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## Removal of ammonical nitrogen from industrial effluent

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### ABSTRACT

*Ammonia removal from wastewater has become a worldwide emerging concern as ammonia proves to be toxic to aquatic species and also causes eutrophication in a natural water environment. Nitrogen compounds in our effluent have been removed by means of biological approaches (micro-organisms). Based on the microbial nitrogen cycle many biological technologies and processes have been developed and implemented for nitrogen removal from wastewater, such as de-nitrification, nitrification and by the use of biological species. However, with the effluent discharge standards have become more stringent (<10mg total nitrogen/L), conventional processes cannot meet the new requirements. We have removed the amount of nitrogen with the help of bacteria such as Nitrosomonas, Nitrospira. The limit of discharging nitrogen is 50ppm into the rivers. So by using these bacteria, our aim will be fulfilled.*

**Keywords:** Bacteria, Nitrogen, Effluent.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Industrial pollution continues to be a potential threat affecting the water. The discharge of non-biodegradable heavy metals like copper, zinc, nickel lead, cadmium and chromium into water stream is hazardous because the consumption of polluted water causes various health problems. The dominating process for the removal of nitrogen is chemical precipitation. Typically it is done with aluminum and iron coagulants before the biological treatment but nitrogen can also be precipitated in the biological treatment or as the final step of the treatment process.

There are Two Things Ammonia recovers & ammonia removing

Ammonia recovers are most useful economical because the ammonia product is very useful and costly and eco-friendly.

#### 1) Ammonia recovers from ammonical waste

(a) By Distillation Tower

The ammonia can be recovered with distillation tower the tower height depends upon the quantity of waste and percentage of ammonia. (as shown in the fig)

(b) Successful Ammonia Removal from Wastewater Using Liqui-Cel Membrane.

(c) The membrane bioreactor (MBR) treatment process consists of three main components: 1) anoxic basins, 2) pre-aeration basins, and 3) the MBR basins. Raw wastewater must be screened through a fine screen prior to the anoxic basin. From the anoxic basin, mixed liquor flows into the pre-aeration basins and then into the MBR basins. The membranes are located in the MBR basins where wastewater is passed through the membranes and permeate pumps deliver the effluent to the disinfection process prior to discharge. The membranes remove the need for secondary clarification required in other treatment processes.

(d) The solution is ECP (Electrolytic Catalytic Precipitation). From 1000 ppm to 0 ppm in few hours, without chemicals, without dilution, only with electric power. ECP is a process assigned to Aquatic Technologies. Primary claims all refer to

the addition of catalytic enzymes, but the results cited do not show much improvement over straight anodic oxidations.

## 2) Ammonia Removing

I. Remove ammonia from the wastewater via biological nitrification.

II. Different from biological treatment, this process physically converts ammonia in wastewater to nitrogen and steam using the stripper and the catalytic converter

III. Anaerobically digest the excess biomass from biological nitrification to release ammonia into the water in the digester. Microorganisms can be used to convert ammonia to nitrate. A facility for doing this would likely be inexpensive to run but would take up a lot of space

IV. When excess digested biomass is dewatered, retain the filtrate from the dewatering process. It should contain > 1000 mg/L of ammonia.

V. You could take anaerobic with USAB follow Fixed Media as the reactor and put it or inoculated with nitrifying anaerobic to decompose ammonia to Hydrogen and Nitrogen gases.

VI. At elevated pH with Line and NaOH in 9.5-10.5, the Ammonia will escape from body water through the air or steam stripper or the reactor in scrubbing with sulphuric acid to produce Ammonium Sulphate as fertilizer.

## 2. AIM AND OBJECTIVE

### Aim:

Removal of nitrogen from industrial effluent

### Objective:

- The main objective of the project is to reduce the nitrogen concentration from the industrial effluent with the help of microorganisms.

It includes

- Set up of the pilot plant.
- Determination & analysis of different parameters.

