# ACRONYMS, ABBREVIATIONS, AND SYMBOLS

**ACGIH** American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

Acceptable Daily Intake ADI

**ADME** Absorption, Distribution, Metabolism, and Excretion

**AFID** alkali flame ionization detector

Air Force Office of Safety and Health AFOSH

**AML** acute myeloid leukemia

**AOAC** Association of Official Analytical Chemists

atmosphere atm

ATSDR Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

**AWQC** Ambient Water Quality Criteria BAT Best Available Technology **BCF** bioconcentration factor BEI Biological Exposure Index **BSC** Board of Scientific Counselors

C Centigrade CAA Clean Air Act

CAG Cancer Assessment Group of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

CAS Chemical Abstract Services

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention CDC

CEL Cancer Effect Level

CELDS Computer-Environmental Legislative Data System

**CERCLA** Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

CFR Code of Federal Regulations

Ci curie

CL ceiling limit value

CLP Contract Laboratory Program

cm centimeter

chronic myeloid leukemia CML CNS central nervous system

**CPSC** Consumer Products Safety Commission

CWA Clean Water Act

day dermal Derm

**DHEW** Department of Health, Education, and Welfare **DHHS** Department of Health and Human Services

**DNA** deoxyribonucleic acid DOD Department of Defense DOE Department of Energy DOL Department of Labor

DOT Department of Transportation

DOT/UN/ Department of Transportation/United Nations/

North America/International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code NA/IMCO

DWEL Drinking Water Exposure Level **ECD** electron capture detection

ECG/EKG electrocardiogram

EEG electroencephalogram

EEGL Emergency Exposure Guidance Level EPA Environmental Protection Agency

F Fahrenheit

F<sub>1</sub> first-filial generation

FAO Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations

FDA Food and Drug Administration

FEMA Federal Emergency Management Agency

FIFRA Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act

FPD flame photometric detection

fpm feet per minute

ft foot

FR Federal Register

g gram

GC gas chromatography
Gd gestational day
gen generation

GLC gas liquid chromatography
GPC gel permeation chromatography

HPLC high-performance liquid chromatography

hr hour

HRGC high resolution gas chromatography
HSDB Hazardous Substance Data Bank

IDLH Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health IARC International Agency for Research on Cancer

ILO International Labor Organization

in inch

IRIS Integrated Risk Information System

Kd adsorption ratio kg kilogram kkg metric ton

 $K_{oc}$  organic carbon partition coefficient  $K_{ow}$  octanol-water partition coefficient

L liter

 $\begin{array}{ccc} LC & liquid chromatography \\ LC_{Lo} & lethal concentration, low \\ LC_{50} & lethal concentration, 50\% kill \end{array}$ 

 $\begin{array}{ccc} \mathrm{LD_{Lo}} & & \mathrm{lethal\ dose,\ low} \\ \mathrm{LD_{50}} & & \mathrm{lethal\ dose,\ 50\%\ kill} \\ \mathrm{LT_{50}} & & \mathrm{lethal\ time,\ 50\%\ kill} \\ \end{array}$ 

LOAEL lowest-observed-adverse-effect level LSE Levels of Significant Exposure

m meter

MA trans, trans-muconic acid
MAL Maximum Allowable Level

mCi millicurie

MCL Maximum Contaminant Level MCLG Maximum Contaminant Level Goal

mg milligram min minute mL milliliter

mm millimeter

mm Hg = millimeters of mercury

mmol millimole mo month

mppcf millions of particles per cubic foot

MRL Minimal Risk Level MS mass spectrometry

NAAQS National Ambient Air Quality Standard

NAS National Academy of Science

NATICH National Air Toxics Information Clearinghouse

NATO North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NCE normochromatic erythrocytes
NCI National Cancer Institute

NIEHS National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences
NIOSH National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
NIOSHTIC NIOSH's Computerized Information Retrieval System

NFPA National Fire Protection Association

ng nanogram

NLM National Library of Medicine

nm nanometer

NHANES National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey

nmol nanomole

NOAEL no-observed-adverse-effect level

NOES National Occupational Exposure Survey NOHS National Occupational Hazard Survey

NPD nitrogen phosphorus detection

NPDES National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

NPL National Priorities List

NR not reported

NRC National Research Council

NS not specified

NSPS New Source Performance Standards
NTIS National Technical Information Service

NTP National Toxicology Program
ODW Office of Drinking Water, EPA

OERR Office of Emergency and Remedial Response, EPA

OHM/TADS Oil and Hazardous Materials/Technical Assistance Data System

OPP Office of Pesticide Programs, EPA

OPPTS Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances, EPA

OPPT Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, EPA
OSHA Occupational Safety and Health Administration

OSW Office of Solid Waste, EPA OTS Office of Toxic Substances

OW Office of Water

OWRS Office of Water Regulations and Standards, EPA

PAH Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbon

PBPD Physiologically Based Pharmacodynamic PBPK Physiologically Based Pharmacokinetic

PCE polychromatic erythrocytes PEL permissible exposure limit PID photo ionization detector

pg picogram pmol picomole

PHS Public Health Service
PMR proportionate mortality ratio

ppb parts per billion ppm parts per million ppt parts per trillion

PSNS Pretreatment Standards for New Sources REL recommended exposure level/limit

RfC Reference Concentration

RfD Reference Dose RNA ribonucleic acid

RTECS Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances

RQ Reportable Quantity

SARA Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act

SCE sister chromatid exchange

sec second

SIC Standard Industrial Classification

SIM selected ion monitoring

SMCL Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level

SMR standard mortality ratio

SNARL Suggested No Adverse Response Level

SPEGL Short-Term Public Emergency Guidance Level

STEL short-term exposure limit STORET Storage and Retrieval

 $TD_{50}$  toxic dose, 50% specific toxic effect

TLV threshold limit value
TOC Total Organic Compound
TPQ Threshold Planning Quantity
TRI Toxics Release Inventory
TSCA Toxic Substances Control Act
TRI Toxics Release Inventory
TWA time-weighted average

U.S. United States
UF uncertainty factor

VOC Volatile Organic Compound

yr year

WHO World Health Organization

wk week

> greater than

> greater than or equal to

equal toless than

 $\leq$  less than or equal to

 $\begin{array}{lll} \% & & percent \\ \alpha & & alpha \\ \beta & & beta \\ \gamma & & gamma \\ \delta & & delta \\ \mu m & & micrometer \end{array}$ 

μg		microgram
$q_1^*$	-	cancer slope factor
_		negative
+		positive
(+)		weakly positive result
(-)		weakly negative result