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The American Cleaning Institute (www.cleaninginstitute.org) graciously gave us permission to copy their 1987 publication: *A Handbook of Industry Terms* in its entirety. The handbook was part of the ACI's education efforts dedicated to advancing public understanding of the safety and benefits of sustainable cleaning products, as well as to encourage their safe, effective and responsible use.

Since we, as professional sanitarians specialize in contamination control in the protection of the public's health in a wide array of environments and industries, the need for exacting language in our communications is essential to encourage, understand and affect positive changes. For this reason, we have added this handbook to our lexicographic collection in the hopes that we can adopt and use a more standard terminology; with more precise definitions.

The Academy and the ACI encourage the users of this dictionary to submit suggestions on new definitions and changes to those terms appearing in the handbook.

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