

TDEC Terms & Acronyms

- AOS – Available on site
- AIX – National Assoc. of State Park Directors’ Annual Report
- Anti-Degs – Anti-degradation categorization of streams
- APC – TDEC’s Division of Air Pollution Control (TDAPC)
- ARAP – Aquatic Resources Alteration Permit
- BACTs – (*back-tease*) E.coli sample for drinking water
- Baghouse – An air pollution control device and dust collector that removes particulates or gas released from commercial processes
- BAT – Best available technology economically achievable
- BCT – Best conventional pollutant control technology
- BDL – Below detection level
- BFP – TDEC Division of Budget and Financial Planning
- Bio-solids – Solid output from a sewer treatment plant
- BOD5 – Five-day biochemical oxygen demand
- BOE – TDEC’s Bureau of Environment
- BMP – Best Management Practices
- BMP – Tennessee State Parks Business and Management Plan
- BPIT – Business Process Innovation Team
- BPT – Best practicable control technology currently available
- CAFO— Concentrated animal feeding operation
- CBOD5 – Five-day carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand
- CAG – Community Advisory Group
- CAPRA – Commission for Accreditation for Parks and Recreation Agencies
- CE – Categorical exclusion
- CGP – Construction General Permit
- CEI – Compliance evaluation inspection
- CERCLA – Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act
- CFG – Customer Focused Government
- CFR – Code of federal regulations
- CIU – Categorical industrial user
- CJIS – Criminal Justice Information Services
- Compliance Review Meeting – Informal meeting to bring entity into compliance
- Conditional Major – Potential to be a Title V major source of air pollution, but has agreed to controls to limit emissions
- Convenience center – Public access to trash disposal and recycling
- COOP – Continuity of Operation Plan
- Corrective Action Unit – Manages leaking UST sites
- COT – Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury
- CRM – Compliance Review Meeting
- CSO – Combined sewer overflow

- DBP – Disinfection Byproduct, as created in the treatment process for drinking water
- DCERP – Drycleaners Environmental Response Program
- Discharge or “discharge of a pollutant” – Refers to the addition of pollutants to waters from a source
- DMR – Discharge monitoring report
- DO – Dissolved oxygen
- DOI – U.S. Department of Interior
- DGS – Department of General Services
- DOE - United States Department of Energy
- DoR – TDEC’s Division of Remediation
- DoRway – The Division of Remediation's project management database
- Dry Cleaners – Minor source of pollutants but still need a permit
- DWR – TDEC’s Division of Water Resources
- E. coli – *Escherichia coli*
- ECD – Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development
- ECHO – Enforcement and Compliance History Online
- ECOS – Environmental Council of States
- EFO – Environmental Field Office
- ELT – Executive Leadership Team
- EPA – Environmental Protection Agency
- ERP – Enterprise Resource Planning
- ERT – Environmental Emergency Response Team
- ESD - Explanation of Significant Differences
- Exceptional Waters – Waterbodies with great water quality, important ecological values, valuable recreational uses, and outstanding scenery.
- F & A – Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration
- FEMA – Federal Emergency Management Agency
- FFA – Federal Facility Agreement
- FHWA – Federal Highway Administration
- FOIA – Freedom of Information Act
- Free Product – Petroleum products that have leaked into the environment
- FTC – Fleming Training Center
- Fugitive Dust – Particulate/dust pollutant
- GESA – Governors’ Environmental Stewardship Awards
- GPR – Ground penetrating radar
- HAP – Hazardous air pollutant
- HAZWOPER – Hazardous Waste Operations
- HD – Hydrologic Determination (procedures for determining the jurisdictional status of water features)
- HHW – Household Hazardous Waste
- HSP – Health and Safety Plan
- HUD – U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

- HIAC – Internal Advisory Committee
- I & I – Infiltration and Inflow, on a sewer collection line when rainwater/groundwater infiltrates
- ISD – Information Systems Division within TDEC
- ISL – Initial screening levels
- IU – Industrial user
- IWS – Industrial waste survey
- KPI – Key Performance Indicator
- Landfill Classes
 - Class I - accepts non-hazardous municipal solid wastes
 - Class II - accepts non-hazardous industrial wastes, commercial wastes and fill
 - Class III - accepts Class IV wastes plus landscaping, land clearing and farming wastes
 - Class IV - accepts construction/demolition wastes, shredded tires and waste with similar characteristics
- LC50 – Acute test causing 50% lethality
- LWCF – Land and Water Conservation Fund
- LEED – Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design
- LEP – Limited English Proficiency
- LPRF – Local Parks and Recreation Fund
- LSP – Life Safety Plan
- MAC – TDEC Information Systems Management Advisory Committee
- MACT – Maximum achievable control technology
- MCL – Maximum contaminate load
- MDL – Method detection level
- MGD – Million gallons per day
- MG/L(mg/L) – Milligrams per liter
- MLSS – Mixed liquor suspended solids
- MOR – Monthly operating report
- MRF – Materials Recovery Facility
- MS4 – Municipal separate storm sewer systems
- MSW- Municipal Solid Waste
- NAAQS – National Ambient Air Quality Standards
- NSR – New Source Review
- NASPD – National Association of State Park Directors
- NCP – National Contingency Plan
- NFA – No further action
- NGO – Non-Governmental Organization
- NODI – No discharge
- NOV – Notice of Violation
- NPDES – National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
- NPL – National Priority List

