEU	Animal Equivalency Unit
AHUA	Animal Heavy Use Area (an erosion and nutrient management consideration)
BMP	Best Management Practice(s) www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2014-04/documents/stormwater-best-management-practices.pdf
BOI	Bureau of Investigations (DEP)
CAFO	Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation
CAO	Concentrated Animal Operation
CAP	Corrective Action Plan (an agreement with DEP or CD to correct site violations)
CB	Chesapeake Bay
CBP	Chesapeake Bay Program www.chesapeakebay.net
CD	Conservation District (visit your CD – and others - website regularly)
CDFAP	Conservation District Fund Allocation Program (funding for the districts, including PA State Budget Line-Item, UGWF monies, etc.)
CDFR	Conservation District Field Representative
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) elibrary.dep.state.pa.us/dsweb/Get/Document-06797
CWA	Clean Water Act (Federal) epa.gov/laws-regulations/summary-clean-water-act
DCED	Department of Community and Economic Development
DCNR	Department of Conservation and Natural Resources www.dcnr.state.pa.us/
DEP	Department of Environmental Protection (also referred to as “the Department”)
DGLVR	Dirt and Gravel, Low Volume Road Program www.dirtandgravel.psu.edu
DRBC	Delaware River Basin Commission www.state.nj.us/drbc/
EHB	Environmental Hearing Board



ESM	Environmentally Sensitive Maintenance (a DGLVR program, necessary for grant funding eligibility)
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
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 Classification)
E&S	Erosion & Sedimentation waterencyclopedia.com/Erosion-and-Sedimentation
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Act
FLP	Farmland Preservation Program
FSA	Farm Service Agency (USDA) www.fsa.usda.gov
GG	Growing Greener (a DEP grant program) www.dep.pa.gov/growinggreener
GIF	General Information Form
GP	General Permit (NPDES)
HQ	High Quality Waters (Chapter 93 Stream and Wetland Classifications)
ICIS	(EPA's) Integrated Compliance Information System
IDP	Individual Development Plan
IP	Individual Permit (NPDES)
IRRC	Independent Regulatory Review Commission (www.irrc.state.pa.us)
JAC	Joint Annual Conference (Summer meeting of PACD and SCC, with Districts)
JP	Joint Permit (with DEP and ACOE – associated with wetland encroachments)
LOD	Limits of Disturbance
MM	Manure Management extension.psu.edu/plants/nutrient-management/manure
MMM	Manure Management Manual
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MS4	Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (a WQ permitting program required of urban municipalities in PA)
MSDS	Material Safety Data Sheet
NACD	National Association of Conservation Districts www.nacdnet.org
NCRO	North Central Regional Office (DEP – Williamsport)
NERO	Northeast Regional Office (DEP - Wilkes Barre)
NICET	National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies www.nicet.org
NM	Nutrient Management
NMA	Nutrient Management Act
NMP	Nutrient Management Plan
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
NRCS	National Resource Conservation Service
NWI	National Wetland Inventory
NWRO	Northwest Regional Office (DEP – Meadville)
O&M	Operation and Maintenance
PACD	PA Association of Conservation Districts www.pacd.org
PCSM	Post Construction Stormwater Management
PDA	PA Department of Agriculture www.agriculture.pa.gov
PDG	Permit Decision Guarantee
PEMA	PA Emergency Management Agency www.pema.pa.gov
PHMC	Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission
PNDI	Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Index (threatened and endangered species, etc.)
POI	Point of Interest
PPC	Preparedness, Prevention and Contingency Plan
PRP	Permit Review Process
PSATS	PA Association of Township Officials
PUC	Pennsylvania Utility Commission
QAB	Quality Assurance Board (at CDs for DGRLVR Program)
QA/QC	Quality Assurance/Quality Control
RCSOB	Rachel Carson State Office Building (DEP's Central Office, Harrisburg)
REAP	Resource Enhancement and Protection (Ag Tax Credit Program)
ROMs	Required Output Measures (pertains to Delegation Agreements with DEP)
RTKL	Right-to-Know Law www.openrecords.pa.gov
SCC	State Conservation Commission www.agriculture.pa.gov/Protect/StateConservationCommission
SCRO	South Central Regional Office (DEP – Harrisburg)
SERO	Southeast Regional Office (DEP – Norristown)
SOP	Statement of Policy (with PDG)
SPFP	Special Projects Funding Program
SPGP	State Program General Permit
SRBC	Susquehanna River Basin Commission www.srbc.net
SWRO	Southwest Regional Office (DEP – Pittsburgh)
TMDL	Total Maximum Daily Load (U.S. Clean Water Act term – the maximum amount of a given pollutant that a waterbody can receive while still meeting water quality standards)
UGWF	Unconventional Gas Well Funds (Act 13 – an impact fee collected from Marcellus Shale well companies; distributed to local and state agencies – administered by the PUC)
USDA	US Department of Agriculture



USFWS	US Fish and Wildlife Service www.fws.gov
USGS	US Geological Survey www.usgs.gov
WCO	Waterway Conservation Officer (PA Fish and Boat Commission)
WRAC	Water Resources Advisory Council
WREN	Water Resources Education Network www.sourcewaterpa.org
WS	Watershed Specialist
(Or) WS	Watershed