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Treatment of water

Introduction:-

The engineer constructed with the design of water works system has now to see to the problem of treatment of water in order to remove from it all types of impurities & make it conform to the standard of drinking water supply & other use.

The objects to be achieved through treatment of water may be used as:

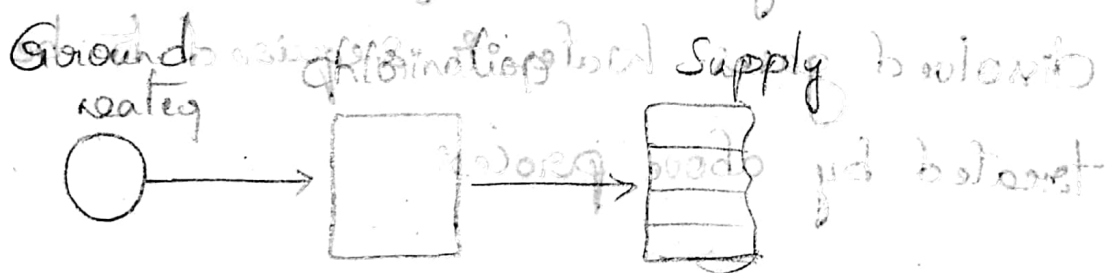
1. Removal of all pathogenic germs contained in untreated water.
2. Freedom of unpleasant taste.
3. Suitability for domestic purpose i.e.; cooking, washing & for industrial purpose.
4. Reduction of the corrosion properties of water which affect the carrying capacity and life of the pipe lines.

Unit operations in water treatment:-

The unit operations in water treatment include sedimentation, flocculation, filtration, chlorination, disinfection, aeration, water softening, rapid mixing etc., The choice of any particular treatment will depend on the raw water and quality of water & the relative cost.

Flow chart of treatment:-

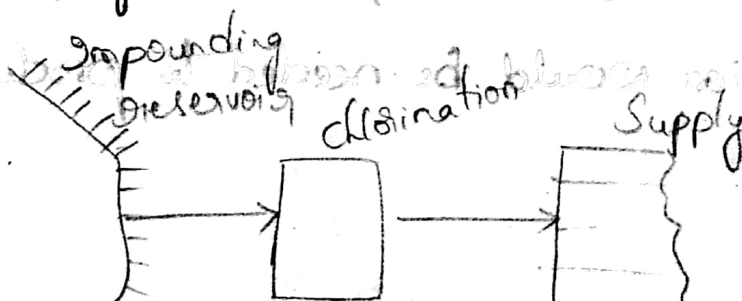
a) Ground water chlorination:



Ground & spring water free from

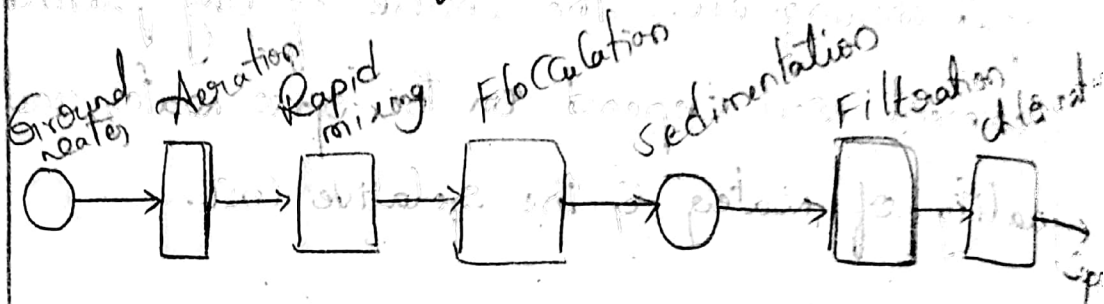
pollution, requiring no treatment. Hence it is chlorinate water before supply

b) Surface water chlorination:



Surface water from upland & mountain streams & from large lakes are unpolluted. However chlorination would be required.

c) For removal of Fe, Mn & dissolved gases:



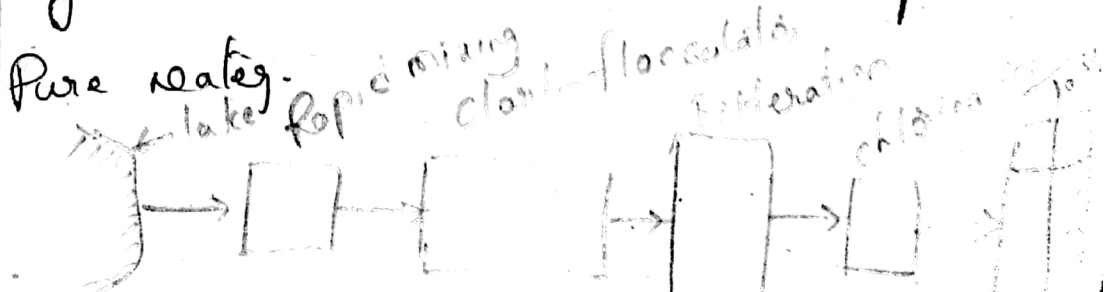
Ground water free from any pollution but containing iron & manganese & other dissolved gases. Water is required to be treated by above process (aeration, chemical precipitation, sedimentation, filtration & disinfection).

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d) Treatment of low turbid water:-

Surface water from lakes & streams some turbid may are not be polluted. Filtration assisted by clarification, flocculation & followed by chlorination would be needed to produce

Pure water.



e). Treatment at high turbid water :-

Surface water from turbid streams, generally polluted, some times, vary greatly.

These requires process of sedimentation, filtration pre & post chlorination for complete treatment.

f). For softening of hard water :-

Ground water have dissolved salts of

Calcium & magnesium. These would be required

softening of hard water following by filtration

& chlorination is before supply.

