

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Commonly Used Acronyms and Abbreviations

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404(b)(1) Guidelines – CWA regulations governing impacts to aquatic resources
 401 Certification - CWA water quality certification
 902 limit - Maximum project cost per WRDA 86
 905(b) – Reconnaissance Report per WRDA 86

AAA – Army Audit Agency
 AAE – Average Annual Equivalent
 AAR – After Action Review
 ABC – Army Benefits Center
 ACO – Administrative Contracting Officer
 ACTEDS – Army Civilian Training, Evaluation and Development System
 ADM – Agency Decision Milestone
 ADR – Alternative Dispute Resolution
 AE – Architect-Engineer
 AF – Acre Feet
 AFB – Alternative Formulation Briefing
 AGC – Army Geospatial Center (formerly the Topographic Engineering Center)
 AICP – American Institute of Certified Planners
 AIS – Automated Information System
 AKO – Army Knowledge Online
 AM – Asset Management
 AMM – Alternatives Milestone Meeting
 AOR – Area of Responsibility
 APIC – Army Performance Improvements Criteria
 AR – Army Regulation
 ARC – Annual Report to Congress
 ARPA- Archeological Resources Protection Act
 ASA(CW) – Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works
 ASAP – As Soon as Possible
 ASCE – American Society of Civil Engineers
 ATR - Agency Technical Review
 AWOL – Absent Without Leave

BC – Benefit Cost
 BCR – Benefit Cost Ratio
 BFE – Base Flood Elevation
 BG – Brigadier General
 BLUF – Bottom Line Up Front
 BMP – Best Management Practice
 BO – Biological Opinion
 BOD – Biological Oxygen Demand
 BOY – Beginning of Year

BRAC – Base Realignment and Closure
 BUB – Battle Update Briefing
 BY – Budget Year

C - Construction
 CAA – Clean Air Act
 CADD – Computer Aided Design Drafting
 CAP – Continuing Authorities Program
 CBO – Congressional Budget Office
 CBRA – Coastal Barrier Resources Act
 CCG – Consolidated Command Guidance
 CDR - Commander
 CE – Corps of Engineers /or/ Cost Effectiveness
 CEA – Cost Effectiveness Analysis
 CECC – Office of the Chief Counsel
 CECW – Civil Works Directorate
 CECW-B – Headquarters, Civil Works, Programs Management Division
 CECW-E – Headquarters, Civil Works, Engineering and Construction Division
 CECW-O – Headquarters, Civil Works, Operations Division
 CECW-P – Headquarters, Civil Works, Planning and Policy Division
 CEFMS – Corps of Engineers Financial Management System
 CE/ICA – Cost Effectiveness/ Incremental Cost Analysis
 CERC – Coastal Engineering Research Center
 CERCLA – Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, 1980 (aka Superfund)
 CERB – Coastal Engineering Research Board
 CERL – Construction Engineering Research Laboratory
 CEQ – Council on Environmental Quality
 CFR – Code of Federal Regulations
 CFS – Cubic Feet per Second
 CG - Construction General /or/ Commanding General
 CHL – Coastal and Hydraulics Laboratory
 CI – Command Inspection
 CMR – Command Management Review
 COB – Close of Business /or/ Command Operating Budget
 COE – Chief of Engineers

