air quality characteristic

in atmospheric chemistry

One of the quantifiable properties relating to an air sample: concentration of a constituent, wind speed, temperature, etc. The quantity of air quality characteristic is the true value of the characteristic being investigated; it is recognized that in practice, this value can only be approximated by existing methods.

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