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404(b)(1) Guidelines – CWA regulations governing impacts to aquatic resources
 401 Certification - CWA water quality certification
 408 Approval – Approval to modify a federal project (per 33 USC 408)
 902 limit - Maximum project cost per WRDA 86
 905(b) – Reconnaissance Report per WRDA 86 (repealed by WRRDA 2014)

AAA – Army Audit Agency
 AAE – Average Annual Equivalent
 AAR –After Action Review
 ABC – Army Benefits Center
 ACO – Administrative Contracting Officer
 ACTEDS – Army Civilian Training, Evaluation and Development System
 ADM – Agency Decision Milestone
 ADR – Alternative Dispute Resolution
 AE – Architect-Engineer
 AF – Acre Feet
 AFB – Alternative Formulation Briefing
 AGC – Army Geospatial Center (formerly the Topographic Engineering Center)
 AICP – American Institute of Certified Planners
 AIS – Automated Information System
 AKO – Army Knowledge Online
 AM – Asset Management
 AMM – Alternatives Milestone Meeting
 AOR – Area of Responsibility
 APIC – Army Performance Improvements Criteria
 AR – Army Regulation
 ARC – Annual Report to Congress
 ARPA – Archeological Resources Protection Act
 ASA(CW) – Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works
 ASAP – As Soon as Possible
 ASCE – American Society of Civil Engineers
 ATR – Agency Technical Review
 AWOL – Absent Without Leave

BBA – Bipartisan Budget Act (of 2018)
 BC – Benefit Cost
 BCR – Benefit Cost Ratio
 BFE – Base Flood Elevation
 BG – Brigadier General
 BiOp – Biological Opinion

BLUF – Bottom Line Up Front
 BMP – Best Management Practice
 BO – Biological Opinion
 BOD – Biological Oxygen Demand
 BOY –Beginning of Year
 BRAC – Base Realignment and Closure
 BUB – Battle Update Briefing
 BY – Budget Year

C – Construction
 CAA – Clean Air Act
 CADD – Computer Aided Design Drafting
 CAP – Continuing Authorities Program
 CatEx – Categorical Exclusion
 CBO – Congressional Budget Office
 CBRA – Coastal Barrier Resources Act
 CCG – Consolidated Command Guidance
 CDR – Commander
 CE – Corps of Engineers /or/ Cost Effectiveness
 CEA – Cost Effectiveness Analysis
 CECC – Office of the Chief Counsel
 CECW – Civil Works Directorate
 CECW-B – Headquarters, Civil Works, Programs Management Division
 CECW-E – Headquarters, Civil Works, Engineering and Construction Division
 CECW-O – Headquarters, Civil Works, Operations Division
 CECW-P – Headquarters, Civil Works, Planning and Policy Division
 CEFMS – Corps of Engineers Financial Management System
 CE/ICA – Cost Effectiveness/ Incremental Cost Analysis
 CERC – Coastal Engineering Research Center
 CERCLA – Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, 1980 (aka Superfund)
 CERB – Coastal Engineering Research Board
 CERL – Construction Engineering Research Laboratory
 CEQ – Council on Environmental Quality
 CFR – Code of Federal Regulations
 CFS – Cubic Feet per Second
 CG – Construction General /or/ Commanding General

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CHL – Coastal and Hydraulics Laboratory
 CI – Command Inspection
 CMR – Command Management Review
 COB – Close of Business */or/* Command Operating Budget
 COE – Chief of Engineers
 COL – Colonel
 COLA – Cost of Living Adjustment
 CONUS – Continental United States
 CoP – Community of Practice
 COR – Contracting Officer’s Representative
 CP – Career Program
 CPAC – Civilian Personnel Advisory Center
 CRA – Continuing Resolution Authority
 CRREL – Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory
 CSRA – Cost & Schedule Risk Analysis
 CSRS – Civilian Service Retirement System
 CVM – Contingent Value Method
 CW – Civil Works
 CWA – Clean Water Act
 CWCCIS – Civil Works Construction Cost Index System
 CWIS – Civil Works Information System
 CWRB – Civil Works Review Board
 CX – Center of Expertise
 CY – Cubic Yard */or/* Current Year */or/* Calendar Year
 CZM – Coastal Zone Management
 CZMA – Coastal Zone Management Act