Sedimentation :-

This is the process of causing heavier solid

particles in suspension both organic & inorganic

to settle by water in basin (or) tank. when the

process is carried without the aid of coagulants

it is called "plane sedimentation" & when

with coagulants is called "sedimentation

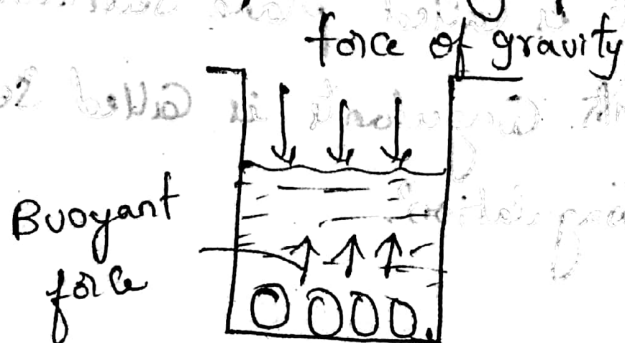
coagulation".

(b) Plane Sedimentation:-

many of the impurities suspended in water have specific gravity greater than ($>$) water. They remain in the water. The suspended matter generally settles to the bottom of the body of water. This is the principle involved in the sedimentation process.

Any discrete particles placed in liquid tends to accelerate until liquid drag reaches equilibrium with the impelling force due to gravity acting on the particle. The particles travel with a constant vertical velocity called the settling velocity.

The impelling force is the net weight of the particles acting downwards due to gravity & the buoyant force of liquid acting upwards.



Hazen's law,

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{4g(P_s - \rho)d}{3C_D \rho}}$$

Stokes law,

$$v = \frac{g}{18} (s - 1) \frac{d^2}{\nu}$$

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v = Settling velocity in cm/sec.

g = Acceleration due to gravity
= 981 cm/sec^2

s = sp. gravity of particle.

d = diameter of settling particle in cm.

ν = kinematic viscosity in Centi-stokes.

1. In water treatment settling unit water having temperature of 20°C carries solid particles an average of diameter of 0.05 mm & sp. gravity 1.2 using Stokes law. Calculate settling velocity of settling particles.

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Given data,

$$d = 0.05 \text{ mm}$$

$$S = 1.2$$

$$\nu = 1.01 \text{ (from temperature)}$$

$$t = 20^\circ\text{C}$$

$$V = \frac{g}{18} (S-1) \frac{d^2}{\nu}$$

$$= \frac{981 \times 10}{18} (1.2-1) \frac{(0.05)^2}{1.01} = V$$

$$V = 0.269 \text{ mm/sec}$$

Factors effecting sedimentation:-

1. Type of particles:

Settleable suspended particles are of

two types. They are discrete & flocculent.

The discrete particles which occur in plain

sedimentation. The flocculent particles are common in sedimentation with coagulation.

2. Detention periods:

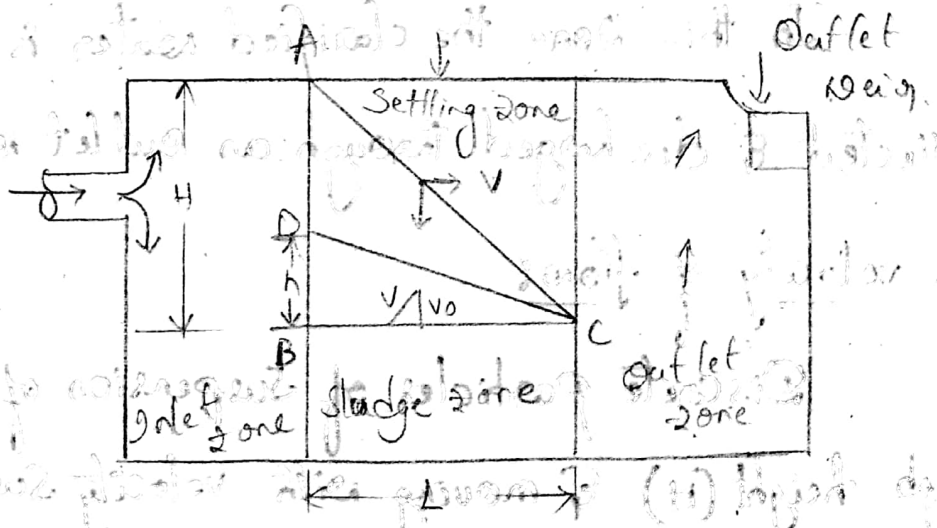
The detention period of a settling

basin is the theoretical time water is detained in it. It is given by the ratio of the volume of the basin to the volumetric rate of flow through the basin. Total removal occurs during the first portion of the period & since water is to be later subjected to further treatment.

3. Flowing through period:

This is the actual time of flow of the avg. time required for a small amount of water to pass through the basin in the given state of flow. The incoming flow is uniform the percentage ratio of the flowing through period to the detention period is therefore a measure of efficiency of distribution of flow in the basin

4. Inlet & outlet arrangements:



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a). The inlet zone:

In this, the incoming flow is to be uniformly distributed over the cross section of the tank.

b). Settling zone:

In this zone the flow is to be steady. The concentration of each size particle is uniform through out the c/s normal to the flow direction.

c). Sludge zone:

In this zone is provided for the collection of sludge below the settling zone. Particles reaching this zone the impurities are removed from the suspension.

d). Outlet zone:

In this zone the clarified water is to be collected & discharged through an outlet weir.

e). velocity of flows

Discrete particles of suspension of high height (H) & moving with velocity such

that it reaches the bottom of settling zone before removal. In which vector sum of velocity of flow in the horizontal direction (V) & the settling velocity (v).

The discrete particles at a height (h).

The ~~same~~ ^{sum} of velocity of flow in the horizontal direction the velocity of flow (V) & settling velocity (v_0)

$$\frac{h}{H} = \frac{v_0/k}{V/k}$$

$$\frac{h}{H} = \frac{v_0}{V}$$

$$\frac{v_0}{(Q/A)}$$

f) - Surface overflow gate

It may be noted that $v = Q/A$ is the limiting velocity of fall to reach the bottom of the settling zone, that all particles with velocity greater than Q/A will reach the bottom before reaching the outlet for removal.

