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Term generally referring to either **adsorption** or **absorption**. Adsorption is the process by which one material attaches itself to the surface of a second material. Some air pollutants settle out and coat the outer surface of a building, for example. Absorption is the process by which one material soaks into a second material. Liquid air pollutants may actually soak into the surface of a building. The term sorption is most commonly used when the exact process involved, adsorption or absorption, is unknown. Various sorption methods are employed to reduce pollutants from contaminated air and water.

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