



Selected List of U.S. Acronyms Commonly Used in Radiation Protection

AEC- Atomic Energy Commission, was replaced by the NRC in 1973.

ARM- Accelerator Produced Radioactive Material

DHS- Department of Homeland Security, <http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/>

DOD- Department of Defense, <http://www.defenselink.mil/>

DOE- Department of Energy

DOT- The Department of Transportation

DU- Depleted Uranium, source material depleted in U-235 content to less than 0.711%

EPA- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA),
<http://www.epa.gov/radiation/sources/index.html>

FEMA- Federal Emergency Management Agency <http://www.fema.gov/>

FDA- Food and Drug Administration, <http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/radhealth.html>

MARSSIM- The Multi-Agency Site Investigation Manual. Provides detailed guidance for planning, implementing, and evaluating environmental and facility radiological surveys conducted to demonstrate compliance with a dose- or risk-based regulation. Also used by the private sector as a guidance document.
http://www.epa.gov/radiation/marssim/faqs.htm#faq1_2

NARM- Naturally Occurring and Accelerator Produced Radioactive Material

NORM- Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material

NRC- Nuclear Regulatory Commission www.nrc.gov

OSHA- Occupational Safety and Health Administration, <http://www.osha.gov/>

TENORM- Technologically Enhanced Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material, such as thorium scaling build up in petroleum pipelines.