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Study of Adsorption Impact of Wood Ash and Fly Ash on Spent Wash Quality for Irrigation Purpose

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ABSTRACT: Adsorption treatment of distillery spent wash has great potential as a sustainable method as it is a low cost method. The aim of this investigation is to study the treatment method for purification of distillery spent wash by using Fly ash and Wood ash. For this, the study comprising evaluation of reduction of various physical chemical parameters (Color, Odor, pH, COD, TS, TDS, Ca, Mg, Na and K) of distillery spent wash was checked by passing through the columns of Fly ash and Wood ash. The distillery effluent was acidic (pH 4.7) and dark brown in color which often cause psychological fear in farmers for utilization. Fly ash treatment of spent wash exhibited good reduction in COD, TS, TDS, Mg, Na, Ca, after 72 hour treatment and increase in pH toward pH 7 followed by Fly ash + Wood ash (1:1).

Keywords: Absorbent, Fly ash, Chemical parameter, Distillery Spent wash, Irrigation, Wood ash.

I. INTRODUCTION

Increasing industrialization and ever increasing population is damaging the environment same is done by the disposal of untreated effluents. Various pollutants produced in industries directly or indirectly are accumulating in our environment. These pollutants cause severe degradation in pedosphere, hydrosphere, atmosphere and thus causing a potential menace to the health and welfare of mankind

Improper disposal methods and inadequate treatment of toxic constituents from different industries have led to the widespread contamination of surface and ground waters and have made the water resources unfit for usage. Hence there is an urgent need for waste water treatment.

Environmental pollution by distillery industry has recently been the subject of much research. Distillery waste is one of the major wastes of ecological concern. It is a complex, caramelized and recalcitrant waste containing high percentage of

organic matter and heavy metal ions (Nemade and Shri vastava, 2000). This causes pollution in receiving waters as well as in land.

To safeguard humanity, we require conducive and congenial environment for which the industrial pollution need to be minimized substantially. To achieve this, several physical, chemical and biological methods/techniques have been developed and being practiced in very few industries along with distilleries (Lin et al 2003). The reason of limited scope of these techniques lies with their adhered economical solution of the pollution abatement problems, adsorption treatment has been one of the cost effective method and being practical unintentionally during crop irrigation. Once the industrial effluent is suitably treated, it could be applicable for crop irrigation. The application of effluent to short rotation forestry crop is a treatment system which if properly designed and maintained could both increase the productivity of the crops and reduce the waste disposal problem (Sims and Riddell 2001). Keeping this in view, the present study therefore is planned to investigate the land treatment of distillery effluent with following objectives

1. To characterize physico-chemical characteristics (pH, Color, Odor, COD, TS, TDS, Na, K, Mg, and Ca) of distillery spent wash.
2. Effect of Different Textures of Fly ash and Wood Ash on Physico Chemical Characteristics of Distillery Spent Wash.

FLY ASH

Ash produced in small dark flecks by the burning of powdered coal or other materials and carried into the air is known as fly ash. It is mostly produced from thermal power plants.

WOOD ASH

Wood ash is the residue powder left after the combustion of wood, such as burning wood in a home fireplace or an industrial power plant

II. MATERIAL AND METHODS

4.1 Sample collection

Effluents waste water (spent wash) was taken from a distillery, located in Dehradun. The factory uses molasses as the raw material. Samples were collected at main outlet of distillery in the first week of November 2016. Samples were collected five times at weekly from November to December 2016 in clean sterile plastic container and stored at 4°C in a refrigerator.

4.2 Research Design:

Twelve plastic pots were filled with 2 kg soil in each, and wheat was grown (*Triticum aestivum*) Variety UP 2329 .After 20 days of growth, three pots of each group were irrigated with 72 hour, 48 hour and 24 hour treated spent wash respectively and the 4th pot of each was used as control. On each irrigation date 500 ml of treated effluent (24 hour treated, 48 hour treated and 72 hour treated) was poured in each pot as previously discussed. Same time treated samples were collected in sterile reagent bottles for physical and chemical tests and stored at 4°C.

Twelve columns of fly ash, wood ash and fly ash + wood ash (1:1) were prepared for treatment of distillery spent wash as follows:

Table: 1.1 Designs of Columns of Fly ash, Wood Ash and Fly ash + Wood Ash (1:1)

Columns filled with	Set-1	Set-2	Set-3	Set-4
	(24 hr treatment)	(48 hr treatment)	(72 hr treatment)	CONTROL (C)
Fly ash (AC)	FA-1	FA-2	FA-3	FA-C
Wood Ash (WA)	WA-1	WA-2	WA-3	WA-C
Fly ash + Wood Ash (1:1)	FW-1	FW-2	FW -3	FW-C

4.3 Physico Chemical Parameters Selected for analysis:

4.3.1 Physical Parameters: Color, Odor, pH, TS, TDS.

4.3.2 Chemical parameters: COD, Ca, Mg, Na & K.

4.4 Measurement of Total Solids (TS): Total solids were determined by measuring the residue left after evaporation of unfiltered samples (APHA 1995).

