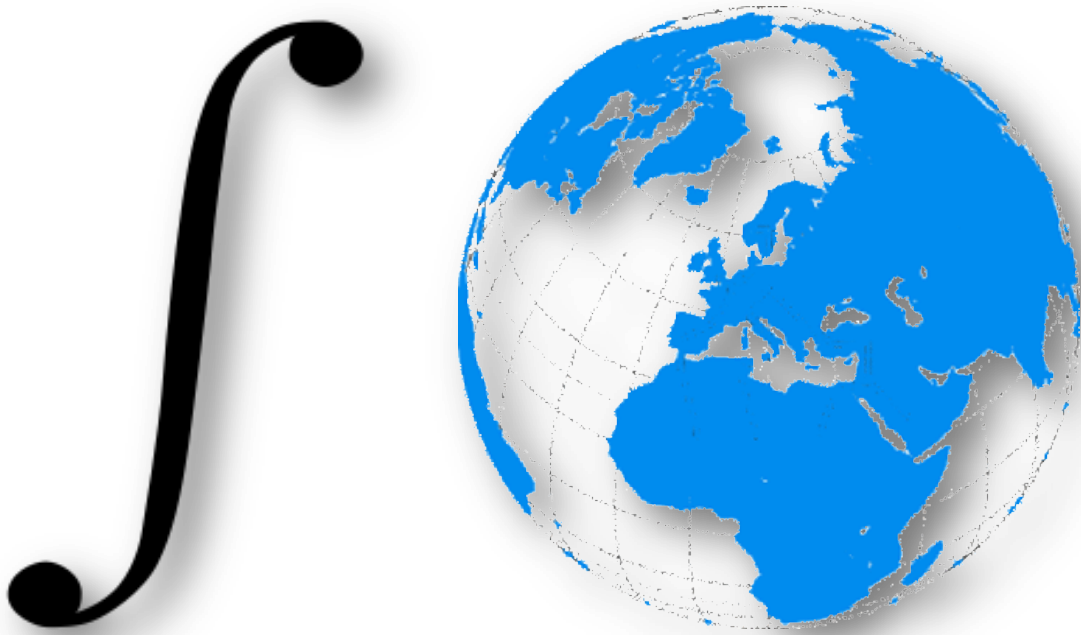


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**Utjecaj dodatka deemulgatora i sredstva za obezvodnjavanje na razdvajanje faza u zauljenoj
otpadnoj vodi**

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Abstract

Environmental pollution with crude oil and its derivatives has become a growing problem due to their toxic and carcinogenic effects on live organisms. Proper collection and treatment of oily wastewaters is very important for prevention and disabling of harmful effects on the environment. The most important step in the oily wastewater treatment process is separation of oil and aqueous phase. Consequently, it is important to examine the conditions which enable the maximum separation effect and provide satisfactory quality of the aqueous phase before discharge into natural recipients. This paper examines the effects of temperature and addition of demulsifier and dewatering agent on phase separation in oily wastewaters. The best separation rate and the highest quantity of the aqueous phase are achieved with the addition of the demulsifier in concentration of 500 mg/l and the dewatering agent in concentration of 500 mg/l at 60°C. The quality of the aqueous phase after separation shows low values of mineral oils and high COD (Chemical Oxygen Demand) values due to the remaining demulsifier and dewatering agent in aqueous phase. For that reason it is necessary to use additional treatments, such as adsorption on active carbon or biological treatment before discharge into natural waters.

Key words: oily wastewater, demulsifier, dewatering agent.

Zagađenje okoliša sirovom naftom i njenim derivatima postaje sve veći problem zbog toksičnog i kancerogenog djelovanja na žive organizme. Odgovarajuće prikupljanje i obrada zauljenih otpadnih voda je ključna u spriječavanju i smanjenju njihovog štetnog utjecaja na okoliš. U cilju učinkovitije obrade ovakvih voda nužno je ispitati uvjete pri kojima se postiže najbolje odvajanje uljne od vodene faze, kao i kakvoću vode koja se nakon pročišćavanja ispušta u okoliš. U ovom radu je ispitan utjecaj dodatka demulgatora i sredstva za obezvodnjavanje na separaciju uljne od vodene faze pri različitim temperaturama. Najveća brzina razdvajanja faza i najveći volumen izdvojene vodene faze je postignut kod dodatka demulgatora u koncentraciji od 500 mg/l i sredstva za obezvodnjavanje u koncentraciji od 500 mg/l pri temperaturi od 60°C. Vodena faza nakon odvajanja sadrži nisku koncentraciju mineralnih ulja i visoke vrijednosti KPK (kemijske potrošnje kisika) zbog zaostalog demulgatora i sredstva za obezvodnjavanje. Iz tog je razloga nužno primijeniti dodatno pročišćavanje ovakve vode, npr. biološkom obradom ili adsorpcijom na aktivnom ugljenu, prije ispusta u prirodne recipijente.

Ključne riječi: zauljena otpadna voda, demulgator,

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