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# Acronyms and abbreviations

ADI	allowable daily intake
DBP	disinfection by-product
DWD	Drinking Water Directive (European Union)
GDWQ	<i>Guidelines for drinking-water quality</i>
HAA	haloacetic acid
HPC	heterotrophic plate count
IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency
IDC	individual dose criterion
MCL	maximum contaminant level
MCLG	maximum contaminant level goal
NDMA	<i>N</i> -nitrosodimethylamine
NTU	nephelometric turbidity unit
SDG	Sustainable Development Goal
TDI	tolerable daily intake
TDS	total dissolved solids
THM	trihalomethane
TOC	total organic carbon
TWG	technical working group
WASH	water, sanitation and hygiene

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