

Glossary of Environmental Monitoring Terms

ACM:	Asbestos containing material
AHERA:	Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act
Asbestos:	Any of several minerals that readily separate into long flexible fibers, and that have been used formerly as fireproof insulating materials
ATSDR:	Federal Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry
DEP:	New York City Department of Environmental Protection
DDC:	New York City Department of Design and Construction
DOH:	New York City Department Of Health
EPA:	United States Environmental Protection Agency
Fiberglass:	Glass in fibrous form used in making various products (as glass wool for insulation)
HEPA:	High Efficiency Particulate Air filter
HVAC:	Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning
Micron:	A unit of length equal to one millionth of a meter
NIOSH:	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
OEM:	New York City Office of Emergency Management
OSHA:	United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration
PCM:	Phase Contrast Microscopy, a test for asbestos content in air
PM (2.5 & 10):	Respirable Particulate Matter either 2.5 or 10 microns in size
PLM:	Polarized Light microscopy, a test for asbestos content in dust
Silica:	Silicon Dioxide occurring in crystalline, amorphous, and impure forms (as in quartz, opal, and sand respectively)
TEM:	Transmission Electron Microscopy, a test for asbestos content

XRD:

X-Ray Diffraction