Ferrate(VI) as a New Water Treatment Agent for Wastewater Reuse

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Green Treatment Reagent

- One chemical, multiple functions;
- Non-toxic final products;
- No production of DBPs



Objective

 To evaluate ferrate(VI) for advance treatment of secondary effluent

- Specifically,
 - Fe(VI) decay in secondary effluent
 - Characterization of Fe(VI)-induced particles
 - Removal effluent organic matters (EfOM)
 - Removal nutrients
 - Removal emerging contaminants

Experimental

- Jar tests
- Secondary effluent was collected from a local WWTP
- In a typical run, rapid mixing (150 rpm) followed by slow mixing (30 rpm)



Fe(VI) Decay in Secondary Effluent



 $(Fe(VI) = 54 \ \mu M \ (3 \ mg/L \ Fe), \ pH = 8.5)$





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Settleability of Fe(VI)-induced Particles



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Z-average size of Suspended Fe(VI)induced Particles





EfOM (no pH control)



 $(COD_0 = 32 \text{ mg/L}; \text{ Initial UV}_{254} = 0.135; \text{ initial pH} = 8.5)$







Nutrient



 $(TP_0 = 4.68 \text{ mg/L}; TN_0 = 19.6 \text{ mg/L})$

Emerging contaminants



Conclusion

 Fe(VI) decay in secondary effluent is a 2nd order reaction;

 Suspended particles and EfOM enhanced Fe(VI) decay (the former might be due to surface catalysis, while the latter is due to its reaction with Fe(VI)

Conclusion

- After Fe(VI) oxidation, Fe(VI)-induced particles were mostly suspended, increasing water turbidity. These particles ought to be removed in the following treatment
- Fe(IV) preferentially reduced UV254, instead of COD
- TP and emerging contaminants were readily removed



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Any Question?

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