Let,

$$A = 100 \text{ m}^2$$

$$Q = 0.5 \text{ m}^3/\text{sec}$$

$$Q/A = 5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m/sec}$$

$$= 0.5 \text{ cm/sec}$$

This (means) all particles with settling velocity is 0.5 cm/sec .

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(ii) Sedimentation with Coagulation:-

Coagulation:-

The removal of very fine and light impurities from water is difficult to remove the process of sedimentation. This can be added to water of certain chemical compounds which when mixed form heavy masses of suspended particles, become heavier & finally settled out. These substances are called coagulants and their process of reaction is termed as "Coagulation".

Types of Coagulants:-

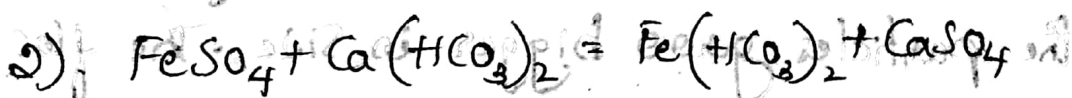
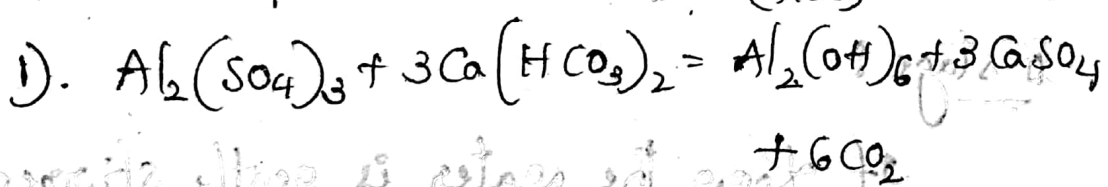
The coagulants commonly used as alum,

aluminium Sulphate [$Al_2(SO_4)_3$], iron ~~magnesium~~ Sulphate [~~Al~~ $FeSO_4$] and lime. Other less commonly used chemicals are sodium aluminate, ferric coagulants eg: Ferric chloride, ferric Sulphate, activated silica etc., Besides some natural products such as natural seeds have also used.

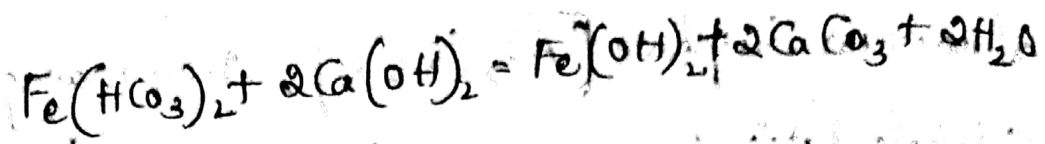
The choice of using aluminium or iron is largely decided by their characteristics and relative suitability in the treatment process.

However, quality of floc formation is better in case of iron sulphate. The ferric floc is much denser than the alum floc & is more precipitated over by wide pH range.

Chemical reactions:-

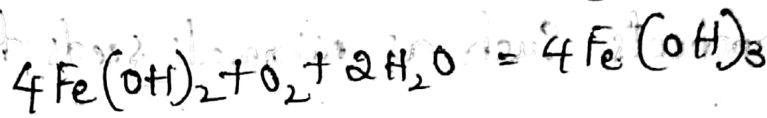


The bicarbonate of iron is changed to iron hydroxide by the addition of lime



The reaction continues with the oxidation of the ferrous hydroxide by the oxygen present in water to ferric hydroxide.

(floc)



The process may be set to be taking place in two stages.

I stage:

First stage is marked by the neutralization of electric charges. The positively charged Al^{3+} & Fe^{3+} ions neutralize the negatively charged particles of turbidity and to form a single mass.

II stage:

If now the water is gently stirred the particles grow bigger in size. The floc becomes heavier & is carried down to be ultimately removed by sedimentation.

#1118 Dosage of Coagulants:-

This depends upon no. of factors such as turbidity of water, colour, pH value, time of settlement and temperature of the water.

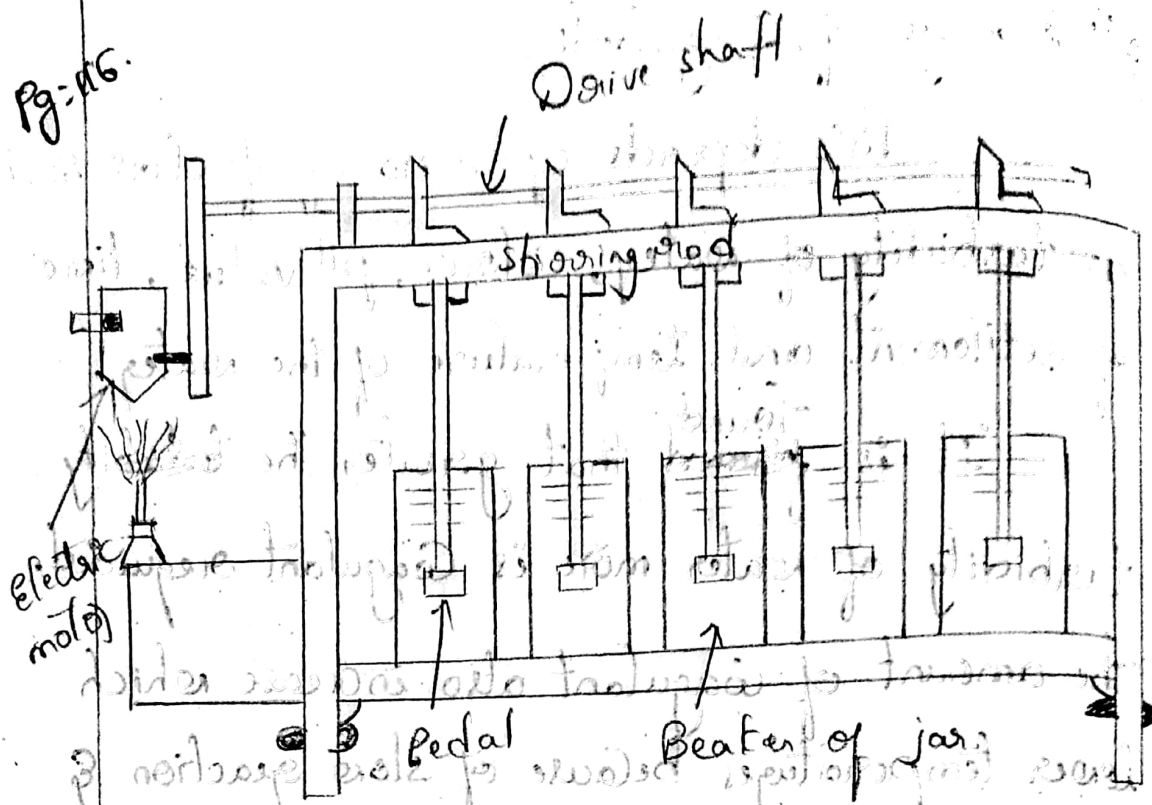
It is ~~found~~ ^{found} that greater the ~~turbidity~~ turbidity of water more is coagulant required.