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COL – Colonel	DQC – District Quality Control
COLA – Cost of Living Adjustment	DP – Decision Point
CONUS – Continental United States	DPM – Deputy for Programs and Project Management
CoP – Community of Practice	DPR – Detailed Project Report
COR – Contracting Officer’s Representative	DSAP – Dam Safety Assurance Program
CP – Career Program	DX - Directory of Expertise
CPAC – Civilian Personnel Advisory Center	E&D – Engineering and Design
CRA – Continuing Resolution Authority	EA – Environmental Assessment
CRREL – Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory	EAB – Expected Annual Benefits /or/ Chief of Engineer’s Environmental Advisory Board
CSRA – Cost & Schedule Risk Analysis	EAD – Expected Annual Damages
CSRS – Civilian Service Retirement System	EC – Engineer Circular
CVM – Contingent Value Method	ECB – Engineering & Construction Bulletin
CW – Civil Works	EDR – Engineering Decision Report
CWA – Clean Water Act	EEO – Equal Employment Opportunity
CWCCIS – Civil Works Construction Cost Index System	EFT – Electronic Funds Transfer
CWIS – Civil Works Information System	EGM – Economics Guidance Memorandum
CX – Center of Expertise	EIS – Environmental Impact Statement
CY – Cubic Yard/ Current Year	EM – Engineer Manual /or/ Engineering Memorandum
CZM – Coastal Zone Management	EO – Executive Order
CZMA – Coastal Zone Management Act	EOC – Emergency Operations Center
DA – Department of Army	EOY – End of Year
DAR – Defense Acquisition Regulations	ENR – Engineering News Record
DC – District Command /or/ District Commander /or/ Division Commander	EP – Engineer Pamphlet
DCG – Deputy Commanding General	EPA – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
DCG-CEO – Deputy Commanding General for Civil and Emergency Operations	EPCRA – Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act
DCW – Director of Civil Works	EQ – Environmental Quality
DDC – Deputy District Commander	ER – Engineer Regulation
DDE – Deputy District Engineer	ERDC – Engineer Research & Design Center
DDR – Design Documentation Report	EROC – Electronic Reporting Organization Code
DE – District Engineer /or/ Division Engineer	EPA – Environmental Protection Agency
DEIS – Draft Environmental Impact Statement	EPW – Energy and Public Works (Senate Committee on)
DEMOB - Demobilization	ESA – Endangered Species Act
DDN – Deep Draft Navigation	ESG – Executive Steering Group
DIST – District	EQ – Environmental Quality
DIV – Division	ETL –Engineer Technical Letter
DMDF – Dredged Material Disposal Facilities	F&A – Finance and Accounting
DMMP – Dredged Material Management Plan	FACA – Federal Advisory Committee Act
DMP – Decision Management Plan	FAD – Funding Authorization Document
DOC – U.S. Department of Commerce	FAR – Federal Acquisition Regulations
DOD – U.S. Department of Defense	FWS – Fish and Wildlife Service
DOE – U.S. Department of Energy	FCA – Flood Control Act
DOI – U.S. Department of Interior	FCCE – Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies
DOJ – U.S. Department of Justice	
DOT – U.S. Department of Transportation	

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FCSA – Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement
FEHB – Federal Employee Health Benefits
FEIS – Final Environmental Impact Statement
FEMA – Federal Emergency Management Agency
FERC – Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
FERS – Federal Employees Retirement System
FFE – First Floor Elevation/ Finished Floor Elevation
FFRMS – Federal Flood Risk Management Standard
FIS – Flood Insurance Study
FIRM – Flood Insurance Rate Map
FMV – Fair Market Value
FOA – Field Operating Agency/Activity
FOIA – Freedom of Information Act
FONSI - Finding of No Significant Impact
FORCON – Force Configuration
FPC – Federal Power Commission
FPMS – Floodplain Management Services
FR – Federal Register
FRC – Feasibility Review Conference
FRM – Flood Risk Management
FS – Feasibility Study
FSM – Feasibility Scoping Meeting
FTE – Full-time Equivalent
FUDS – Formerly Used Defense Site
FUSRAP – Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program
FWCA – Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act
FY – Fiscal Year
FYI – For Your Information
FYSA- For Your Situational Awareness

G&A – General and Administrative
GAO – U.S. Government Accountability Office
GE – General Expense
GI – General Investigations
GIS - Geographic Information Systems
GIWW – Gulf Inter-Coastal Waterway
GNF – General Navigation Features
GOV – Government/ Government-owned Vehicle
GPO – Government Printing Office
GRR – General Reevaluation Report
GS – General Schedule
GSA – General Services Administration

H&H – Hydrology and Hydraulics
HAC – Hydropower Analysis Center
HAZMAT – Hazardous Materials
HEC – Hydrologic Engineering Center
HEP – Habitat Evaluation Procedures

HES – Habitat Evaluation System
HHS – Health and Human Services
HQ - Headquarters
HQUSACE – Headquarters, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers
HR – Human Resources /or/ House of Representatives /or/ House Resolution
HSDR – Hurricane and Storm Damage Reduction (now Coastal Storm Damage Reduction or Coastal Storm Risk Reduction)
HTRW – Hazardous, Toxic, and Radioactive Wastes
HU – Habitat Unit
HUD – U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

I - Investigations
IA – Initial Appraisal
IAG – Inter-agency Agreement
IBWC – International Boundary and Water Commission
ICA – Intergovernmental Cooperation Act /or/ Incremental Cost Analysis
IDC – Interest During Construction /or/ Indefinite Delivery Contract
IDIQ – Indefinite Delivery, Indefinite Quantity
IEPR – Independent External Peer Review
IG – Inspector General
IJC – International Joint Commission
IM – Information Management
IMO – Information Management Office
IN – Inland Navigation
IPA – Intergovernmental Personnel Act
IPR – In-Progress Review
IRC – Issue Resolution Conference
ITR – Independent Technical Review (now ATR)
IWR – Institute for Water Resources
IWW – Inland Waterways /or/ Intercoastal Waterway
IWTF – Inland Waterway Trust Fund
IWUB – Inland Waterway User Board

