



PROJECT GLOSSARY

Northwest Indiana RDA RLF Grant Program

Acronym / Abbreviation	Name	Explanation
AAI	All Appropriate Inquiry	First step for CERCLA liability limitations; identifies historical evidence of site contamination (a/k/a Phase I ESA; ASTM E1527)
ABCA	Analysis of Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives	Identifies viable cleanup approaches and documents selection of most feasible approach
ACM	Asbestos-containing material	
AOC	Administrative Order of Consent	Legally binding agreement to comply with a regulatory agency demand for action
ARAR	Applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements	Other, non-CERCLA federal and state laws and regulations that apply to a site cleanup
ARC	Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund and Cleanup	EPA Brownfields Grant program / types
ASTM	American Society for Testing and Materials	Group responsible for publishing standards for conducting some environmental assessments
CA	Cooperative Agreement	Agreement between EPA and Brownfields Grantee
CA	Corrective Action	RCRA cleanup program for permitted waste sites
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (a/k/a Superfund)	Federal environmental cleanup law
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations	Compilation of rules for implementing federal laws (40 CFR – environmental regulations)

CIP	Community Involvement Plan	Describes community involvement processes and site-specific concerns
COC	Contaminant of concern	
ED	Eligibility determination	Documentation of site eligibility for ARC funding
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	
ESA	Environmental site assessment	
FUDS	Formerly used defense sites	
FUSRAP	Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program	Program for cleanup of former defense sites
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System	Wastewater and storm water discharge regulatory program
NPL	National Priorities List	List of Superfund sites
ORC	Office of Regional Counsel	EPA Regional office (e.g., Region 5) attorneys
PCB	Polychlorinated biphenyls	Chemicals formerly used as insulating fluid in electrical equipment; also used in hydraulic oils, caulk, and paints
RAP	Remedial Action Plan	Description of planned environmental response actions
RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act	Federal hazardous waste management law
RLF	Revolving loan fund	
SDWA	Safe Drinking Water Act	Federal drinking water standards law
TSCA	Toxic Substances Control Act	Federal toxic chemicals management law (e.g., PCBs and asbestos)
USEPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	
VI	Vapor intrusion	Migration of hazardous substance vapors from soil or groundwater into buildings
WPCA	Water Pollution Control Act (a/k/a Clean Water Act)	Federal water pollution control law