The amount of coagulant also increase which lower temperatures because of slow reaction & floc formation. The control of pH value is important from the point of view maintaining the character of the floc.

For the removal of colour, colour floc is required to be formed first before subsequent removal through filtration. with most coloured waters the floc is formed with pH value below 6.5. Alum is quite effective in removing colour.

The jar test:-

The jar test is the laboratory method to determine the optimum dosage of a particular coagulant which is required to be added to



The jar test Apparatus

The raw materials for coagulation and subsequent sedimentation in a treatment plant.

The jar test consists of a rotary device having 6 no. vertical stirring rods provided with pedals at lower ends and called multiple stirrer with stirring water and alum content placed in 6 no. beakers or jars.

The different amount of chemical solutions are added to each jar containing the same amount of water sample and the water solution stirred rapidly at first for

3 to 5 min, & slowly later for about 30 min. The liquid is finally allowed to stand so that floc may be formed.

The smallest dose of alum that produce a good floc is taken as the optimum dosage for the particular water.

Design procedure:-

1. velocity of flow assumed uniform throughout generally not exceed 30cm per minute.
2. Detention period 3 to 4 hrs for plain sedimentation & in case of chemically aided sedimentation it is 2 to 2.5 hrs. For vertical flow tank it is taken 1 to 1.5 hrs.
3. Overflow rate for plain sedimentation tank surface loading is 15000 to 30000 lit/m²/day for horizontal flow & circular sedimentation tank surface loading is taken as 30000 to 40000 lit/m²/day. While for vertical flow sedimentation tank surface loading is 40000 to 50000 lit/m²/day.
4. Depth of flow ranges ^{from} 3 to 6m.

5. weir loading is generally upto 3,00,000
lit/m²/day.

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6. Rectangular tank channel length should be
such as to ensure proper flowing
through period. A length of 12m, width,
length generally not less than 1:4.

7. Circular tank diameter generally not exceeds

60m

Q. Cal. the size of a rectangular sedimentation
tank to treat 1.8 million litres of water
per day. Assume particle size 0.03mm,
Sp. gravity = 1.8, kinematic viscosity of water
= 20°C as 1.01 centi stokes. Expected efficiency of
particle removal as 75% with tank working
under good performance condition.

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Given data

Settling velocity,

$$1) \text{ Stokes law } v = \frac{g}{18} (S-1) \frac{d^2}{\nu}$$

$$= \frac{981 \times 10}{18} (1.8 - 1) \times \frac{(0.03)^2}{1.01}$$

$$V = 0.38 \text{ mm/sec}$$

2) Reynolds number,

$$Re = \frac{vd}{\nu} = \frac{0.38 \times 0.03}{1.01}$$

$$Re = 0.011 < 1$$

3) theoretical surface over flow rate for ideal settling basin,

$$V = v_0 = 0.388 \text{ mm/sec}$$

$$= \frac{0.388 \times 24 \times 60 \times 60}{10^3}$$

$$= 33.52 \text{ m/day}$$

4) Design Surface over flow rate,

$$\frac{h}{H} = 1 - \left[1 + n \left(\frac{v_0}{Q/A} \right) \right]^{1/n}$$

$$\frac{v_0}{(Q/A)} = \frac{1}{n} \left[\left(1 - \frac{h}{H} \right)^n - 1 \right] \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} \frac{h}{H} = 0.75 \\ n = \frac{1}{4} \end{array} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{1/4} \left[(1 - 0.75)^{1/4} - 1 \right]$$

$$= 1.17$$

$$\frac{V_0}{Q/A} = 1.17$$

$$\frac{Q}{A} = \frac{V_0}{1.17}$$

$$\frac{Q}{A} = \frac{33.82}{1.17}$$

$$\frac{Q}{A} = 28.61 \text{ m/day}$$

for plain sedimentation,

Surface loading = 15000 - 30000 lit/m²/day.

