acid deposition

_in atmospheric chemistry_

The acids deposited by transfer from the atmosphere either by precipitation (rain, fog, snow, etc.), called wet deposition, or by direct transfer to the surface of the earth induced by the flow of acid-containing air masses over the earth's surface, called dry deposition.

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PAC, 1990, 62, 2167 (Glossary of atmospheric chemistry terms (Recommendations 1990)) on page 2170