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

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