Commonly Used Acronyms

ACR	Alternative Capacity Requirement
ANSI	American National Standards Institute
As	Chemical symbol for Arsenic
ASCE	American Society of Civil Engineers
AWBD	Association of Water Board Directors
AWWA	American Water Works Association
BACTI	Samples taken to test for bacteria
BARF	Bond Application Report Format
BF	Baffling Factor
BIS	Bill Impact Statement
BPAT	Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester OR Backflow Prevention Assembly Test and Maintenance Report form
BTR	Before Technical Review
BWN	Boil Water Notice
CCEDS	Consolidated Compliancy and Enforcement Data System
CCI	Comprehensive Compliance Investigation. This is the investigation performed by the Field Operations Division of TCEQ.
CCN	Certificate of Convenience and Necessity.
CCR	Consumer Confidence Report. This is the annual drinking water quality report that community systems must provide to their drinking water customers each year.
CDBG	Community Development Block Grant
CFE	Combined Filter Effluent
CIAC	Contribution in Aid of Construction
CIFA	Council of Infrastructure Finance Agencies
CLA	Chloramine
CN	Customer Number
COG	Council of Governments
COS	Cost of Service
CPE	Comprehensive Performance Evaluation. This is the extensive evaluation process designed to determine what specific factors are limiting a plant's ability to achieve optimized performance. The CPE is part of the EPA's Composite Correction Program (CCP).
CRG	Community Resource Group
CSI	Customer Service Inspection
CT	Concentration-Time (the product of disinfectant concentration and effective contact time (T_{10})). This value describes the effectiveness of a given level of disinfectant in a given unit process.

CWIP	Construction Work in Progress
DBP	Disinfection By-Product
DBP1	Stage 1 Disinfection By-Product Rule
DBP2	Stage 2 Disinfection By-Product Rule
DCP	Drought Contingency Planning
DD	Drainage Districts
DEM	Texas' Department of Emergency Management
DSHS	Texas Department of State Health Services
DWAWG	Drinking Water Advisory Workgroup (a stakeholder group)
DWSRF	Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
DZ	Disinfection Zone
EDAP	Economically Distressed Areas Program
EP	Entry Point
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
ERP	Emergency Response Plan
EST	Elevated Storage Tank
ETJ	Extra Territorial Jurisdiction
FASB	Financial Accounting Standards Board
FCL	Free Chlorine (Cl2)
FOD	Field Operations Division
FWSD	Fresh Water Supply District
GAAP	Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
GAM	Groundwater Availability Model
GASB	Governmental Accounting Standards Board
GCD	Groundwater Conservation District (aka "district")
GIS	Geographic Information System
GMA	Groundwater Management Area
GPM	Gallons per minute
GPS	Global Positioning System
GST	Ground Storage Tank
GUI	Groundwater Under the Influence of surface water
GW	Ground Water
GWD	Groundwater District
HAA	Haloacetic Acid (a DBP) there are nine different HAAs.
HAA5	Haloacetic Acid (group of 5). The Stage 1 Disinfection By-Product Rule includes a maximum contaminant level (MCL) for the sum of five HAAs. These are monochloroacetic acid (MCAA), dichloroacetic acid (DCAA), trichloroacetic acid (TCAA), monobromoacetic acid (MBAA), and dibromoacetic acid (DBAA)
HDT	Hydraulic Detention Time
ID	Irrigation District

