



Appendix A. Typical NEPA Abbreviations and Acronyms



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Typical NEPA Abbreviations and Acronyms

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| 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 |

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

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| 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 |



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| 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 |

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



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| 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 | U.S. Environmental Protection Agency |
| EPB | Colorado Department of Transportation's Environmental Programs Branch |
| ERNS | emergency response notification system |
| ESA | Endangered Species Act |

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| 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 |



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

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

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| I-25 | Interstate 25 |
| I-70 | Interstate 70 |
| IAR | Interstate Access Request |
| IIJA | Infrastructure Investment and Jobs |
| INWMP | Integrated Noxious Weed Management Plan |
| ISA | Initial Site Assessment |
| ISTEA | Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act |
| ITS | intelligent transportation systems |
| INVEST | infrastructure voluntary evaluation sustainability tool |

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| LEDPA | Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative |
| LEP | limited English proficiency |
| Leq(h) | hourly equivalent sound level |
| LOMC | Letter of Map Change |



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| LOMR | letter of map revision |
| LOS | level of service |
| LOSS | level of service of safety |
| LWCF | Land and Water Conservation Fund Act |

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| MAP-21 | Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century |
| MBTA | Migratory Bird Treaty Act |
| MESA | Modified Phase I Environmental Site Assessment |
| µg/m ³ | 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 |

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| 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 ₂ | nitrogen dioxide |



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| NMFS | National Marine Fisheries Service |
| NOA | Notice of Availability |
| NOAA | National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration |
| NOI | Notice of Intent |
| NOx | 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 |

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| 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 |

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| PAH | Poly-aromatic hydrocarbons |
| ppb | parts per billion |
| ppm | parts per million |
| PA | Programmatic Agreement |
| PCN | pre-construction notification |
| PDM | Project Development Manual |
| PEL | Planning and Environmental Linkage |
| PM | particulate matter |
| PMJM | Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse |
| PSD | Prevention of Significant Deterioration |



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| QA | quality assurance |
| QC | quality control |

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| 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 |

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| SAFETEA-LU | Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users |
| SB | Senate Bill |
| SDWA | Safe Drinking Water Act |
| SO2 | 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 |



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| 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 |

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| UDFCD | Urban Drainage and Flood Control District |
| UMTA | Urban Mass Transportation Administration |
| U.S. | United States |
| USACE | U.S. Army Corps of Engineers |
| USC | U.S. Code |
| USDA | U.S. Department of Agriculture |
| USDOJ | U.S. Department of Interior |
| USDOT | U.S. Department of Transportation |
| USFS | U.S. Forest Service |
| USFWS | U.S. Department of Interior Fish and Wildlife Service |
| USGS | U.S. Geologic Survey |
| UST | underground storage tank |
| UTM | Universe Transverse Mercator |



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| 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 |

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