freezing out

*in atmospheric chemistry*

A term used in combustion for the analysis of incinerator flue gas components (largely the organic fraction) in which a series of traps at progressively lower temperatures is employed. In more general use, the term implies the removal of a condensable gas or liquid by condensation in a trap at low temperatures.

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