

MSWMAC WORKSHOP GLOSSARY

CERCLA: Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (42 U.S.C. § 9601 *et seq*). CERCLA is a federal law that governs cleanup of contaminated sites; commonly referred to as “Superfund”.

CAP: Cleanup Action Plan. A CAP is the document prepared by DOE under MTCA that selects the cleanup action and specifies cleanup standards and other requirements for the cleanup action.

DOE: Washington Department of Ecology. DOE is the agency that implements numerous state environmental protection laws, including the SWMA, HWMA, and MTCA.

EPA: United States Environmental Protection Agency. EPA is the agency that implements numerous federal environmental protection laws, including CERCLA and RCRA.

Household Wastes: “Any waste material (including, but not limited to, garbage, trash, and sanitary wastes in septic tanks) derived from households (including single and multiple residences, hotels and motels, bunkhouses, ranger stations, crew quarters, campgrounds, picnic grounds, and day-use recreation areas).” WAC 173-303-071(3)(c). Hazardous substances in household waste are excluded from regulation under RCRA Subtitle C and the HWMA, but are subject to regulation under CERCLA and MTCA.

HWMA: Hazardous Waste Management Act, RCW 70.105. This is the state law that implements RCRA Subtitle C and establishes additional state requirements for hazardous waste management.

LTCA: Local Toxics Control Account. This is an account established under RCW 70.105D.070 to provide, grants and loans to local governments for, among other things, cleanup actions under MTCA.

MTCA: Model Toxics Control Act, RCW 70.105D. MTCA is a state law that governs cleanup of contaminated sites. It is patterned after CERCLA.

Municipal Solid Waste (MSW): MSW “means a subset of solid waste which includes unsegregated garbage, refuse and similar solid waste material discarded from residential, commercial, institutional and industrial sources and community activities.” (WAC 173-350-100).

NCP: “National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan”, also known as “National Contingency Plan”. This is a plan adopted by EPA that,

among other things, establishes procedures and standards for remediating CERCLA cleanup sites. It is located at 40 C.F.R. Part 300.

PLP: Potentially Liable Person. A PLP is any person whom DOE finds, based on credible evidence, to be liable under MTCA. (RCW 70.105D.020(21)).

PRP: Potentially Responsible Party. A PRP is any individual or entity including owners, operators, transporters, or generators who may be liable under section 107(a) of CERCLA.

RCRA: Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (42 U.S.C. § 6901 *et seq.*). RCRA is a federal law that defines and regulates hazardous wastes as well as solid wastes. (See EPA RCRA Orientation Manual 2011 for further details; available at www.epa.gov/osw/inforesources/pubs/orientat/).

RCRA Subtitle C: The portions of RCRA that regulate hazardous waste.

RCRA Subtitle D: The portions of RCRA that regulate solid waste.

ROD: Record of Decision. A ROD is the official EPA document prepared for a CERCLA cleanup site that explains which remedial cleanup alternatives have been considered, the selected remedy, technical background relative to the decision, and how the decision complies with the law.

Solid Waste Handling: As defined in the SWMA, means “the management, storage, collection, transportation, treatment, utilization, processing and final disposal of solid wastes, including the recovery and recycling of materials from solid wastes, the recovery of energy resources from solid wastes or the conversion of the energy in solid wastes to more useful forms or combinations thereof.” (RCW 70.95.030(23)).

STCA: State Toxics Control Account. This is an account established under RCW 70.105D.070 to fund various waste-related activities.

SWMA: Solid Waste Management Act, RCW 70.95. This is the state law that implements RCRA Subtitle D and establishes additional state requirements for solid waste management.

TSD Facility: Treatment, Storage or Disposal Facility. A TSD facility is a facility authorized and permitted by DOE under the HWMA/RCRA Subtitle C to treat, store and/or dispose of hazardous waste.

WUTC: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission. The WUTC regulates solid waste collection companies.