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5-A1 PURIFICATION OF WATER AS MEMORIAL
Development of a Memorial Complex for Bhopal gas tragedy victims

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PHYSIC-CHEMICAL TREATMENT/REMOVAL PROCESSES FOR METALS

01 Aeration:
Air stripping is a physical diffusion process which separates gases or volatile components from water by mechanically increasing the air/liquid surface area, thus permitting a greater rate of diffusion. In steam aeration can be accomplished using packed columns of compressed air, or perforated pipes attached to an on-shore compressor.

02 Precipitation:
All precipitation processes operate under the same fundamental chemical principles and utilize similar types of equipment and process configurations.
The principal mechanism of precipitation involves the alteration of the ionic equilibrium of a metallic compound to produce an insoluble precipitate. Typically, an alkaline reagent is used to lower the solubility of the metallic constituent and thus bring about its precipitation. In general, precipitation reactions form a soft and an easily dewatered sludge.

Hydroxide, sulphide and carbonate precipitation of heavy metal removal.
a. Hydroxide precipitation:
Lime is commonly employed of reducing heavy metals concentrations in aqueous wastes is by hydroxide precipitation and sedimentation. Excess lime or caustic soda is used to precipitate metal hydroxide which are relatively insoluble in alkaline solutions.
b. Sulphide precipitation:
Addition of excess soluble sulphide soluble $Na2S$ or sparingly soluble FeS can remove heavy metals effectively even at the presence of complexing and chelating agents because metal sulphides are generally less soluble than the corresponding hydroxides, better removal efficiencies are achieved with sulphide precipitation over a broad pH range.
c. Carbonate precipitation:
Carbonate precipitation with soda ash is used to remove heavy metals because of the lower operating pH and the lower solubility of the metal carbonate compared with metal hydroxide.

03 Neutralization:
Neutralization consists of adjusting an acidic or alkaline condition of water by appropriate reagent to a final pHof 6 to 9 which meets surface water discharge requirements established under the Clean Water Act.
The selection of the appropriate reagent for water neutralization is site-specific and depends on factors such as availability, ease of handling, shipping and storage, cost and availability, speed of reaction, buffering qualities, product solubility, costs associated with reagent handling and residual quantities and characteristics.**04 Membrane Separation for Metal Removal:**
The membrane processes considered here include pressure-driven membrane processes, such as reverse osmosis, and electrically driven processes. Reverse osmosis and electrodialysis are used to recover plating compounds from rinse water and to permit possible reuse of rinse water as plating bath makeup.
The primary function of a membrane is to allow preferential containment and transport of certain components present in the waste streams. Both the rate (flux) and selectivity of the membrane separation depend on the type and charge, ionic or organic chemical composition, structures (eg, pore size and symmetry of pore structure) and mechanism of membrane action (eg, absorptive, ion exchange, osmotic or inert membrane).

a. Reverse Osmosis:
Reverse osmosis, sometimes called hyperfiltration, may be used to concentrate dilute solutions of many organic species, including dissolved ions and many organic solvents. Ideally it permits only the transfer of water, selectively retaining all other dissolved species within the waste stream. Operating pressure used are high, of the order of 300 to 1500 psig in order to overcome the osmotic pressure of the solute solution. Flux rates are relatively low and decrease with time as the osmotic pressure increases during reverse osmosis, additional pressure is required to maintain the water permeation rate.
The reverse osmosis technology is capable of achieving zero discharge in certain applications. The main issue that must be determined is the potential fouling of expensive membranes. Assuming that the membrane fouling problem can be adequately controlled, reverse osmosis systems should achieve economical benefits associated with chemical recovery and the elimination of the expense of hazardous waste disposal.
b. Electrodialysis:
In Electrodialysis processes use an electrical potential gradient and special synthetic membranes, usually ion exchange type resins, to produce an enriched stream and a depleted stream. cation and anion exchange membranes are arranged alternatively to form compartments in a stack maintained between two electrodes. When direct current flows through the stack, cations migrate toward the cathode and the stack migrate in opposite directions. Depending upon the selectivity of the membrane, the ion will either pass through the first membrane it encounters or be held within its original compartments. Thus, salt solutions are concentrated or diluted in alternate compartments.
The most successful application of electrodialysis appears to be the recovery of metals from electroplating bath rinse waters. Electrolysis and reverse osmosis are competitive processes for these applications. Electrolysis would appear to have the advantage when concentrated levels are low (operating costs are low), or when recovery values justify the expense of achieving concentration levels higher than those normally encountered.
Because all chemicals is a recovery process, the environmental impacts are limited to those resulting from pre-treatment and post-treatment. Pre-treatment operations generating wastes include filtration to remove solids, oil and grease, chemical precipitation, to remove scaling components, and ion exchange to remove hardness. The need for post-treatment depends on the quality of the product. Post-treatment requirements are minimal, but could involve treatment or purification of process streams softening from a gradual accumulation of contaminants in a near zero zone discharge system.

05 Disinfection:
Disinfection is the most important water treatment process for preventing the spread of infections.

Schematic diagram of ionic treatment
Cation
Anion
Mixed Bed
Cation Exchange
Anion Exchange
Mixed Bed Exchange
Regeneration
Rinse
Service
Rinse
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