

Acronyms

ABA	Acid-Base Accounting
ACM	Acid Consuming Material (non-sulfidic)
AG	(Presently) ARD Generating
AMD	Acid Mine Drainage
ANC	Acid Neutralizing Capacity
AP(Sulfide)	Acid Potential (analytical procedure Sulfide-S)
ARD	Acid Rock Drainage
EC	Electrical Conductivity
ENP	Effective Neutralization Potential
INAP	International Network for Acid Prevention
ML	Metal Leaching
MPA	Maximum Potential Acidity
NAF-LS	Non-Acid Forming - Low Sulfur
NAF-HS	Non-Acid Forming - High Sulfur
NAG	Net Acid Generation
NAPP	Net Acid Producing Potential
NNP	Net Neutralization Potential
NP(Sobek)	Neutralization Potential (analytical procedure eg., Sobek)
NPAG	Not Potentially ARD Generating
NPR	Neutralization Potential Ratio
PAC	Potentially Acid Consuming
PAF-HC	Potentially Acid Forming - High Capacity
PAF-LC	Potentially Acid Forming - Low Capacity
PAG	Potentially ARD Generating
UNP	Unavailable Neutralization Potential

Note that there are equivalent interpretations to some of the above acronyms, related to North American and Australasian usages. For example:

- ARD = AMD
- ACM = PAC
- NPAG = NAF-LS or NAF-HS
- PAG = PAF-LC or PAF-HC
- AP = MPA
- NP = ANC

Parenthetical notation should be used to indicate the measurement from which the parameter was derived. Standard strong acid static NP procedures should be indicated as NP(Sobek), NP (modified Sobek) and NP(BCR). NP values calculated from the weak acid addition required to reach a prescribed pH should be indicated by the pH, e.g., NP(pH6). NP values determined from chemical analysis, kinetic test leachate analysis and mineralogical information should be indicated using notation like NP(CO₂), NP(TIC), NP(Leach Ca + Mg) and NP[(Ca&MgCO₃)].

This notation is not intended to replace inclusion of the detailed methods of determination. For example, a number of variations of the Sobek technique have been reported as the Sobek technique. Furthermore, there are different methods of analysis which for determination of the chemical and mineralogical parameters. The analytical methods will, of course, impact the accuracy of the determined values.

Another example is the provision of parenthetical notation to indicate whether data is from the field or laboratory. Effective NP data derived from humidity cells that went acid can be reported as ENP(lab), with ENP(field test) for data from field test piles.