

From Wastewater by using Chitosan

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Abstract

Background: 2,4-dichlorophenol (DCP), one of the most phenolic compounds family with highly toxic effect, exists in agricultural areas, chlorinated waters, discharging wastewater of pulp and paper industries. Chlorophenols can cause damages to the kidneys, liver, pancreas and weaken the central nervous system (NS). In the current study we evaluate the adsorption of DCP by chitosan in aqueous environments.

Materials and Methods: In this study we evaluated the effect of operational parameters such as time (15-90min), pH values (3-9), initial concentration of DCP (15-100mg/l) and the dose of chitosan (1-0.9g) in a batch reactor. A spectrophotometer at wavelength of 400nm was used to measure the concentration of DCP. Freundlich and Langmuir isotherm model and Pseudo-first order kinetic models and Pseudo-second order kinetic was drawn by using of the results obtained in the adsorption process.

Results: Equilibrium time in the adsorption process was estimated to 75 minutes (DCP concentration 15mg/chitosan Concentration 0.5g and pH 6.5) with 76% removal efficiency. pH 3 was calculated the optimal pH in adsorption process (DCP concentration 15mg/l, Chitosan concentration 0.5g and time equilibrium 75min) with efficiency 79% and the value of efficiency decreased by increasing pH. In 15mg/l concentration of DCP maximum adsorption with an efficiency of 79% was observed. (Chitosan concentration 0.5g, time equilibrium 75 min. and pH 3) and the maximum 87% adsorption efficiency of DCP was observed. Adsorption process follows of Freundlich Isotherm with correlation coefficient of 0.9599 and the pseudo second order kinetic model with correlation coefficient of 0.9649.

Conclusion: According to results of the study, chitosan can be used to remove of DCP from industrial wastewater due to of its perfect characteristics such as biodegradability, regurgent ability, low cost adsorption acceptable efficiency.

Keywords: 2,4-dichlorophenol, Chitosan, industrial wastewater, adsorption process

Phenolic compounds are one of the most common pollutants which include a wide range of organic chemicals phenol derivatives, phenolic compounds include phenol chlorophenols, nitrophenol and can be amino-phenol Chlorophenol is one of the compounds in this group with high toxicity and COD that has low biodegradability and detrimental effects on living organisms and human health the low concentrations[1]. The most common chlorophenols are 4-chlorophenol, 2,4-dichlorophenol and 2,4,6-trichlorophenol. 2,4-dichlorophenol (DCP) is one of the most toxic compounds of chlorophenolics, which is solid in the air as colorless crystals and has high solubility in alcohol. The most use of DCP is in manufacturing insecticides, pesticides and an important matter in seed antiseptics. Contaminants frequently resistant is seen mostly in agricultural areas, wastewater disinfected by chlorine, pulp and paper mill waste industrial output. Since chlorophenols cause damage to the kidney, liver, pancreas, weakened the central nervous system and cause denaturation of protein molecules, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) classified this compound as hazardous air pollutants. United States of America Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has considered phenol and its derivatives as 11 combinations of 126 chemicals in the class of pollutants with high risk level. EPA recommends DCP concentration in drinking water less than 0.03 mg / l. World Health Organization (WHO) recommends 1 mg / l in drinking water and 1mg / l as the maximum allowable concentration in wastewater discharges to surface water sources. Removal methods such as biological processes, chemical oxidation, solvent extraction, burning, reverse osmosis, electrochemical methods and radiation were used to remove excess amounts of phenol and phenol compounds in wastewater[5]. Most of these methods have disadvantages such as high cost, low efficiency, the need for pre-treatment before main refining process and emissions are surplus. Adsorption