## nitrosamides

Although this term has, regrettably, been used to mean the *N*-nitroso derivatives of amides, logically it refers to amides of nitrous acid; the unstable parent compound H<sub>2</sub>NNO is, in fact, named nitrosamide, but its derivatives formed by substitution with hydrocarbyl groups are by long custom called nitrosamines.

See also: nitramines

## Source:

PAC, 1995, 67, 1307 (Glossary of class names of organic compounds and reactivity intermediates based on structure (IUPAC Recommendations 1995)) on page 1352