

**turbidity,  $\tau$**   
*in light scattering*

The apparent absorbance of the incident radiation due to scattering. For small particles, direct proportionality exists between turbidity and the Rayleigh ratio.

**Source:**

Purple Book, p. 66

**See also:**

PAC, 1990, 62, 2167 (*Glossary of atmospheric chemistry terms (Recommendations 1990)*) on page 2218