

efflorescence

The reverse of deliquescence: the drying of a salt solution when the vapour pressure of water in the saturated solution of a substance is greater than the partial pressure of water in the ambient air. Also refers to the loss of water of crystallization from a solid salt such as $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$.

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