

## Acronyms Used in “Mercury Vapor Exposure and Potential Health Effects”

<b>ACGIH</b>	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
<b>ATSDR</b>	Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry
<b>BEI</b>	Biological Exposure Indices
<b>CA EPA</b>	California EPA
<b>CDC</b>	U.S. Centers for Disease Control
<b>CLEP</b>	Clinical Laboratory Evaluation Program
<b>ELAP</b>	Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program
<b>EPA</b>	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
<b>FDA</b>	U.S. Food and Drug Administration
<b>Hg</b>	Mercury
<b>Hg<sup>0</sup></b>	Elemental mercury (atoms with no charge)
<b>LOAEL</b>	Low Observed Adverse Effect Level
<b>LOEC</b>	Low Observed Effect Concentration
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<b>mcg</b>	Microgram (one-millionth of a gram)
<b>mcg/gC</b>	Micrograms per gram creatinine
<b>mcg/L</b>	Micrograms per liter
<b>mcg/m<sup>3</sup></b>	Micrograms per cubic meter
<b>MeHg</b>	Methylmercury
<b>MRL</b>	Minimal Risk Level (from ATSDR)
<b>ng</b>	Nanogram (one-billionth of a gram)
<b>ng/mL</b>	Nanograms per milliter = micrograms per liter = parts per billion
<b>NIOSH</b>	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
<b>NOAEL</b>	No Observed Adverse Effect Level
<b>NOEC</b>	No Observed Effect Concentration
<b>NOEL</b>	No Observed Effect Level
<b>NYSDOH</b>	New York State Department of Health
<b>OSHA</b>	U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration
<b>PEL</b>	Permissible Exposure Limit (from OSHA)
<b>REL</b>	Reference Exposure Level (from NIOSH or CA EPA)
<b>RfC</b>	Reference Concentration (from US EPA)
<b>TLV</b>	Threshold Limit Value (from ACGIH)
<b>TWA</b>	Time-Weighted Average (from OSHA, NIOSH, or ACGIH)
<b>UF</b>	Uncertainty Factor
<b>US EPA</b>	United States Environmental Protection Agency
<b>WHO</b>	World Health Organization