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## UNITS OF MEASUREMENT

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Metric Unit	Symbol	U.S. Unit	U.S. Equivalent
meter	m	yard	1.094 yd
kilometer	km	mile	0.6214 mi
cubic meter	m <sup>3</sup>	cubic yard	1.308 yd <sup>3</sup>
square kilometer	km <sup>2</sup>	square mile	0.386 sq mi
hectare	ha	acres	2.471 ac
cubic hectometer	hm <sup>3</sup>	acre-foot*	810.68 ac-ft
gram	g	ounce	0.035 oz
kilogram	kg	pound	2.205 lb
metric ton (1,000 kg)	mt	ton	2,205 lb
milliliter	ml	fluid ounce	0.0338 oz
liter	L	quart	1.057 qt

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## CONCENTRATION UNITS

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Metric Unit	Symbol	Ratio Equivalent <sup>‡</sup>
milligram/liter	mg/L	parts per million 1 ppm = 1 mg/L
microgram/liter	µg/L	parts per billion 1 ppb = 1 µg/L <sup>†</sup>
nanogram/liter	ng/L	parts per trillion 1 ppt <sup>**</sup> = 1 ng/L

### Other common units:

cfs	cubic feet per second
mgd	million gallons per day
NTU	nephelometric turbidity unit
psu	practical salinity units
SU	standard units
µmhos/cm	micromhos per centimeter
µS/cm	microsiemens per centimeter

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\* This U.S. unit of measure is commonly used to express large volumes of water. It is used throughout the *2011 South Florida Environmental Report*, although related data may be stated in metric units.

‡ Assumes subject water has a density of 1 g/ml.

† Water quality data are typically reported in metric units, such as µg/L. However, public policy documents often express water quality information in U.S. units, such as ppb. Both are used in the *2011 South Florida Environmental Report*, depending on the appropriate context.

\*\* Usually used to denote parts per trillion, although sometimes for parts per thousand, depending on the appropriate context.