 DA – Department of Army */or/* Design Agreement
 DAR – Defense Acquisition Regulations
 DC – District Command */or/* District Commander */or/* Division Commander
 DCG – Deputy Commanding General
 DCG-CEO – Deputy Commanding General for Civil and Emergency Operations
 DCW – Director of Civil Works
 DDC – Deputy District Commander
 DDE – Deputy District Engineer
 DDR – Design Documentation Report
 DE – District Engineer */or/* Division Engineer
 DEIS – Draft Environmental Impact Statement
 DEMOB - Demobilization
 DDN – Deep Draft Navigation
 DIST – District

DIV – Division
 DMDF – Dredged Material Disposal Facilities
 DMMP – Dredged Material Management Plan
 DMP – Decision Management Plan
 DOC – U.S. Department of Commerce
 DOD – U.S. Department of Defense
 DOE – U.S. Department of Energy
 DOI – U.S. Department of Interior
 DOJ – U.S. Department of Justice
 DOT – U.S. Department of Transportation
 DQC – District Quality Control
 DP – Decision Point
 DPM – Deputy for Programs and Project Management
 DPR – Detailed Project Report
 DSAP – Dam Safety Assurance Program
 DST – District Support Team
 DX - Directory of Expertise

 E&D – Engineering and Design
 EA – Environmental Assessment
 EAB – Expected Annual Benefits */or/* Chief of Engineer’s Environmental Advisory Board
 EAD – Expected Annual Damages
 EC – Engineer Circular
 ECB – Engineering & Construction Bulletin
 EDM – Enterprise Data Model
 EDR – Engineering Decision Report
 EEO – Equal Employment Opportunity
 EFT – Electronic Funds Transfer
 EGM – Economics Guidance Memorandum
 EIS – Environmental Impact Statement
 EM – Engineer Manual */or/* Engineering Memorandum
 EO – Executive Order
 EOC – Emergency Operations Center
 EOY – End of Year
 ENR – Engineering News Record
 EP – Engineer Pamphlet
 EPA – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
 EPCRA – Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act
 EQ – Environmental Quality
 ER – Engineer Regulation
 ERDC – Engineer Research & Development Center
 EROC – Electronic Reporting Organization Code
 EPA – Environmental Protection Agency

