

| Code | Name | Description | DFlag | SNum |
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| TOC | Top of Core | Point of reference for the depth or elevation of the sample, measurement, or observation is the top of the core | Y | 1 |
| BOC | Bottom of Core | Point of reference for the depth or elevation of the sample, measurement, or observation is the bottom of the core | Y | 2 |
| TOS | Top of Slice | Point of reference for the depth or elevation of the sample, measurement, or observation is the top of a slice which came from a core | Y | 3 |
| BOS | Bottom of Slice | Point of reference for the depth or elevation of the sample, measurement, or observation is the bottom of a slice which came from a core | Y | 4 |
| WSR | Water Surface | Point of reference for the depth or elevation of the sample, measurement, or observation is the surface of the body of water | Y | 5 |
| TBN | Top of Benthic Nepheloid Layer | Point of reference for the depth or elevation of the sample, measurement, or observation is the top of the layer of sediment-water interface | Y | 6 |
| TSB | Top of Sediment Bed | Point of reference for the depth or elevation of the sample, measurement, or observation is the top of the layer of unconsolidated (i.e., non-hard pan) material existing at the bottom of the body of water | Y | 7 |
| THP | Top of Hard Pan | Point of reference for the depth or elevation of the sample, measurement, or observation is the top of the relatively impenetrable layer of material underlying the unconsolidated sediments at the bottom of the body of water | Y | 8 |
| THR | Thermocline | Point of reference for the depth or elevation of the sample, measurement, or observation is a sharp discontinuity in temperature | Y | 9 |
| CHM | Chemocline | Point of reference for the depth or elevation of the sample, measurement, or observation is a sharp discontinuity in chemical composition | Y | 10 |
| PYC | Pycnocline | Point of reference for the depth or elevation of the sample, measurement, or observation is a sharp discontinuity in density | Y | 11 |
| HAL | Halocline | Point of reference for the depth or elevation of the sample, measurement, or observation is a sharp discontinuity in salinity | Y | 12 |
| OTH | Other | Point of reference for the depth or elevation of the sample, measurement, or observation is other than presented in this list | Y | 13 |