

40 C.F.R. § 130.2

Definitions.

- (a) *The Act*. The Clean Water Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 *et seq.*
- (b) *Indian Tribe*. Any Indian Tribe, band, group, or community recognized by the Secretary of the Interior and exercising governmental authority over a Federal Indian reservation.
- (c) *Pollution*. The man-made or man-induced alteration of the chemical, physical, biological, and radiological integrity of water.
- (d) *Water quality standards (WQS)*. Provisions of State or Federal law which consist of a designated use or uses for the waters of the United States and water quality criteria for such waters based upon such uses. Water quality standards are to protect the public health or welfare, enhance the quality of water and serve the purposes of the Act.
- (e) *Load or loading*. An amount of matter or thermal energy that is introduced into a receiving water; to introduce matter or thermal energy into a receiving water. Loading may be either man-caused (pollutant loading) or natural (natural background loading).

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