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## CONVERSION FACTORS AND ABBREVIATIONS

### CONVERSION FACTORS

| Multiply  | By    | To obtain    |
|---|-------|--------------|
| acre  | 4,047 | square meter |
| foot (ft)   | .3048 | meter        |
| inch (in.)  | 2.54  | centimeter   |
| mile (mi)   | 1.609 | kilometer    |
| mil   | .0254 | millimeter   |
| Temperature in degrees Celsius (°C) may be converted to degrees Fahrenheit (°F) as follows: |       |              |
| $^{\circ}\text{F}=1.8\ ^{\circ}\text{C}+32$   |       |              |

### ABBREVIATIONS

|       |                                |
|-------|--------------------------------|
| mL    | milliliter                     |
| mm    | millimeter                     |
| PID   | photoionization detector       |
| ppb   | parts per billion              |
| ppb v | parts per billion by volume    |
| PVC   | polyvinyl chloride             |
| TCE   | trichloroethylene              |
| SVOC  | semi-volatile organic compound |
| mg/L  | microgram per liter            |
| µL    | microliter                     |
| VOC   | volatile organic compound      |