5. Design settling tank:

$$\text{Surface area of tank} = \frac{\text{Design flow}}{\text{Design of Surface over flow rate}}$$

$$= \frac{1.8 \times 10^3}{28.61}$$

$$= 62.8 \text{ m}^2$$

$$B/L = \frac{1}{4} \quad [\text{from design procedure}]$$

$$L = 19$$

$$B = 4.75$$

} Assume

Detention period = 4 hr. [from design procedure].

$$\text{Depth of flow} = \frac{1.8 \times 10^3 \times 4}{24 \times 19 \times 4.75}$$

$$= 3.32 \text{ m} \approx 4 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Surface loading} = 20000 \text{ lit/m}^2/\text{day}$$

$$= \frac{20000}{10^3} \text{ m}^3/\text{day}$$

$$= 20 \text{ m/day}$$

$$\therefore \text{Plan area tank} = \frac{1.8 \times 10^3}{20}$$

$$= 90 \text{ m}^2$$

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Filtration:- It is the process it is allowing water to pass through a thick layer of sand (or) other filtering media. In this process suspended matter in water are partially removed, the chemical characteristics of water are changed & the no. of bacteria material removed.

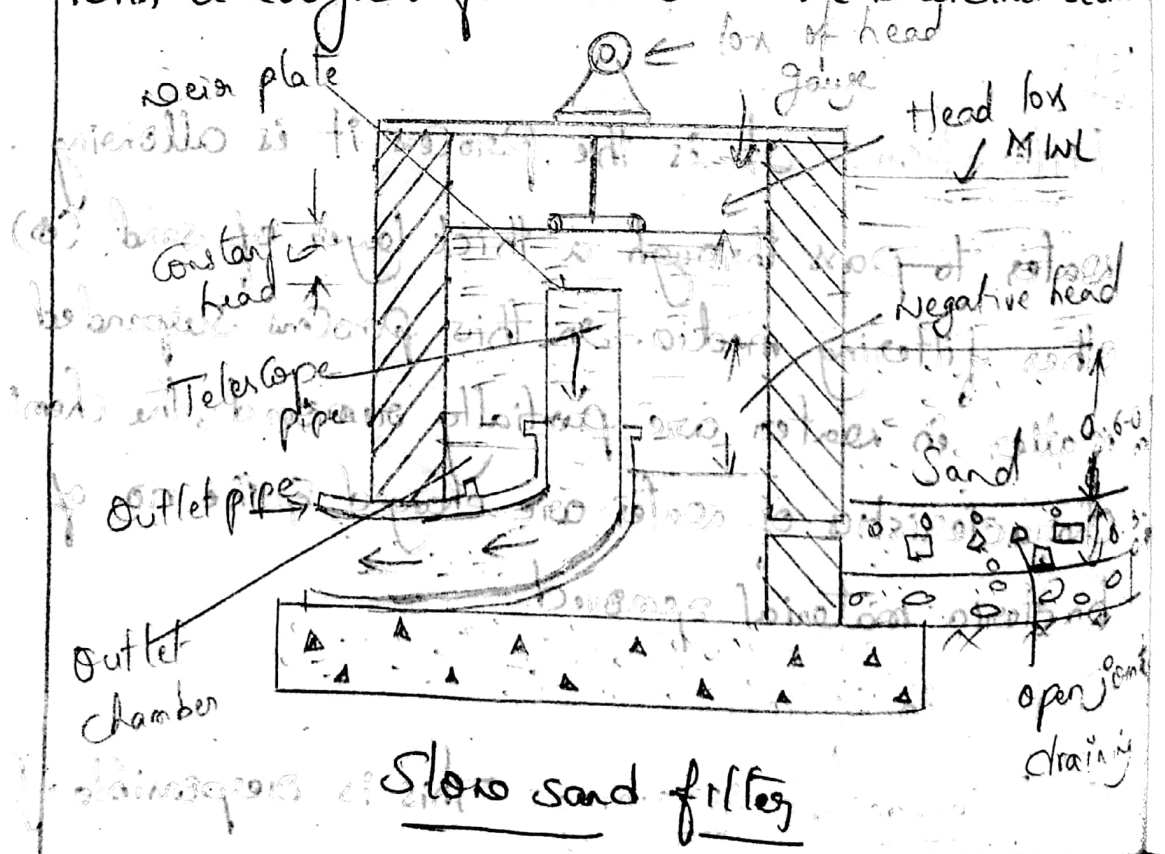
Action in filters:-

(i) Mechanical straining: This is responsible for

Removing such particles of suspended matter as are too large to pass through the sand grains

(ii) Sedimentation & adsorption: The account for the removal of ^{colloids} suspended matter and bacterial particles. The suspended particles smaller than the voids in the filter bed settled upon the sides of the sand grains. The particles adhere to the grains because of the physical attraction b/w the two particles of matter & because of the presence of the gelatinous coating formed on the sand grains by the previously deposited bacteria & colloidal matter.

~~halts~~ (iii) Biological metabolism: This is the life process of the living cells. The surface layers get a coating with a zoogeal film in which the bacterial activities



are the highest & which feed on the organic impurities converting them by a complex biochemical action into simple compounds, resulting in the purification of water.

(iv) Electrostatic action: A certain amount of dissolved & suspended matter in water is ionized

Slow Sand filters :-

Construction: This consists of water tight tank 2.5 - 3.5m in depth having a sand bed 0.6-0.9m thick supported on a bed of gravel 0.3-0.6m thick.

Operation: The raw water is lead gently on the filter bed & percolating downwards passes through the under drains into an outlet chamber. The outlet chamber is provided with a telescopic pipe & an air plate in order to keep the state of filtration constant. The loss of head gauge operated with a float arrangement to measure the loss of head.