JTR – Joint Travel Regulation

L&D – Lock and Dam
LCC –Life Cycle Cost
LER – Lands, Easements, and Rights-of-Way
LERR – Lands, Easements, Rights-of-Way, and Relocations
LERRD – Lands, Easements, Rights-of-Way, Relocations, and Disposal

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LOC – Letter of Credit	NAB – Baltimore District
LOI – Letter of Intent	NAD – North Atlantic Division (New York, NY)
LPP – Locally Preferred Plan /or/ Local Protection Project	NAE – New England District
LRB – Buffalo District	NAGPRA – Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act
LRC – Chicago District	NAN – New York District
LRD – Great Lakes & Ohio River Division (Cincinnati, OH)	NAO – Norfolk District
LRE – Detroit District	NAP – Philadelphia District
LRH – Huntington District	NAS – National Academy of Sciences
LRL – Louisville District	NASA – National Aeronautics and Space Administration
LRN – Nashville District	NAV – Navigation
LRP – Pittsburgh District	NCP – National Contingency Plan
LRR – Limited Reevaluation Report	NDC – Navigation Data Center
LSF – Local Service Facilities	NED – National Economic Development
LTC – Lieutenant Colonel	NER – National Ecosystem Restoration
LWOP – Leave Without Pay	NEPA – National Environmental Policy Act
	NFIP – National Flood Insurance Program
M&I – Municipal and Industrial	NFS – Non-Federal Sponsor
M&IE – Meals and Incidental Expenses	NGO – Nongovernmental Organization
MACOM – Major Army Command	NGVD – National Geodetic Vertical Datum
MARAD – Maritime Administration	NHPA – National Historic Preservation Act
MCACES – Micro-computer Aided Cost Engineering System	NLT – No Later Than
MCX – Mandatory Center of Expertise	NMFS – National Marine Fisheries Service
MFR – Memorandum for Record	NOA – Notice of Availability
MG – Major General	NOAA – National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration
MHHW – Mean Higher High Water	NPDES – National Pollution Discharge Elimination System
MHW – Mean High Water	NPL – National Priority List
MILCON – Military Construction	NPS – National Park Service
MIPR – Military Interdepartmental Purchase Request	NRCS – Natural Resources Conservation Service (formerly Soil Conservation Service, SCS)
MLW – Mean Low Water	NRHP – National Register of Historic Places
MLLW – Mean Lower Low Water	NTE – Not to Exceed
MOA – Memorandum of Agreement	NTP – Notice to Proceed
MOB – Mobilization	NWD – Northwestern Division (Portland, OR)
MOU – Memorandum of Understanding	NWK – Kansas City District
MOY – Middle of Year	NWO – Omaha District
MPRSA – Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act	NWP – Portland District
MR&T – Mississippi River and Tributaries	NWS – Seattle District /or/ U.S. National Weather Service
MRC – Mississippi River Commission	NWW – Walla Walla District
MSC – Major Subordinate Command	
MVD – Mississippi Valley Division (Vicksburg, MS)	O&M – Operations and Maintenance
MVK – Vicksburg District	OASA(CW) – Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works)
MVM – Memphis District	OBE – Overcome by Events
MVN – New Orleans District	
MVP – St. Paul District	
MVR – Rock Island District	
MVS – St. Louis District	

