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List of Abbreviations/Acronyms

%	percent
‰	part(s) per thousand
°C	degree Celsius
AA	Annual Average
ADI	Acceptable Daily Intake
AF	Assessment Factor
AFCD	Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department
AFRI	Acute Febrile Respiratory Illness
Ag	Silver
Al	Aluminum
ANZECC	Australian and New Zealand Environment and Conservation Council
APEC	Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation
ARMCANZ	Agriculture and Resource Management Council of Australian and New Zealand
As	Arsenic
ASEAN	Association of Southern Asian Nations
BAF	Bioaccumulation factor
BC	British Columbia
BCF	Bioconcentration factor
BMF	Biomagnification factor
BOD	Biological Oxygen Demand
BU	Beneficial Use
bw	body weight
C _b	Background concentration
CCC	Criterion Continuous Concentration
CCME	Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment
CCPC	Centre for Coastal Pollution and Conservation
CCREM	Canadian Council of Resource and Environment Ministers
Cd	Cadmium
CEPT	Chemically Enhanced Primary Treatment
cfu	colony-forming unit(s)
CITYU	City University of Hong Kong
CMC	Criterion Maximum Concentration
Co	Cobalt
COD	Chemical oxygen demand
Cr	Chromium
Cu	Copper
DDD	Dichlorodiphenyldichloroethane
DDE	Dichlorodiphenyldichloroethylene

DDT	Dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane
DO	Dissolved Oxygen
dw	Dry weight
EC	European Commission
EC ₅₀	Half maximal effective concentration
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
EPD	Environmental Protection Department
EQG	Environmental quality guideline
EQS	Environmental quality standard
ERL	Environmental risk limit
ERM	Environmental Resources Management
EU	European Union
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
FAV	Final Acute Value
FCV	Final Chronic Value
FI	Fish Intake
FSANZ	Food Safety Authority of Australia and New Zealand
g	gram(s)
ha	hectare(s)
HATS	Harbour Area Treatment Scheme
HC ₅	Concentration that protects 95% of the species in the species sensitivity distribution of NOEC or EC10 data
HCB	Hexachlorobenzene
HCH	Hexachlorocyclohexane
Hg	Mercury
HKSAR	Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
HU	Hazen Unit(s)
kg	kilogram(s)
km ²	Square kilometer(s)
K _{ow}	Octanol-water partition coefficient
L	liter(s)
LC ₅₀	Lethal concentration to 50% of test species
LOEC	Lowest Observable Effect Concentration
LOEL	Lowest Observable Effects Level
m	meter(s)
MAC	Maximum Allowable Concentration
MAC _{eco}	Maximum Acceptable Concentration for ecosystems
MAC-EQS	Maximum Allowable Concentration in water for protection against short-term, direct and acute ecotoxic effects
MEP	Ministry of Environment
mg	milligram(s)
Mg	Magnesium

mL	milliliter(s)
MPC	Maximum permissible concentration
N	Nitrogen
NA	Negligible addition from the maximum permissible level
NC	Negligible Concentration
ng	nanogram(s)
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
NH ₃	Ammonia
NH ₃ -N	Ammonia nitrogen
NHMRC	National Health & Medical Research Council
Ni	Nickel
NO ₂	Nitrite
NO ₃	Nitrate
NOAEL	No Observed Adverse Effect Level
NOEC	No Observed Effect Concentration
NO _x	Nitrogen oxide (nitrate and nitrite compounds)
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity unit(s)
O ₂	Oxygen
OECD	Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
P	Phosphorus
PAH	Polyaromatic hydrocarbon
Pb	Lead
PBDE	Polybrominated diphenyl ethers
PCB	Polychlorinated biphenyl
PCDDs	Polychlorinated dibenzo- <i>p</i> -dioxins
PCDFs	Polychlorinate dibenzofurans
Pg	picogram(s)
PNEC	Predicted Non-Effect Concentration
PNEC _{oral}	Predicted No Effect Concentration from oral intake
POPs	Persistent organic pollutants
PRD	Pearl River Delta
Pt	Platinum
QS	Quality Standard
RC	Reference Concentration
RfD	Reference Dose
RIVM	National Institute of Public Health and the Environment
s	second(s)
SCTEE	Scientific Committee on Toxicity, Ecotoxicology and the Environment
SF	Safety Factor
spb	secondary poisoning of biota
SRC	Serious Risk Concentration

SS	Suspended Solids
SSD	Species Sensitivity Distribution
SSDS	Strategic Sewage Disposal Scheme
SSSI	Site of Special Scientific Interest
STW	Sewage Treatment Work
TBT	Tributyltin
TDI	Tolerable Daily Intake
TDS	Total Dissolved Solids
TEQ	Toxicity Equivalent
TIN	Total Inorganic Nitrogen
TL	Threshold Level
TN	Total Nitrogen
TON	Threshold Odour Number
TP	Total Phosphorus
TRC	Tissue Residue Criterion
TRG	Tissue Residue Guideline
UK	United Kingdom
UKTAG	United Kingdom's Technical Advisory Group
US	United States
USA	United States of America
USEPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
V	Vanadium
VROM	Ministry of Housing, Spatial Planning and the Environment
WCZ	Water Control Zone
WHO	World Health Organization
WQC	Water Quality Criteria
WQG	Water Quality Guideline
WQO	Water Quality Objective
WQS	Water Quality Standard
ww	Wet weight
Zn	Zinc
µg	microgram(s)