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<p>EPW – Energy and Public Works (Senate Committee on)</p> <p>ESA – Endangered Species Act</p> <p>ESG – Executive Steering Group</p> <p>ESR – Engineering Service Request</p> <p>EQ – Environmental Quality</p> <p>ETL –Engineer Technical Letter</p> <p>F&A – Finance and Accounting</p> <p>FACA – Federal Advisory Committee Act</p> <p>FAD – Funding Authorization Document</p> <p>FAR – Federal Acquisition Regulations</p> <p>FC – Flood Control</p> <p>FCA – Flood Control Act</p> <p>FCCE – Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies</p> <p>FCSA – Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement</p> <p>FEHB – Federal Employee Health Benefits</p> <p>FEIS – Final Environmental Impact Statement</p> <p>FEMA – Federal Emergency Management Agency</p> <p>FERC – Federal Energy Regulatory Commission</p> <p>FERS – Federal Employees Retirement System</p> <p>FFE – First Floor Elevation/ Finished Floor Elevation</p> <p>FFRMS – Federal Flood Risk Management Standard</p> <p>FID – Federal Interest Determination</p> <p>FIFR-EA / FIFR-EIS – Final Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Assessment / Environmental Impact Statement</p> <p>FIRM – Flood Insurance Rate Map</p> <p>FIS – Flood Insurance Study</p> <p>FMV – Fair Market Value</p> <p>FOA – Field Operating Agency/Activity</p> <p>FOIA – Freedom of Information Act</p> <p>FONSI - Finding of No Significant Impact</p> <p>FORCON – Force Configuration</p> <p>FPC – Federal Power Commission</p> <p>FPMS – Floodplain Management Services</p> <p>FR – Federal Register</p> <p>FRC – Feasibility Review Conference</p> <p>FRM – Flood Risk Management</p> <p>FS – Feasibility Study</p> <p>FSM – Feasibility Scoping Meeting</p> <p>FTE – Full-time Equivalent</p> <p>FUDS – Formerly Used Defense Site</p> <p>FUSRAP – Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program</p> <p>FWCA – Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act</p> <p>FWOP – Future Without Project</p>	<p>FWS – Fish and Wildlife Service</p> <p>FY – Fiscal Year</p> <p>FYI – For Your Information</p> <p>FYSA – For Your Situational Awareness</p> <p>G&A – General and Administrative</p> <p>GAO – U.S. Government Accountability Office</p> <p>GE – General Expense</p> <p>GI – General Investigations</p> <p>GIS - Geographic Information Systems</p> <p>GIWW – Gulf Inter-Coastal Waterway</p> <p>GNF – General Navigation Features</p> <p>GOV – Government/ Government-owned Vehicle</p> <p>GPO – Government Printing Office</p> <p>GRR – General Reevaluation Report</p> <p>GS – General Schedule</p> <p>GSA – General Services Administration</p> <p>H&H – Hydrology and Hydraulics</p> <p>HAC – Hydropower Analysis Center</p> <p>HAZMAT – Hazardous Materials</p> <p>HEC – Hydrologic Engineering Center</p> <p>HEP – Habitat Evaluation Procedures</p> <p>HES – Habitat Evaluation System</p> <p>HHS – Health and Human Services</p> <p>HQ - Headquarters</p> <p>HQUSACE – Headquarters, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers</p> <p>HR – Human Resources /or/ House of Representatives /or/ House Resolution</p> <p>HSDR – Hurricane and Storm Damage Reduction (now Coastal Storm Damage Reduction or Coastal Storm Risk Reduction)</p> <p>HTRW – Hazardous, Toxic, and Radioactive Wastes</p> <p>HU – Habitat Unit</p> <p>HUD – U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development</p> <p>I - Investigations</p> <p>IA – Initial Appraisal</p> <p>IAG – Inter-agency Agreement</p> <p>IBWC – International Boundary and Water Commission</p> <p>ICA – Intergovernmental Cooperation Act /or/ Incremental Cost Analysis</p> <p>IDC – Interest During Construction /or/ Indefinite Delivery Contract</p>
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<p>IDIQ – Indefinite Delivery, Indefinite Quantity IEPR – Independent External Peer Review IG – Inspector General IIS – Interagency and International Services IJC – International Joint Commission IM – Information Management IMO – Information Management Office IN – Inland Navigation IPA – Intergovernmental Personnel Act IPR – In-Progress Review IRC – Issue Resolution Conference ITR – Independent Technical Review (now ATR) IWR – Institute for Water Resources IWW – Inland Waterways /or/ Intercoastal Waterway IWTF – Inland Waterway Trust Fund IWUB – Inland Waterway User Board</p> <p>J-Sheet – (Budget) Justification Sheet JTR – Joint Travel Regulation</p> <p>L&D – Lock and Dam LCC –Life Cycle Cost LDRIP – Long-Term Disaster Recovery Investment Program LER – Lands, Easements, and Rights-of-Way LERR – Lands, Easements, Rights-of-Way, and Relocations LERRD – Lands, Easements, Rights-of-Way, Relocations, and Disposal LOC – Letter of Credit LOI – Letter of Intent LPP – Locally Preferred Plan /or/ Local Protection Project LRB – Buffalo District LRC – Chicago District LRD – Great Lakes & Ohio River Division (Cincinnati, OH) LRE – Detroit District LRH – Huntington District LRL – Louisville District LRN – Nashville District LRP – Pittsburgh District LRR – Limited Reevaluation Report LSF – Local Service Facilities LTC – Lieutenant Colonel LWOP – Leave Without Pay</p>	<p>M&I – Municipal and Industrial M&IE – Meals and Incidental Expenses MACOM – Major Army Command MARAD – Maritime Administration MATOC – Multiple Award Task Order Contract MCACES – Micro-computer Aided Cost Engineering System MCX – Mandatory Center of Expertise MFR – Memorandum for Record MG – Major General MHHW – Mean Higher High Water MHW – Mean High Water MILCON – Military Construction MIPR – Military Interdepartmental Purchase Request MLW – Mean Low Water MLLW – Mean Lower Low Water MMC – Mapping, Modeling and Consequences Production Center MMPA – Marine Mammal Protection Act MOA – Memorandum of Agreement MOB – Mobilization MOU – Memorandum of Understanding MOY – Middle of Year MPRSA – Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act MR&T – Mississippi River and Tributaries MRC – Mississippi River Commission MSA – Magnuson-Stevens Act (Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act) MSC – Major Subordinate Command MVD – Mississippi Valley Division (Vicksburg, MS) MVK – Vicksburg District MVM – Memphis District MVN – New Orleans District MVP – St. Paul District MVR – Rock Island District MVS – St. Louis District</p> <p>NAB – Baltimore District NAD – North Atlantic Division (New York, NY) NAE – New England District NAGPRA – Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act NAN – New York District NAO – Norfolk District NAP – Philadelphia District NAS – National Academy of Sciences</p>
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NASA – National Aeronautics and Space Administration	OMRR&R – Operations, Maintenance, Repair, Replacement and Rehabilitation
NAV – Navigation	OPM – Office of Personnel Management
NCP – National Contingency Plan	OSA – Office of the Secretary of Army
NDC – Navigation Data Center	OSD – Office of the Secretary of Defense
NED – National Economic Development	OSE – Other Social Effects
NER – National Ecosystem Restoration	OSHA – Occupational Safety and Health Administration
NEPA – National Environmental Policy Act	OU – Operable Unit
NFIP – National Flood Insurance Program	OWPR – Office of Water Project Review
NFS – Non-Federal Sponsor	
NGO – Nongovernmental Organization	P&D – Planning and Design
NGVD – National Geodetic Vertical Datum	P&G – Principles and Guidelines for Water and Land Related Resources Implementation Studies (short title: Principles and Guidelines)
NHPA – National Historic Preservation Act	P&S – Principles and Standards /or/ Plans and Specifications
NLT – No Later Than	PA – Planning Associate /or/ Per Annum
NMFS – National Marine Fisheries Service	PAB – Planning Advisory Board
NOA – Notice of Availability	PAC – Post-authorization Change
NOAA – National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	PACR – Post-authorization Change Report
NOI – Notice of Intent (to develop an EIS)	PAL – Planning Aid Letter
NPDES – National Pollution Discharge Elimination System	PAS – Planning Assistance to States
NPL – National Priority List	PB – Planning Bulletin
NPS – National Park Service	PCoP – Planning Community of Practice
NRCS – Natural Resources Conservation Service (formerly Soil Conservation Service, SCS)	PCS – Permanent Change of Station
NRDA – Natural Resource Damage Assessment	PCX – Planning Center of Expertise
NRHP – National Register of Historic Places	PDT – Project Delivery Team
NTE – Not to Exceed	PE – Professional Engineer
NTP – Notice to Proceed	PED – Pre-construction Engineering and Design
NWD – Northwestern Division (Portland, OR)	PGM – Project Guidance Memorandum
NWK – Kansas City District	PGMP – Program Management Plan
NWO – Omaha District	PGN – Planning Guidance Notebook
NWP – Portland District	PIR – Project Implementation Report
NWS – Seattle District /or/ U.S. National Weather Service	PL – Public Law
NWW – Walla Walla District	PM – Project Manager /or/ Project Management
	PDBP – Project Development Business Process (replaces PMPB, 2018)
O&M – Operations and Maintenance	PMBP – Project Management Business Process
OASA(CW) – Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works)	PMP – Project Management Plan
OBE – Overcome by Events	PMF – Probable Maximum Flood
OBR – On-board Review (meeting)	POA – Alaska District
OC – Office of Counsel	POC – Point of Contact
ODMDS – Ocean Dredge Material Disposal Site	POD – Pacific Ocean Division (Honolulu, HI)
OEO – Outside Eligible Organization	POH – Honolulu District
OMB – Office of Management and Budget	POTUS – President of the United States
	POV – Privately-owned Vehicle /or/ Point of View