4.4.1 Calculations Total Solids (mg/l) = (A-B) x 1000 / Vol. of sample (ml).

Where A= Dry weight of residue + Dish (mg)

B=Weight of Dish (mg).

4.5 Total Dissolved Solids (TDS): Total dissolved solids are determined by measuring the residue left after evaporation of filtered sample (APHA 1995).

4.6 Measurement of pH: The pH of effluent was measured by pH meter using a glass electrode pH meter and also by using universal pH indicator solution.

4.7 Measurement of COD: It is the maximum amount of oxygen that can be consumed by the organic matter in the sample for complete oxidation. It is measured by method described in APHA (1995).

In this ferrous ammonium sulphate (0.25M) and potassium dichromate ($K_2Cr_2O_7$) of 0.04167 M are used for titration.

4.7.1 Calculations: $COD (mg/l) = (A-B) \times M \times 1000 / \text{volume of Sample in ml.}$

Where A = Volume of FAS used for blank in ml.

B = Volume of FAS used for sample in ml.

M = Molarity of FAS.

FAS = Ferrous Ammonium Sulphate.

4.8 Determination of Ca and Mg: It was measured by complexometric titration using ethylene diamine tetra acetic acid (EDTA).

4.9 Determination of Na and K : A characteristic light is produced due to excitation of electrons when the samples with Na/K sprayed into a flame. The intensity of this characteristic radiation is proportional to the concentration of Na/K and can be read at 529/768nm by using suitable optical filter device (Tondon 1998)

4.10 Wood ash was prepared by burning Lantana camara which is growing in Dehradun at high scale everywhere and becoming a major problem.

4.11 Temperature: All experiments are performed at temperature between 25°C to 35°C.

RESULT

Table 1.4 shows that visible color of distillery effluent was dark brown having foul smell, with acidic nature (pH 4.7) and contain TS-10000 mg/l, TDS-7600 mg/l, COD-8200 mg/l, Ca-2200 mg/l, Mg-1730 mg/l, Na-800 mg/l, and K-1700 mg/l. Table 1.4 reveals the removal of pollutants from distillery spent wash, which is seen maximum after 72 hour treatment with Fly ash followed by 48 hour and minimum in 24 hour treatment while minimum changes are seen with Wood ash treatment. After treatment with Fly ash at various time intervals, pH of spent was increased significantly from 4.7 to 6.0 after 72 hour treatment (Table 1.4). COD (4727 mg/l), TS (4167 mg/l), TDS (3918 mg/l) were found minimum after 72 hour treatment with Fly ash (Table 1.4), maximum reductions in Ca (351 mg/l), Mg (500mg/l), Na (272mg/l), and K (483mg/l) are seen after 72 hour treatment with Fly ash (Table 1.4). Maximum reduction in TS, TDS, COD, pH and metallic ions is observed after 72 hour treatment following by 48 hour treatment and minimum change after 24 hour treatment. While after treatment with Wood ash, pH changed to 5.9, TS (5000 mg/l), TDS (4505 mg/l), COD (5095 mg/l), Ca (510 mg/l), Mg (688 mg/l), Na (317 mg/l) and K (698 mg/l). After 72 hour treatment with Fly ash + Wood ash (1:1) pH change to 6.0, TS (4580 mg/l), TDS (4200 mg/l), COD (4900 mg/l), Ca (430 mg/l), Mg (590 mg/l), Na (300 mg/l) and K (590 mg/l), Table 1.4.

DISCUSSION

Fly ash is a good adsorbent for color removal from spent wash and referred discoloration up to 95% while discoloration decreased with increasing concentration, reduction in COD from distillery effluent was found maximum 42.35% by using Fly ash while metallic ions are reduced as Ca (84.05%), Mg (71.10%), Na (66%) and K (71.59%) after 72 hour treatment. While with wood ash reductions are seen as COD (37.87%), TS (50%), TDS (40.72%), Ca (76.82%), Mg (60.23%), Na (60.38%), K (58.94%) after 72 hour treatment. With (fly ash + wood ash (1:1)) following reductions are seen as COD (40.24%), TS (54.20%), TDS (44.74%), Ca (80.45%), Mg (65.90%), Na (62.5%) and K (65.30%) after 72 hour treatment. Changed distillery spent wash characteristic result in an altered growth of wheat plant and growth of wheat was increased by irrigation with 72 hour treated effluent treated with fly ash and fly ash + wood ash (1:1). Effluent was purified at a good level by Fly ash.

