

## denitrification

The reduction of nitrates to nitrites, dinitrogen oxide (nitrous oxide) or dinitrogen catalysed by microorganisms, e.g. facultative aerobic soil bacteria under anaerobic conditions.

**Source:**

PAC, 1992, 64, 143 (*Glossary for chemists of terms used in biotechnology (IUPAC Recommendations 1992)*) on page 151