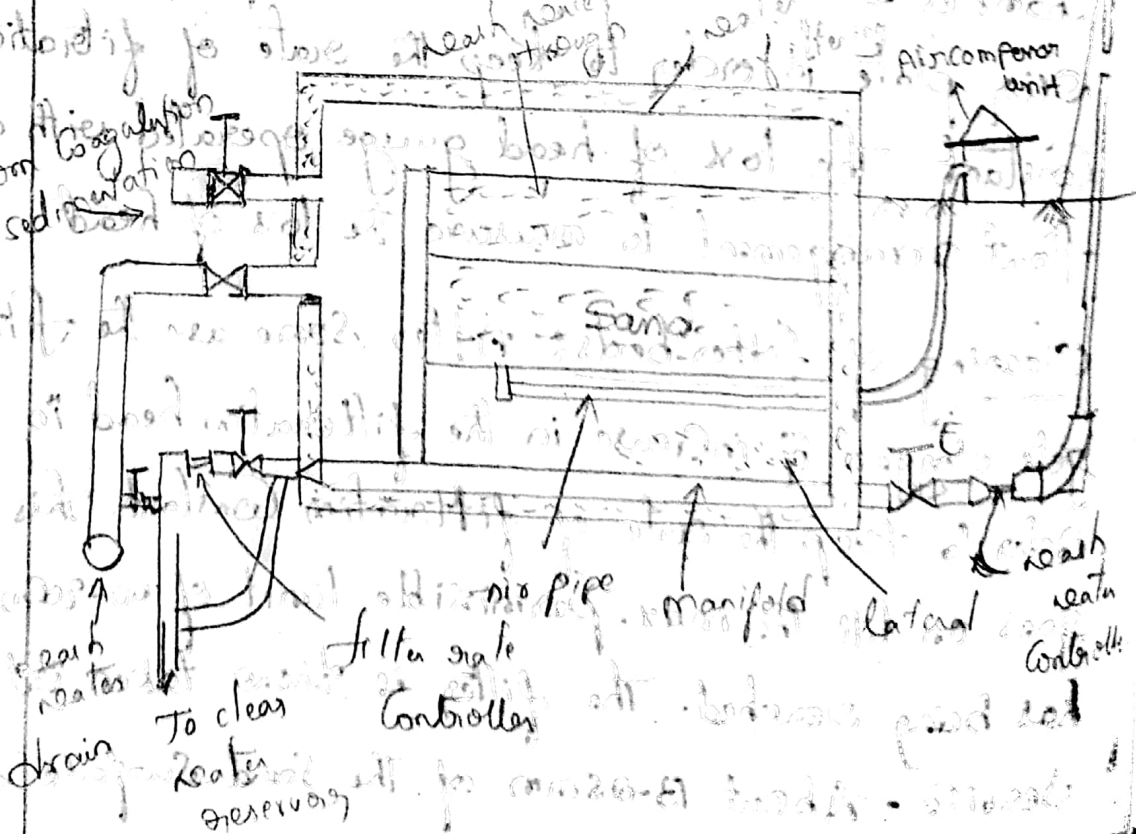
Cleaning of filter beds: After some use the filter gets clogged & increase in the filtration head in order to keep the state of filtration constant. This goes on till the max. permissible limit of 60-90cm has being reached. The filter is then taken out of service. About 13-25mm of the sand surface is

Carefully scraped off. The filter is then returned into service. The process of scraping of sand surface every time the filter is clogged is repeated till the sand bed has been thinned down to prevent efficient filtering. cleaning by scraping will normally be required only every 2 to 3 months, provided raw water is of a suitable character.

Characteristics:-

1. Rate of filtration is low 100 lit/hour.
2. The bacterial efficiency is high as much as 98 to 99%.
3. Unsuitability for water having greater turbidity.

Rapid sand filters:-



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Disinfection

Disinfection of water:-

In previous methods used for the Purification of water that is sedimentation, filtration used to remove the bacteria present in water. The treatment of water with chemicals to kill bacteria is termed as disinfection of water. ^{sterilization} Strictly speaking, is the boiling of water before using for the domestic purpose. Boiling kills ⁵⁻¹⁰ disease - germs of cholera & typhoid within few minutes.

Methods:-

The methods employed to disinfect water depend upon the disinfecting materials used for the purpose.

Chlorination, ^{ozone} ultra-violet ray method, ^{ozon} lime process & application of silver & bromine methods are the principal methods used for disinfection of water.

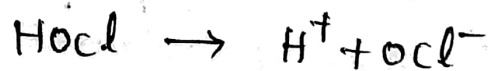
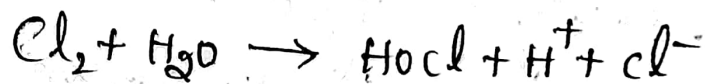
Chlorination:-

It is the application to water of small quantities chlorine (or) chlorine compounds. The dose

Applied is generally less than 1 mg/lit & the amount of chlorine is so required to added depends upon the chlorine demand of water.

Action:-

Chlorine hydrolysis in water to form hypochlorous acid (HOCl) which further reaction to produce hypochlorite ion (OCl⁻). HOCl & OCl⁻ together are known as free available chlorine.



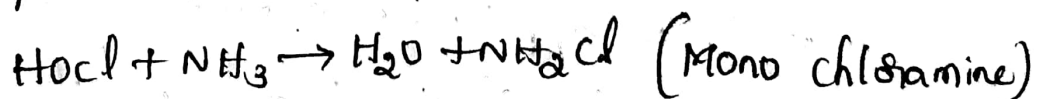
$\frac{[\text{H}^+][\text{OCl}^-]}{[\text{HOCl}]}$

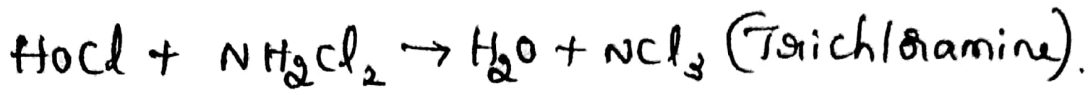
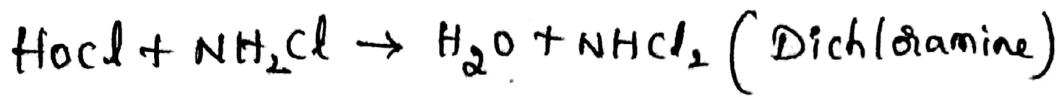
$$\frac{[\text{H}^+][\text{OCl}^-]}{[\text{HOCl}]} = K_i$$

where:

K_i = Ionization constant having values of 1.5×10^{-8} moles/lit at 0°C & 2.5×10^{-8} moles/lit at 20°C

If Ammonia is also present in water, chlorine reacts to as follows.