CONCLUSION

On the basis of experimental result it could be conclude that treatment of distillery effluent by using Fly ash is good adsorption methods for removal of pollutants from distillery spent wash and it can reshape the effluent characteristics so it could be used as irrigation water to reduce the pressure of application of chemical fertilizers and normal water irrigation. The study revealed that the diluted effluent could be beneficial for better growth of wheat plant which also enhances wheat seed germination. The adsorbent treatment method could be profitably practiced for removing the pollutants from distillery effluent and can reduce the ground water contamination. Fly ash can be used for this purpose successfully at commercial level in industries. Solid waste adsorbed by adsorbent can be used to produce organic manure which needs further research.

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Table: 1.2

Initial Physico Chemical Characteristics of Distillery Spent Wash before Treatment.

Parameters	Value
Color	Dark Black Brown
Odor	Foul Molasses
TS	10000 mg/l
TDS	7600 mg/l
pH	4.7
COD	8200 mg/l
Ca	2200 mg/l
Mg	1730 mg/l
Na	800 mg/l
K	1700 mg/l

Table: 1.3

Effect of Fly ash and Wood ash on Color and Odor of Spent Wash.

Parameters	Fly ash			Wood Ash			Fly ash + Wood Ash (1:1)		
	24hr FA-1	48hr FA-2	72hr FA-3	24hr WA-1	48hr WA-2	72hr WA-3	24hr FW-1	48hr FW-2	72hr FW-3
Color	B	LB	CL	B	LB	LB	B	LB	VLB
Odor	MO	MM	OL	MO	MO	MM	MO	MM	MM

LB: Light Brown, B: Brown, CL: Colorless, MO: Molasses Odor, MM: Mild Molasses, OL: Odorless, VLB: Very Light Brown

Table: 1.4

Physico Chemical Characteristics of Distillery Spent Wash treated with Fly ash and Wood Ash.

Para-meters	Original Sample	Fly ash			Wood Ash			Fly Ash + Wood Ash (1:1)		
		24hr	48rh	72hr	24hr	48rh	72hr	24hr	48hr	72hr
TS	10000	5625	4792	4167	6250	5625	5000	5936	5200	4580
TDS	7600	4701	4309	3918	4897	4701	4505	4780	4500	4200
pH	4.7	5.2	5.5	6.0	5.0	5.3	5.9	5.3	5.8	6.0
COD	8200	5467	5065	4727	5615	5307	5095	5500	5150	4900
Ca	2200	447	414	351	574	557	510	510	480	430
Mg	1730	562	521	500	709	688	688	630	600	590
Na	800	347	302	272	377	347	317	360	325	300
K	1700	555	519	483	752	734	698	650	620	590

NOTE: All values in mg/lit except pH

TABLE: 1.5

Percent Change in Physico Chemical Characteristics of Distillery Spent Wash Treated with Fly ash and Wood ash.

Para-meters	Original Sample	Fly ash			Wood Ash			Fly ash+Wood Ash (1:1)		
		24hr	48rh	72hr	24hr	48rh	72hr	24hr	48hr	72hr
TS	10000	-43.75	-52.08	-58.33	-37.50	-43.75	-50.00	-40.64	-48.00	-54.20
TDS	7600	-38.15	-43.30	-48.45	-35.57	-38.15	-40.72	-37.12	-40.79	-44.74

pH	4.7	+10.64	+17.02	+27.66	+6.38	+12.77	+25.53	+12.77	+23.40	+27.66
COD	8200	-33.33	-38.23	-42.35	-31.52	-35.28	-37.87	-32.93	-37.20	-40.24
Ca	2200	-79.68	-81.18	-84.05	-73.91	-74.68	-76.82	-76.82	-94.00	-80.45
Mg	1730	-67.51	-69.88	-71.10	-59.02	-60.23	-60.23	-63.58	-65.32	-65.90
Na	800	-56.63	-62.25	-66.00	-52.88	-56.63	-60.38	-55.00	-59.38	-62.50
K	1700	-67.35	-69.47	-71.59	-55.77	-56.82	-58.94	-61.77	-63.53	-65.30

(+Increase,-Decrease)

Percentage Decrease in Physico Chemical Characteristics of Distillery Spent Wash Treated with Fly ash, Wood ash and Fly ash + Wood ash (1:1) after 72 hour Treatment

