

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_2NNO is, in fact, named nitrosamide, but its derivatives formed by substitution with *hydrocarbyl* groups are by long custom called *nitrosamines*.

See also *nitramines*.

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