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The chlorine in chemical combination with Ammonia is called combined available chlorine.

These resulting chlorine compounds in the form of free or combined available chlorine with in the bacterial cell will forming a toxic chloro compounds this kill the bacteria completely

Calculate the percentage distribution of HOCl in water at 20°C & pH 8.0

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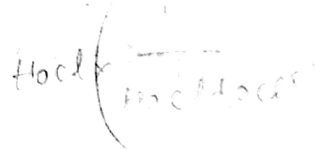
Given data,

temperature = 20°C

at 20°C $K_i = 2.5 \times 10^{-8}$

pH = 8.0

$$\frac{H^+(OCl)^-}{HOCl} = K_i$$



$$\frac{(OCl)^-}{HOCl} = \frac{K_i}{H^+}$$

$$\frac{HOCl}{HOCl + (OCl)^-} \times 100 = 1 \text{ [}\therefore \text{ formula]}$$

Chlorine,

$$= 0.25 \times \frac{30}{100}$$

$$= \underline{\underline{0.075 \text{ kg.}}}$$

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Special methods:-

1. Prechlorination: It is the application of chlorine before filtration. Prechlorination removes bacteria load on filters result in increased filter run & removing taste & odour.

2. Double chlorination: It is the application of chlorine at two times in the treatment process.

Advantages in this method of chlorination are

- Decrease in the ^{load} on filter.
- Greater removal of bacteria.
- Greater factor of safety.
- Control of algae.

3. Super chlorination: It is the application to water of an excess amount of chlorine. The dose may vary from less than 1mg/lit to 2mg/lit. This method is effective in destroying high concentration of taste & odour in water.

4. Break point chlorination:- It is also termed as free chlorination involves the addition of chlorine so as to oxidized all the organic matters, remove substances and free ammonia in raw water.

Ultra-violet rays:-

Ultra-violet rays is an effective method for disinfecting of clear water. Use is made of the invisible light rays beyond the violet of spectrum which are very powerful in killing all types of bacteria. The rays are generated by passing electric current through mercury vapour lamp. The effective penetration of the rays in water is only for a depth of 30cm.

The process has the advantage of no taste, no odour in the water & presenting no danger of over dose. The disadvantage are high cost.

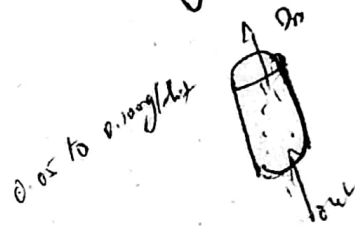
Excess lime:-

Excess lime involves the application of lime for the combined objectives of softening & disinfecting of water. Dose to be given between 10 to 20 mg/L. To remove the excess lime after the process through recarbonation.

Silver:-

When ~~imposed~~ ^{immersed} in water, Silver has been observed ^{the reaction} on bacterial life. Tubes of Silver electrodes contain in hollow cylinders allowing water to flow from outside to inside. Dosage is 0.05 to 0.10 mg/lit. This method however hasn't so far being used on large scale because of high cost.

Iodine & Bromine :



These are also process of disinfecting power. This used in normally small water supply such as army camps & swimming pools. Iodine & bromine are cheaply available. Dosage is about 0.5 to 1.0 mg/lit. For heavy polluted water it may be doubled.

Potassium Permanganate :

Potassium Permanganate is commonly known as pinky has been used in individual water supply for disinfection. Dosage is 0.5 gm/lit. This is effective against Colera Cologa & found to be effective against other diseases germ.

Taste & odour Control :-

Taste & odour in water supplies may be caused due to in the presence in water, any of the following.

- Decaying organic matter resulting from algae & other micro-organisms, industrial waste such as phenols, gases like
- Dissolved salts H_2S , CO_2 . Industrial wastes such as phenols
- Excess amount of chlorine.

Methods for the control of taste & odour.

1. Copper Sulphate treatment :-

It is cheaply used for the control of algae, which is killed within a few days following treatment. Copper Sulphate is applied in a single dose usually less than 3mg/lit. An excess dose result in destroying fish life along with other micro-organisms present in water.

2. Ammonia chlorine process :-

In this process applying ammonia with chlorine which result in the formation of chloramines. As a result of these action quantity of chlorine used is reduced. This process is also helpful

in removing chloroform taste chlorophenol taste ;
the application of this process ammonia is added
first mixed with water before chlorine is applied.
Ratio of ammonia to chlorine is 1:4.

3. Activated Carbon:-

It is the most important method for the
control of taste & odour. Activated Carbon is
obtained ~~applying~~ by heating material like saw dust,
Paper mill waste. It is activating by passing
air or steam for the removal of hydrocarbons.
Activated Carbon is very porous & hence has been
property of removing many of the dissolved impurities
in water. Dosage varies from 2 to 20 mg/lit.

4. Chlorine dioxide:-

It is produced by injecting a solution
of sodium chloride into a chlorine solution. It is
used for removal of taste & odours caused by
phenols & other algae growth.

Iron & Manganese removal:-

Iron is present in water either as
ferrous bicarbonate or ferrous sulphate. Iron

& manganese when present in amount greater than 1.5 mg/lit are objectionable because of

- i) unpleasant taste & odour
- ii) Colouring of water
- iii) Deposits of iron precipitation in pipes.

Methods for the removal of iron & manganese are based on converting the soluble ferrous & manganese compounds to the insoluble ferric & magnetic compounds.