IDSE	Initial Distribution System Evaluation, part of the Stage 2 Disinfection Byproducts Rule
IFE	Individual Filter Effluent
IGR	Intergovernmental Relations
IOU	Investor Owned Utility
IR	Inactivation Ratio
IUP	Intended Use Plan
IWSCOT	Independent Water & Sewer Companies of Texas
iWUD	Integrated Water Utility Database
LID	Levee Improvement District
LT1	Stage 1 Long-Term Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule
LT2	Stage 2 Long-Term Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule
LTESWTR	Long-Term Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level. The concentration level of a contaminated that is regulated. If a system has a contaminant concentration greater than the MCL, they may be in violation of the regulations (see RAA).
MGD	Million Gallons per Day
MHI	Medium Household Income
MMD	Municipal Management District
MOR	Monthly Operating Report
MOU	Memo of Understanding
M/R	Monitoring & Reporting
MRDL	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level
MSR	Municipal Subdivision Rules
MUD	Municipal Utility District
NARUC	National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners
NAWC	National Association of Water Companies
NOD	Notice of Deficiency
NOE	Notice of Enforcement
NOV	Notice of Violation
NPDES	National Pollution Discharge Elimination System
NRWA	National Rural Water Association
NSF	National Sanitation Federation
NSF	National Sanitation Foundation
NTNC	Non-Transient / Non-Community
NTU	Nephelometric turbidity unit. A measurement of the cloudiness of water.
O&M	Operation & Maintenance
OAG	Office of Attorney General
OCLD	Original Cost Less Depreciation
ORCA	Office of Rural Community Affairs
PDW	Public Drinking Water

PE	Professional Engineer *or* performance evaluation
PGMA	Priority Groundwater Management Area
PI	Plumbing Inspector
POU	Point of Use
POE	Point of Entry
PSA	Public Service Announcement
psi	Pounds per Square Inch (pressure)
PT	Pressure Tank
PUC	Public Utility Commission
PW	Purchased Water
PWS	Public Water System
RA	River Authority
RAA	Running Annual Average
RG	Regulatory Guidance
RN	Regulated entity Number
RWPG	Regional Water Planning Group
SCE	Sanitary Control Easement
SDWA	Safe Drinking Water Act
SOS	Secretary of State
SP	Service Pump or Standpipe
STM	Sale, Transfer, Merger
SUD	Special Utility District
SW	Surface Water
SWMOR	Surface Water Monthly Operating Report
SWP	Source Water Protection
SWTP	Surface Water Treatment Plant
SWTR	Surface Water Treatment Rule
T_{10}	effective contact time. The time in which 10% of a tracer material will have passed through a unit process. Theoretical T_{10} can be calculated by multiplying the BF by the theoretical HDT.
TAC	Texas Administratively Complete
TCEQ	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (was TNRCC before 9/1/03)
TDHCA	Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs
TDLR	Texas Department of Licensing & Registration (Well Driller's Board)
TDS	Total Dissolved Solids
TEEX	Texas Engineering Extension Service
THM	trihalomethane (a DBP). The four THMs of interest are: chloroform (three chlorines, also called trichloromethane), dichlorobromomethane, dibromochloromethane, and bromoform (three bromines, also called tribromomethane).
TMDL	Total Maximum Daily Load

TNC	Transient Non-Community
TNRCC	Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (now TCEQ)
TNRIS	Texas Natural Resources Information System
T/O	Taste & Odor
TOC	Total Organic Carbon
TOCMOR	Total Organic Carbon Monthly Operating Report
TPWD	Texas Parks & Wildlife Department
TRWA	Texas Rural Water Association
TSBPE	Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners
TT	Treatment Technique
TTHM	Total Trihalomethanes. The sum of the four THMs (see THM).
TWC	Texas Water Code
TWCA	Texas Water Conservation Association
TWDB	Texas Water Development Board
TWUA	Texas Water Utility Association
TxDOT	Texas Department of Transportation
USDA-RUS-RD	US Dept. of Agriculture, Rural Utility Service, Rural Development
USGS	United States Geological Survey
UV	Ultraviolet
VA	Vulnerability Assessment
WCID	Water Control & Improvement District
WSC	Water Supply Corporation
WSPS	Water Supply Protection Specialist
WUD	Water Utilities Database. The database of record for Texas drinking water data. http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/permitting/water_supply/ud/iwud.html
WTP	Water Treatment Plant
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