



## **Appendix A. Typical NEPA Abbreviations and Acronyms**



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- A -

AAI	All Appropriate Inquiries
AASHTO	American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
ACEC	American Consulting Engineers Council
ACHP	Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
APCD	Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's Air Pollution Control Division
APE	area of potential effects
AQ-PLAG	Air Quality Project-Level Analysis Guidance
AST	aboveground storage tank
ASTM	American Society for Testing and Materials

- B -

BA	Biological Assessment
BFE	Base Flood Elevation
BGEPA	Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act
BIA	Bureau of Indian Affairs
BIL	Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
BLM	Bureau of Land Management
BMP	best management practice
BO	Biological Opinion
BOD	biological oxygen demand

- C -

CAA	Clean Air Act
CAL3QHC	transportation air pollutant dispersion model
CAQCC	Colorado Air Quality Control Commission
CatEx	Categorical Exclusion
CCR	Code of Colorado Regulations
CDNR	Colorado Department of Natural Resources
CDOT	Colorado Department of Transportation
CDPHE	Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
CDPS	Colorado Discharge Permit System
CEQ	Council on Environmental Quality
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act
CERCLIS	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Information System
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations



cfs	cubic feet per second
CGS	Colorado Geological Survey
CHS	Colorado Historical Society
CLOMR	Conditional Letter of Map Revision
CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality
CMGC	Construction Manager/General Contractor
CNAP	Colorado Natural Areas Program
CNHP	Colorado Natural Heritage Program
CO	carbon monoxide
CORA	Colorado Open Records Act
CORRACTS	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Corrective Action
CORSIM	comprehensive microscopic traffic simulation tool
CPW	Colorado Parks and Wildlife
CRS	Colorado Revised Statutes
CSS	context sensitive solutions
CWA	Clean Water Act

- D -

dB	decibel
dBA	A-weighted decibels
DEOG	diesel exhaust organic gases
DOD	US Department of Defense
DOI	US Department of the Interior
DOL	US Department of Labor
DPM	diesel particulate matter
DRCOG	Denver Regional Council of Governments
DTR	CDOT's Division of Transit and Rail

- E -

EA	Environmental Assessment
EAC	Early Action Compact
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
EJ	Environmental Justice
EJSCREEN	Environmental Justice Screen
EO	Executive Order
EOS	Environmental Overview Study
EPA	US Environmental Protection Agency
EPB	Colorado Department of Transportation's Environmental Programs Branch
ERNS	Emergency Response Notification System
ESA	Endangered Species Act



- F -

FAA	Federal Aviation Administration
FACWet	functional assessment of Colorado wetlands
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FIA	Federal Insurance Administration
FINDS	facility index system
FIR	Field Inspection Review
FIRM	flood insurance rate map
FLPMA	Federal Land Policy and Management Act
FOIA	Freedom of Information Act
FONSI	Finding of No Significant Impact
FOR	Final Office Review
FPPA	Farmland Protection Policy Act
FRA	Federal Railroad Administration
FTA	Federal Transit Administration

- G -

GAP	Gap Analysis Program
GHG	greenhouse gas
GHG-PLAG	Greenhouse Gas Project-Level Analysis Guidance
GIS	geographic information system
GESOW	Generic Environmental Scope of Work
gpm	gallons per minute
GPS	global positioning system

- H -

HABS	Historic American Buildings Survey
HAER	Historic American Engineering Record
HAP	hazardous air pollutant
HB	House Bill
HOV	high occupancy vehicle
HUD	US Department of Housing and Urban Development

- I -

I-25	Interstate 25
I-70	Interstate 70
IAR	Interstate Access Request
IJA	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
INVEST	Infrastructure Voluntary Evaluation Sustainability Tool
INWMP	Integrated Noxious Weed Management Plan
ISA	Initial Site Assessment
ISTEA	Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act
ITS	intelligent transportation systems



- L -

LEDPA	Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative
LEP	limited English proficiency
Leq(h)	hourly equivalent sound level
LOMC	Letter of Map Change
LOMR	Letter of Map Revision
LOS	level of service
LOSS	level of service of safety
LWCF	Land and Water Conservation Fund Act