Aeration is an effective method in precipitating out iron when present as ferrous bicarbonate remove through the process of sedimentation & filtration

Base exchange process in this method the zeolite bed is made of manganese zeolite. The iron & manganese of raw water is oxidized to insoluble hydrated oxides & later removed by filtration

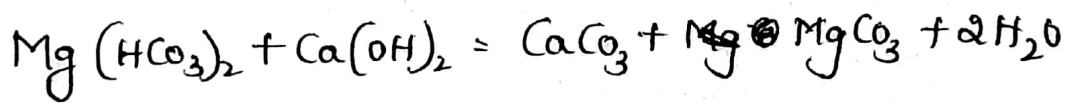
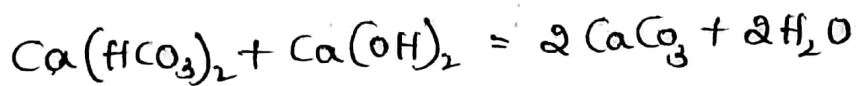
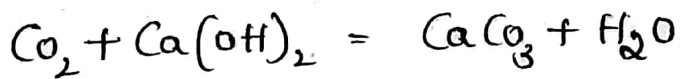
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Water Softening process :-

There are three general methods used for water softening

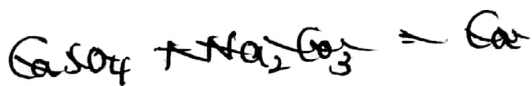
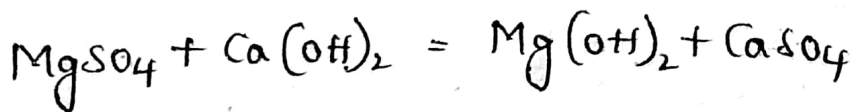
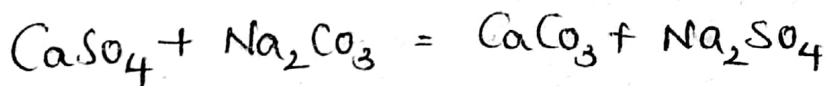
1. Lime process:

In this process remove only the carbonate hardness. The principle involved is to neutralise the CO_2 with milk of ~~lime~~ lime forming normal carbonates which are removed by filtration.



2. Lime & Soda ash process:

Lime has no effect on Sulphates of Calcium & magnesium. Most of the non carbonate hardness found in natural waters by the use of Soda ash the non-carbonate hardness can be removed



3. Base Exchange process:

In this process hard water is passed through a bed of zeolite sand. Zeolites are artificial products in granular form with size between

0.5mm to 0.25mm in diameter. The zeolite softness are very much similar to the rapid gravity filter with the difference that the zeolite layer is thicker 1.2 to 1.8m.

The zeolite or the base exchange process of water softening is applied only to clear water.

Aeration:-

This is the process of bringing water into intimate contact with air. Aeration is achieve the following objects:

- Drive out dissolved gases like Carbon dioxide, hydrogen sulphate & other taste & odour in bodies of water
- Soluble compounds present in the ground water.
- Iron & Manganese salt from underground water sources.

The fundamental process involved in aeration is the exchange of gases between water & atmosphere. For proper aeration the following points is necessary:

1. To increase the area of water in contact with

air.

2. Increase the time of contact of water droplets with ~~water~~ air.

Aeration is effective in removing 75% of the odours. Removal of Carbon dioxide is also high. The unit operation of aeration is costly.

Reverse Osmosis :-

This involves Separation by passing fresh water through ~~synthetic~~ ^{selectively permeable} synthetic membranes. ~~At~~ ^{water or}

At high pressure of 10000 kN/m^2 fresh water is forced to pass through these membranes which result in the salt being left behind. Because of

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its simplicity & the method is much favoured in practice. ^{important to}

Fluoridation :-

It has been found that fluoride concentration 0.7 to 1.2 ppm. in water for the prevention of dental problems in children. However in areas where water is of low fluoride dental problems is high. The process of raising the fluoride content of water is known as fluoridation.

The fluoride compounds that are adopted for fluoridation ^{are} sodium chloride, sodium silico

fluoride & hydro fluoro silicate silicic acid.

Sodium fluoride having 95 to 98% purity is most commonly used. The application of fluoride in water may be either in powder form or in the solution form. It is mostly to apply it in the solution form. Since in the powder form it is toxic & must be kept tight containers.

Defluoridation :-

An excessive concentration of fluoride can cause dental fluorosis & bone problems. Hence when the fluoride concentration is more than 1 to 1.5 ppm it should be removed from water. The process of removing the fluoride concentration of water is known as defluoridation.

1. Calcium phosphate : Bone has great affinity for chlorides & can be used in the filter for removal of fluoride.
2. Bone charcoal : It is essentially tri-calcium phosphate & carbon and has been used successfully for the removal of fluoride.
3. Synthetic tri-calcium phosphate : It can be prepared from milk of lime & phosphoric acid when the reaction is carefully controlled. This

material has been used in contact filters for removal of fluorides.

4. Fluogex: It is a special ^{mixture} of tri-calcium phosphate. It is used as filter medium.

5. Ion exchange: There are a no. of ion exchange materials which can be used for removal of fluorides. Fluorides in water can be removed by successive passage through beds of cation exchange

6. Activated-Carbon: Removal of fluoride from water has also been effected by treatment ^{with} activated carbon.

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Ultrafiltration:-

It is a system similar in operation to reverse osmosis. ultrafiltration membranes are thin film cast from organic polymer solutions. The film thickness 0.005 to 0.01 inches. ultrafilter membranes may be packed either as a plate device or as a tube device.

This technique is used in conjunction with biological oxidation process such as activated sludge process. From the activated sludge process is passed through ultrafiltration systems the filtrate

membranes filter out the biological cells while allowing passage of treated effluent. The process removes suspended solids rather than dissolved solids & small size particles. ultrafiltration removes all the suspended solids 100% of BOD, COD, ~~POC~~ TOC.
