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**LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS**

<b>A.A</b>	Atomic absorption.
<b>AEC</b>	Anion exchange capacity.
<b>BSM</b>	Basal salts medium.
<b>C. Sand</b>	Coarse sand.
<b>CCA</b>	Chromated copper arsenate.
<b>CEC</b>	Cation exchange capacity.
<b>CPI</b>	Carbon preference index.
<b>EC</b>	Electrical conductivity.
<b>F. Sand</b>	Fine sand.
<b>FID</b>	Flame ionization detector.
<b>GC</b>	Gas chromatography.
<b>GC-MS</b>	Gas chromatography-mass spectrometry.
<b>GGs</b>	Group gathering stations.
<b>HM</b>	Heavy metals.
<b>HPLC</b>	High performance liquid chromatography.
<b>ICP</b>	Inductively coupled plasma.
<b>IR</b>	Infrared spectroscopy.
<b>ISV</b>	In situ vitrification.
<b>LB</b>	Luria-bertani.
<b>NOCs</b>	Non-ionic organic contaminants.
<b>NRC</b>	National research center.
<b>O.M</b>	Organic matter.
<b>ODR</b>	Oxygen diffusion rate.
<b>OMA</b>	Oil mineral aggregates.
<b>PAHs</b>	Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons.
<b>PCS</b>	Petroleum contaminated soil.
<b>Ph</b>	Phytane.
<b>Phe</b>	Phenanthrene.
<b>POPs</b>	Persistent organic pollutants.
<b>Pr</b>	Pristane.
<b>PTS</b>	Persistent toxic substances.
<b>S/S</b>	Solidification and stabilization.
<b>SPE</b>	Solid-phase extraction.
<b>TCFU</b>	Total colony forming unit.
<b>TLC</b>	Thin layer chromatography.
<b>TRP</b>	Total resolved peaks.
<b>U.S.EPA</b>	United States environmental protection agency.
<b>UCM</b>	Unresolved complex mixture.
<b>USDA</b>	United States department of agriculture.
<b>UV</b>	Ultraviolet.