**fume**

_in atmospheric chemistry_

Fine solid particles (aerosol), predominantly less than 1 μm in diameter, which result from the condensation of vapour from some types of chemical reaction. Usually this is formed from the gaseous state generally after volatilization from melted substances and often accompanied by chemical reactions such as oxidation.

**Source:**
PAC, 1990, 62, 2167 (_Glossary of atmospheric chemistry terms (Recommendations 1990)_ ) on page 2190