

Glossary of Acronyms:

Agencies and Acts:

EPA – Environmental Protection Agency
USFWS – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
NPS – National Park Service
USDA – U.S. Department of Agriculture
NOAA- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
CWA – Clean Water Act
WRPA – Water Resources Planning Act
CWRA – Clean Water Restoration Act
MPCA – Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
MDNR – Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
BWSR – Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources
MDH – Minnesota Department of Health
EQB – Environmental Quality Board
MDA – Minnesota Department of Agriculture
CWLA – Minnesota Clean Water Legacy Act
LGU – Local Government Unit
NSMB – North Shore Management Board
SWCD – Soil Water Conservation Districts
MCES – Metropolitan Council Environmental Services
LLO – Large Lakes Observatory
SAFL – Saint Anthony Falls Laboratory
MEP – Minnesota Environment Partnership
MCEA – Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy
SDWA - Safe Drinking Water Act

Water Lingo:

BMP's – Best Management Practices
BPEO - Best Practicable Environmental Option
BSE - Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy
EAW – Environmental Assessment Worksheet
EMS - Environmental Management System
ESA - Environmentally Sensitive Area
EQS - Environmental Quality Standard
IPPC - Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control
MCL - Maximum Contaminant Level (water quality standards)
Mgd - Million gallons per day
SS - Suspended Solids (wastewater treatment)
TMDL – Total Maximum Daily Load
TDS - Total dissolved solids
TSS - Total suspended solids
TWL - Top Water level (water reservoirs)
WTP - Water treatment plant
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