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<p>PPA – Project Partnership Agreement PPE – Pay Period Ending PR&C – Purchase Request and Commitment PRB – Project Review Board PRIP – Plant Replacement and Improvement Program PROSPECT – Proponent Sponsored Engineer Corps Training PRP – Potential Responsible Party PTL – Planning Technical Lead</p> <p>Q’s & A’s – Questions and Answers QA – Quality Assurance QC – Quality Control QM – Quality Manual QMP – Quality Management Plan QMR – Quality Management Representative QMS – Quality Management System</p> <p>R&D – Research and Development R&HA – Rivers and Harbors Act R&U – Risk and Uncertainty RA – Risk Analysis /or/ Risk Assessment /or/ Remedial Action RAO – Remedial Action Objectives RBRCR – Remaining Benefits, Remaining Costs Ratio RCRA – Resource Conservation and Recovery Act RE – Real Estate REC – Recreation RED – Regional Economic Development REP – Real Estate Plan RFP – Request for Proposal RI – Remedial Investigation RIT – Regional Integration Team RITA – Relocation Income Tax Adjustment RMB – Regional Management Board RMC – Risk Management Center RMO – Review Management Organization /or/ Resource Management Office RMP – Risk Management Plan ROD – Record of Decision ROE – Right of Entry ROW – Right of Way RP – Review Plan /or/ Resource Provider /or/ Responsible Party</p>	<p>RPED – Regional Planning and Environmental Division (of MVD; North or South) RR – Risk Register RTS – Regional Technical Specialist</p> <p>S&A – State and Agency /or/ Supervision and Administration S&I – Supervision and Inspection S&S – Savings and Slippage SAC – Charleston District SAD – South Atlantic Division (Atlanta, GA) SADBU – Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization SAJ – Jacksonville District SAM – Mobile District SAME – Society of American Military Engineers SAR – Safety Assurance Review SAS – Savannah District SATOC – Single Award Task Order Contract SAW – Wilmington District SBH – Small Boat Harbor SCD – Service Computation Date SCORP – State Comprehensive Recreation Plan SCOTUS – Supreme Court of the United States SCRB – Separable Costs – Remaining Benefits SCS – Soil Conservation Service (now NRCS) SES – Senior Executive Service SFO – Support for Others SHPO – State Historic Preservation Office SITREP – Situation Report SMART – Specific Measurable Attainable Risk-Informed Timely (ref. SMART Planning) SME – Subject Matter Expert SMSA – Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area SOG – Senior Oversight Group SOP – Standard Operating Procedure SOS – Scope of Services/Scope of Studies SOW – Scope of Work SPA – Albuquerque District SPD – South Pacific Division (San Francisco, CA) SPF – Standard Project Flood SPH – Standard Project Hurricane SPK – Sacramento District SPL – Los Angeles District SPN – San Francisco District SPS – Standard Project Storm SR – Senate Resolution</p>
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SWD – Southwestern Division (Dallas, TX)
SWF – Fort Worth District
SWG – Galveston District /or/ Senior Working Group
SWL – Little Rock District
SWT – Tulsa District

