

ACRONYMS

CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CRI	The Carpet and Rug Institute
DEC	New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
DOH	New York State Department of Health
DOL	New York State Department of Labor
EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
FIFRA	Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act
HEPA	High Efficiency Particulate Air Filters
ISSA	"Used to Stand for International Sanitary Supply Association", but they have expanded the organization and therefore this doesn't encompass everything their organization does now, so the acronym is just that, an acronym.
MSDS	Material Safety Data Sheets
NSC	National Safety Council
OECD	Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
OGS	New York State Office of General Services
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration (U.S. Department of Labor)
PESHA	Public Employees Safety and Health Act (NY Department of Labor)
SED	New York State Education Department
VOC	Volatile organic compounds

DEFINITIONS

Anti-microbial: An agent that kills microorganisms such as viruses, bacteria, mold, etc.

EPA Link for Glossary and Acronyms: <http://www.epa.gov/OCEPAterms/>

Environmentally Sensitive Cleaning: The term is synonymous with "green cleaning". Environmentally sensitive cleaning products are cleaning products having properties that minimize potential impacts to human health and the environment without sacrificing product effectiveness.

Green Cleaning: The term green cleaning is synonymous with environmentally preferred or environmentally sensitive cleaning.

These terms are often used interchangeably to describe cleaning and maintenance products having properties that minimize potential impacts to human health and the environment without sacrificing product effectiveness

Green Seal: Green Seal is an independent, non-profit organization that strives to achieve a healthier and cleaner environment by identifying and promoting products and services that cause less toxic pollution and waste, conserve resources and habitats, and minimize global warming and ozone depletion. Green Seal has no financial interest in the products that it certifies or recommends or in any manufacturer or company. Green Seal's evaluations are based on state-of-the-art science and information using internationally recognized methods and procedures. Thus, Green Seal provides credible, objective, and unbiased information whose only purpose is to direct the purchaser to environmentally responsible products and services.

Environmental Choice Program: The Environmental Choice Program (ECP), Environment Canada's ecolabeling program, provides a market incentive to manufacturers and suppliers of environmentally preferable products and services, and thereby helps consumers identify products and services that are less harmful to the environment. Established in 1988, the ECP was the second national ecolabeling initiative undertaken. There are now more than three dozen such programs worldwide. The Global Ecolabeling Network (GEN) is an international association of ecolabeling programs, including the Environmental Choice Program. A key aspect of the certification process is the requirement for third party verification of compliance to ECP certification criteria as a condition for certification and licensing. This process ensures the Program's credibility.

National Safety Council: The National Safety Council is a nonprofit, nongovernmental, international public service organization dedicated to protecting life and promoting health. The NSC is a membership organization, founded in 1913 and chartered by the U.S. Congress in 1953. Members include more than 48,000 businesses, labor organizations, schools, public agencies, private groups and individuals.

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<http://www.nsc.org/ehc/glossary.htm>