**acid rain**

*in atmospheric chemistry*

Rain with pH values < about 5; commonly results from acids formed from pollutants. 'Pure' rain water equilibrated with atmospheric CO₂ and naturally occurring acids in relatively clean air usually has a pH > 5.

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