T&A – Time and Attendance
T&ES – Threatened and Endangered Species
T&I – Transportation and Infrastructure (House Committee on)
TAD – Transatlantic Division
TAPES – Total Army Performance Evaluation System
TBA – To be Announced
TBD – To be Determined
TCM – Travel Cost Method
TDY – Temporary Duty
THPO – Tribal Historic Preservation Office
TMDL – Total Maximum Daily Load
TPC – Total Project Costs
TRC – Technical Review Conference
TSP – Tentatively Selected Plan /or/ Thrift Savings Plan
TQSE – Temporary Quarters Subsistence Expenses

UDV – Unit Day Value
ULC – USACE Learning Center
USACE – U. S. Army Corps of Engineers
USC – United States Code
USCG – United States Coast Guard
USEPA – United States Environmental Protection Agency (also, EPA)
USFWS – United States Fish and Wildlife Service (also, FWS)
USGS – United States Geological Survey

VE – Value Engineering
VT – Vertical Team
VTC – Video Teleconference

WAD – Work Allowance Document
WMP – Watershed Management Plan
WBS – Work Breakdown Structure
WCSC – Waterborne Commerce Statistics Center
WFO – Work for Others
WIK – Work in Kind

WQ – Water Quality
WRC – Water Resources Council
WRCP – Water Resources Certified Planner
WRDA – Water Resources Development Act
WRRDA – Water Resources Reform and Development Act (2014)
WS – Water Supply
WTA – Willingness to Accept
WTP – Willingness to Pay

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