## 3. EXPERIMENTAL WORK

We are considering raw material as industrial effluent i.e., the wastewater contains an ammonical nitrogen. This effluent initially first tested for to check the amount of nitrogen content. This will be done in the laboratory. These effluents then undergo aeration using aerators with some of the bacteria. By this method 80-85% of removal ammonical nitrogen we achieved within 15 days at the normal condition.



**Figure 1: Experimental Set up**

## Material Used

- Industrial effluent containing ammonical nitrogen
- Microorganisms like Nitrosomonas, Nitrospira, Nitrogyra

## Apparatus

- Aerator
- Glass Tank

## Procedure

- Initially check the ammonical nitrogen content.
- Take an effluent containing ammonical nitrogen in a glass tank.
- Give biological treatment for removal of ammonical nitrogen. For this add a microorganism which was incubated in the incubator before its uses.
- Give aeration with the help of aerator.
- Constant monitoring it took for up to 15 days.
- Testing the effluent to check the ammonical nitrogen content.

## Observation Table

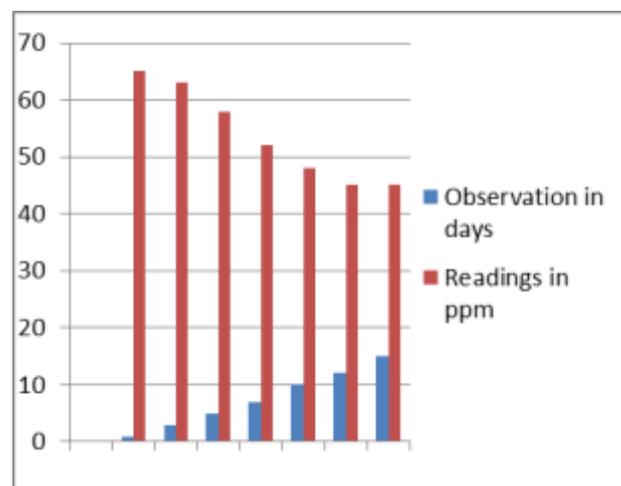
Sr. No.	Observation (day)	Readings (ppm)
1	1	65
2	3	63
3	5	58
4	7	52
5	10	48
6	12	45
7	15	45

Observation table for lab scale work (nitrifying bacteria)

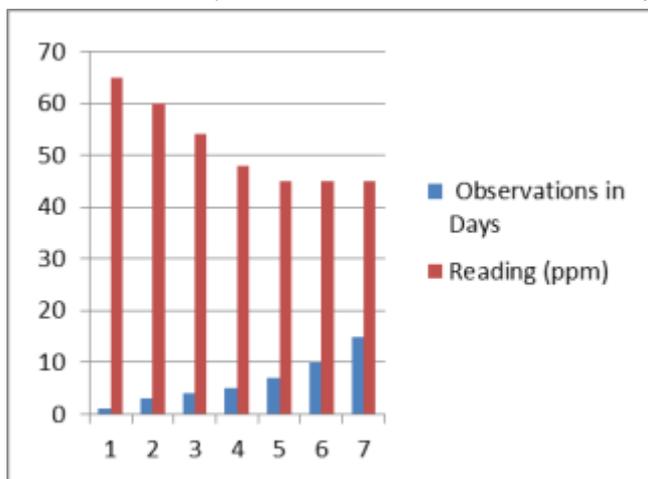
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Observation table for lab scale work (de-nitrifying bacteria)

## 4. RESULT



**Graph representing the removal of ammonical nitrogen (nitrifying bacteria)**



**Graph representing the removal of ammonical nitrogen (de-nitrifying bacteria)**

## 5. CONCLUSION

The microbial method shows promising aspect and provides nitrogen reduction in all treatment conditions. This method provides a better alternative than the conventional systems. The nitrogen removal in the treatment of wastewater has been found to be bacteria dependent and gives the reduction of 15-20 ppm. According to the results of experiments, the nitrogen content in the effluent is reduced. We have compared the results of experiments done by nitrifying and denitrifying bacteria. Practical has been performed separately for nitrifying and denitrifying bacteria.

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