

scrubbing

1. (in solvent extraction): The process of selectively removing contaminating solutes (impurities) from an extract that contains these as well as the main extractable solute by treatment with a new immiscible liquid phase. The term stripping has a different meaning and should not be used in this sense although this usage has been customary in certain industries.

See also *crowding*, *stripping*.

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2. (in atmospheric chemistry): A process used in gas sampling or gas cleaning in which components in the gas stream are removed by contact with a liquid surface or a wetted packing, on spray drops, droplets, or in a bubbler, etc.

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