open hearth furnace

*in atmospheric chemistry*

Reverberatory furnace, containing a basin-shaped hearth, for melting and refining suitable types of pig iron, iron ore, and scrap for steel production. A large amount of dust from ore and other materials and splashings from slag are carried away by the waste gases; a supplementary chamber is commonly used for collecting slag and dust.

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PAC, 1990, 62, 2167 (*Glossary of atmospheric chemistry terms (Recommendations 1990)*) on page 2204