- M -

MAP-21	Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century
MBTA	Migratory Bird Treaty Act
MESA	Modified Phase I Environmental Site Assessment
µg/m <sup>3</sup>	micrograms per cubic meter
µm	micrometers
µS/cm	micro-Siemens per centimeter
MOA	memorandum of agreement
MOU	memorandum of understanding
MOVES	motor vehicle emission simulator
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
MS4	municipal separate storm sewer system
MSAT	mobile source air toxics

- N -

NAAG	Noise Analysis and Abatement Guidelines
NAAQS	National Ambient Air Quality Standards
NAC	Noise Abatement Criteria
NAGPRA	Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act
NCHRP	National Cooperative Highway Research Program
NDIS	Colorado Natural Diversity Information Source
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act of 1969
NFIA	National Flood Insurance Act
NFIP	National Flood Insurance Program
NFRAP	no further remedial action planned
NHPA	National Historic Preservation Act of 1966
NHS	National Highway System
NO <sub>2</sub>	nitrogen dioxide
NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
NOA	Notice of Availability
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NOI	Notice of Intent
NO <sub>x</sub>	oxides of nitrogen



NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
NPL	National Priority List
NPS	National Park Service
NRCS	Natural Resources Conservation Service
NRHP	National Register of Historic Places
NWP	nationwide permit
NWS	National Weather Service
- O -	
O3	ozone
OAHP	Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
OFD	One Federal Decision
OPS	Colorado Department of Labor and Employment's Division of Oil and Public Safety
OWJ	official with jurisdiction
- P -	
PA	Programmatic Agreement
PAH	Poly-aromatic hydrocarbons
ppb	parts per billion
ppm	parts per million
PCN	pre-construction notification
PDM	Project Development Manual
PEL	Planning and Environmental Linkages
PM	particulate matter
PMJM	Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse
PSD	Prevention of Significant Deterioration
- Q -	
QA	quality assurance
QC	quality control
- R -	
RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
RCRIS	Resource Conservation and Recovery Information System
RFP	Request for Proposal
ROD	Record of Decision
ROI	Region of Influence
ROW	right-of-way
RPEM	CDOT Region Planning and Environmental Manager
RS/Ts	Regionally Significant Transportation Capacity project
RTD	Regional Transportation District
RTP	Regional Transportation Plan



- S -

SAFETEA-LU	Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users
SB	Senate Bill
SDWA	Safe Drinking Water Act
SO <sub>2</sub>	sulfur dioxide
SEO	State Engineer's Office
SGPI	Shortgrass Prairie Initiative
SHPO	State Historic Preservation Officer
SLS	System Level Study
SIP	State Implementation Plan
SPUI	single-point urban interchange
SRHP	State Register of Historic Places
STIP	State Transportation Implementation Plan
STP	Surface Transportation Program
SWAP	Source Water Assessment and Protection
SWLRTP	Statewide Long Range Transportation Plan
SWMP	Stormwater Management Plan
SWP	Statewide Transportation Plan

- T -

TAZ	transportation analysis zone
T&E	threatened and endangered
TCM	transportation control measure
TDM	transportation demand management
TEA-21	Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century
THPO	Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
TIP	Transportation Implementation Program
TMDL	total maximum daily load
TNM	Traffic Noise Model software
TOD	transit oriented development
TPR	Transportation Planning Region
TSM	transportation system management

- U -

UDFCD	Urban Drainage and Flood Control District
UMTA	Urban Mass Transportation Administration
US	United States
USACE	US Army Corps of Engineers
USC	US Code
USDA	US Department of Agriculture
USDOI	US Department of Interior
USDOT	US Department of Transportation





USFS	US Forest Service
USFWS	US Department of Interior Fish and Wildlife Service
USGS	US Geologic Survey
UST	underground storage tank
UTM	Universe Transverse Mercator

- V -

VE	value engineering
VCP	Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's Voluntary Clean-up Program
VHT	vehicle hours of travel
VIA	Visual Impact Assessment
VMT	vehicle miles of travel
VPP	visual prioritization process

- W -

WQCC	Water Quality Control Commission
WQCD	Water Quality Control Division
WSR	Wild and Scenic Rivers