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- [Adsorption](#) The mechanism whereby ions or compounds within a liquid or gas adhere to a solid surface upon contact. The term also refers to a method of treating wastes in which activated carbon is used to remove organic compounds from wastewater.
- [AFCEE](#) Air Force Center for Engineering and the Environment AMA American Management Association
- [Anion](#) A negatively charged ion.
- [Arithmetic mean](#) The sum of a collection of numbers divided by the number of numbers in the collection, commonly referred to as the "average".