

**dew point (in atmospheric chemistry)**

That temperature at which water vapour present in the atmosphere is just sufficient to saturate it. When air is cooled below the dew point, the excess of water vapour appears as tiny droplets or crystals of ice depending on the temperature of the air mass. This term is also applicable to acid gases as in the problem of acid corrosion and acid smut formation.

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