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OC – Office of Counsel	PRB – Project Review Board
OEO – Outside Eligible Organization	PRIP – Plant Replacement and Improvement Program
OMB – Office of Management and Budget	PROSPECT – Proponent Sponsored Engineer Corps Training
OMRR&R – Operations, Maintenance, Repair, Replacement and Rehabilitation	PRP – Potential Responsible Party
OPM – Office of Personnel Management	PTL – Planning Technical Lead
OSA – Office of the Secretary of Army	
OSD – Office of the Secretary of Defense	Q’s & A’s – Questions and Answers
OSE – Other Social Effects	QA – Quality Assurance
OSHA – Occupational Safety and Health Administration	QC – Quality Control
OWPR – Office of Water Project Review	QM – Quality Manual
	QMP – Quality Management Plan
P&D – Planning and Design	QMR – Quality Management Representative
P&G – Principles and Guidelines for Water and Land Related Resources Implementation Studies (short title: Principles and Guidelines)	QMS – Quality Management System
P&S – Principles and Standards /or/ Plans and Specifications	
PA – Planning Associate/ Per Annum	RA – Risk Analysis /or/ Risk Assessment /or/ Remedial Action
PAB – Planning Advisory Board	R&D – Research and Development
PAC – Post-authorization Change	R&HA – Rivers and Harbors Act
PACR – Post-authorization Change Report	R&U – Risk and Uncertainty
PAL – Planning Aid Letter	RBRCR – Remaining Benefits, Remaining Costs Ratio
PAS – Planning Assistance to States	RCRA – Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
PB – Planning Bulletin	RE – Real Estate
PCoP – Planning Community of Practice	REC - Recreation
PCS – Permanent Change of Station	RED – Regional Economic Development
PCX – Planning Center of Expertise	REP – Real Estate Plan
PDT – Project Delivery Team	RFP – Request for Proposal
PE – Professional Engineer	RI – Remedial Investigation
PED – Pre-construction Engineering and Design	RIT – Regional Integration Team
PGM – Project Guidance Memorandum	RITA – Relocation Income Tax Adjustment
PGN – Planning Guidance Notebook	RP – Review Plan /or/ Resource Provider
PIR – Project Implementation Report	RMB – Regional Management Board
PL – Public Law	RMC – Risk Management Center
PM – Project Manager /or/ Project Management	RMO – Review Management Organization /or/ Resource Management Office
PMBP – Project Management Business Process	RMP – Risk Management Plan
PMP – Project Management Plan	ROD – Record of Decision
PMF – Probable Maximum Flood	ROE – Right of Entry
POA – Alaska District	ROW – Right of Way
POC – Point of Contact	RR – Risk Register
POD – Pacific Ocean Division (Honolulu, HI)	RTS – Regional Technical Specialist
POH – Honolulu District	
POTUS – President of the United States	S&A – State and Agency /or/ Supervision and Administration
POV – Privately-owned Vehicle /or/ Point of View	S&I – Supervision and Inspection
PPA – Project Partnership Agreement	S&S – Savings and Slippage
PPE – Pay Period Ending	SAC – Charleston District
PR&C – Purchase Request and Commitment	

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SAD – South Atlantic Division (Atlanta, GA)
SADBU – Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization
SAJ – Jacksonville District
SAM – Mobile District
SAME – Society of American Military Engineers
SAR – Safety Assurance Review
SAS – Savannah District
SAW – Wilmington District
SBH – Small Boat Harbor
SCD – Service Computation Date
SCORP – State Comprehensive Recreation Plan
SCOTUS – Supreme Court of the United States
SCRB – Separable Costs – Remaining Benefits
SCS – Soil Conservation Service (now NRCS)
SES – Senior Executive Service
SFO – Support for Others
SHPO – State Historic Preservation Office
SITREP – Situation Report
SMART – Specific Measurable Attainable Risk-Informed Timely
SME – Subject Matter Expert
SMSA – Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area
SOG – Senior Oversight Group
SOP – Standard Operating Procedure
SOS – Scope of Services/Scope of Studies
SOW – Scope of Work
SPA - Albuquerque District
SPD – South Pacific Division (San Francisco, CA)
SPF – Standard Project Flood
SPH – Standard Project Hurricane
SPK – Sacramento District
SPL – Los Angeles District
SPN – San Francisco District
SPS – Standard Project Storm
SR – Senate Resolution
SWD – Southwestern Division (Dallas, TX)
SWF – Fort Worth District
SWG – Galveston District */or/* Senior Working Group
SWL – Little Rock District
SWT – Tulsa District

T&A – Time and Attendance
T&ES – Threatened and Endangered Species
T&I – Transportation and Infrastructure (House Committee on)
TAD – Transatlantic Division

TAPES – Total Army Performance Evaluation System
TBA – To be Announced
TBD – To be Determined
TCM – Travel Cost Method
TDY – Temporary Duty
TMDL -Total Maximum Daily Load
TPC – Total Project Costs
TRC – Technical Review Conference
TSP – Tentatively Selected Plan */or/* Thrift Savings Plan
TQSE – Temporary Quarters Subsistence Expenses

UDV – Unit Day Value
ULC – USACE Learning Center
USACE – U. S. Army Corps of Engineers
USC – United States Code
USCG – United States Coast Guard
USEPA – United States Environmental Protection Agency
USFWS – United States Fish and Wildlife Service
USGS – United States Geological Survey

VE – Value Engineering
VT – Vertical Team
VTC – Video Teleconference

WAD – Work Allowance Document
WMP – Watershed Management Plan
WBS – Work Breakdown Structure
WCSC - Waterborne Commerce Statistics Center
WFO –Work for Others
WIK – Work in Kind
WQ – Water Quality
WRC – Water Resources Council
WRDA – Water Resources Development Act
WS – Water Supply
WTA – Willingness to Accept
WTP – Willingness to Pay

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