

## 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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PAC, 1990, 62, 2167 (*Glossary of atmospheric chemistry terms (Recommendations 1990)*) on page 2186