- NPS – U.S. National Park Service
- NRC – Nuclear Regulatory Commission
- NRPA – National Recreation and Park Association
- OC – TDEC Office of Communications
- OEA – TDEC Office of External Affairs
- OGC – TDEC Office of General Counsel
- OPP – TDEC Office of Property and Procurement
- OSHA – Occupational Safety and Health Administration
- OPSP – Office of Policy and Sustainable Practices
- P & C – Bureau of Parks and Conservation
- PARTAS – Parks and Recreational Technical Assistance Service
- Perk test – “Percolation test” or old-fashioned term for the evaluation performed by TDEC environmental scientists to evaluate if lot can absorb septic excretions
- PGT – Project Governance Team
- PL – Permit limit
- PM – Project Manager
- PM – Particulate matter
- PMP – Performance Management Program
- PSD – Prevention of Significant Deterioration, as determined for air emission sources building in attainment areas
- PMTI – Park Manager Technical Institute
- Pollutant – Sewage, industrial wastes, or other wastes
- POST – Police Officer Standards of Training
- POTW – Publicly owned treatment works
- Pretreatment program – The national pretreatment program identifies specific discharge standards and requirements that apply to sources of nondomestic wastewater discharged to a POTW
- PP – Public Participation
- PPL – Public Participation Lead
- PRP – Primary Responsible Party
- PTE – Potential to emit
- Push and Pack – Landfills that are owned by a public entity, yet managed by a private company
- QR – Quick Response
- RES – Recreation Educational Service
- RCRA – Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
- RDA – Records Disposition Authorization
- Reference Site – Least impacted waters within an ecoregion that have been monitored to establish a baseline to which alterations of other waters can be compared
- RI/FS – Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study
- RMI – Resources Management Inventory Database

- ROD – Record of Decision
- RP – Responsible Party
- RTP- Recreational Trails Program
- SBEAP – Small Business Environmental Assistance Program
- SCORP – Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan
- SEP – Supplemental Environmental Project
- Show Cause Hearing – Formal enforcement meeting with attorneys involved
- SIP – State Implementation Plans
- SIU – Significant industrial user
- SLAC – State Lands Acquisition Committee
- SLAF – State Lands Acquisition Fund
- SOP – Standard Operating Procedure
- SOP – State Operating Permit
- SPILS – Statewide Petroleum Incident Logging Section
- SPP – Strategic Planning Process
- SSO – Sanitary sewer overflow
- STP – Sewage treatment plant
- STP - Site Treatment Plan
- Sub-title D – RCRA regulation that specifies how a landfill shall be lined and closed
- SWOT – Strength, Weakness, Opportunity, and Threat analysis tool
- SWPPP – (*swip*) Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan
- TCA. – Tennessee Code Annotated
- TDEC – Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation
- TDOA – Tennessee Division of Archaeology
- TDOT – Tennessee Department of Transportation
- TEAM Act – Tennessee Excellence, Accountability and Management Act
- TEMA – Tennessee Emergency Management Agency
- TEMP – Tennessee Emergency Management Plan
- TGEI – Tennessee Government Executive Institute
- TGMI – Tennessee Government Management Institute
- THWI – Tennessee Healthy Watersheds Initiative
- Title V – Major source of air pollution with a higher potential to emit
- TMDL – Total maximum daily load
- TMSP – Tennessee Multi-Sector Stormwater Permit
- Transfer station – Where recovered materials are aggregated and prepared to be moved to a landfill
- TRC – Total residual chlorine
- TRC – Tennessee Recycling Coalition
- TRIP - Tennessee Recreation Initiative Program
- True Minor – Minor source of air pollutants, but still needs a permit

- TSP – Tennessee State Parks
- TSP – Total suspended particles
- TSS – Total suspended solids
- UAPA – Uniform Administrative Procedures Act
- USC – United States Code
- USDA – United States Department of Agriculture
- UST – Underground Storage Tank; also, TDEC’s Division of Underground Storage Tanks
- VEE- Visible Emissions Evaluation
- VOAP – Brownfield Voluntary Cleanup Oversight and Assistance Program
- VOC – Volatile organic compound
- Waters of the State – TN Water Quality Control Act calls for the protection of its waters and their quality
- WWC – Wet Weather Conveyance (water courses that flow only in response to precipitation)
- WQBEL – Water quality based effluent limit
- WTRBA – West Tennessee River Basin Authority