

**List of COMMON ACRONYMS found in the  
EPA Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Grant Guidelines.**

40 CFR – Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations deals with the protection of the environment.

70 FR – Volume 70 of the Federal Register, a published log of rules and regulations issued by the United States government before they go into effect. The Federal Register also prints information on the activities of every U.S. government agency.

AAI – all appropriate inquiry refers to the requirements for assessing the environmental conditions of a property prior to its acquisition.

ABCA – analysis of brownfield cleanup alternatives

ACRES – Assessment, Cleanup, & Redevelopment Exchange System is an on-line reporting tool. It has features to assist you with data entry, data submission, and tracking both new and historical data related to your grant or subject properties. ACRES tracks your data through each step of the EPA review process and maintains an archive of all data submitted for your later reference

ACS – American Community Survey

AOR – authorized organization representative ASTM – American Society for Testing and Materials is an international standards organization that develops and publishes voluntary consensus technical standards for a wide range of materials, products, systems, and services BFPPs – bona fide prospective purchasers

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CERCLA – Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, commonly known as Superfund

CFDA – Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance is a listing of all federal programs available to State and local governments (including the District of Columbia); federally-recognized Indian tribal governments; Territories (and possessions) of the United States; domestic public, quasi-public, and private profit and nonprofit organizations and institutions; specialized groups; and individuals

CPO: contiguous property owner

DUNS – Dun and Bradstreet (D&B) Data Universal Numbering System. A DUNS number is a unique nine-digit sequence recognized as the universal standard for identifying and keeping track of over 100 million businesses worldwide

EE/CA – engineering evaluation/cost analysis

EPA – Environmental Protection Agency

ESA – Endangered Species Act protects critically imperiled species from extinction as a consequence of economic growth and development untended by adequate concern and conservation.

FOIA – Freedom of Information Act sets rules on access to information or records held by government bodies

FUDS – Formerly Used Defense Sites

FUSRAP – Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program remediates buildings and soils at multiple sites contaminated with radiological materials that resulted from early atomic weapons production in the U.S.

FWPCA – Federal Water Pollution Control Act authorizes federal control of water quality

GPRA – Government Performance and Results Act requires agencies to engage in project management tasks such as setting goals, measuring results, and reporting their progress.

HAZWOPER – hazardous waste operations and emergency response

ILO: innocent landowner

LUST trust fund – Leaking Underground Storage Tank trust fund provides money for overseeing and enforcing corrective action taken by the owner or operator of the leaking UST. The trust fund provides money for cleanups at UST sites where the owner or operator is unknown, unwilling, or unable to respond, or which require emergency action.

MOA – Memorandum of Agreement

NHPA – National Historic Preservation Act is legislation intended to preserve historical and archaeological sites in the U.S.

NPDES – National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System regulates the discharge of pollutants into the waters of the U.S.

NPL – National Priorities List is the list of hazardous waste sites in the United States eligible for long-term remedial action financed under the Superfund or CERCLA program

OBLR – Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization

OMB – Office of Management and Budget

OPA – Oil Pollution Act was passed by the United States Congress to prevent further oil spills from occurring in the United States

OSC – on-scene coordinator

PCBs – polychlorinated biphenyls belong to a broad family of man-made organic chemicals known as chlorinated hydrocarbons. Due to their non-flammability, chemical stability, high boiling point, and electrical insulating properties, PCBs were used in hundreds of industrial and commercial applications including electrical, heat transfer, and hydraulic equipment; as plasticizers in paints, plastics, and rubber

products; in pigments, dyes, and carbonless copy paper; and many other industrial applications. Although no longer commercially produced in the United States, PCBs may be present in products and materials produced before the 1979 PCB ban.

POLREP – pollution report

PRPs – potentially responsible parties

QA – quality assurance plans ensure that samples are obtained correctly and analyzed for appropriate constituents using appropriate analytical methods.

QAPP – A quality assurance project plan documents planning efforts for the collection and analysis of environmental data, and to provides a guide for the type and quality of data needed for a specific decision or use.

RCRA – Resource Conservation and Recovery Act authorizes EPA to regulate waste management activities

RLF – Revolving Loan Fund provides funding for a grant recipient to capitalize a revolving loan fund and to provide subgrants to carry out cleanup activities at brownfield sites

SDWA – Safe Drinking Water Act is the principal federal law in the United States that ensures safe drinking water for the public T&E species – threatened and endangered species

TSCA – Toxic Substances Control Act regulates the introduction of new or already existing chemicals

UST – underground storage tanks

VCP – voluntary cleanup program