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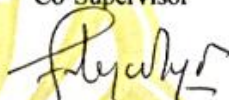
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ABSTRACT

The excessive amount of ammonia could be lethal for fish in aquaculture. Some of the previous studies have been investigated that zeolite is a very effective adsorbent to adsorb ammonium ions from water surface. Recently, the natural zeolite modified by sodium chloride to enhance the active site from the adsorbent, however it could adsorb much more ammonium ions from water. In this study, natural and modified zeolites were used to remove ammonium ions from NH_4Cl synthetic solution and Koi pond water. The objective of the present study was to investigate the ability of zeolite to remove ammonium by modified zeolite with sodium hydroxide which is a strong base. The modification of zeolite was conducted using sodium hydroxide solution at 75°C for 24 h. Langmuir, Freundlich, Sips, and Toth equations with their temperature dependent forms were used to represent the adsorption equilibrium data. The Langmuir and its temperature dependent forms could represent the data better than other models. The pseudo-first order has better performance than pseudo-second order in correlating the adsorption kinetic data. The controlling mechanism of the adsorption of NH_4^+ from aqueous solution onto NatZ and 6M-Z was dominated by physical adsorption. The competition with other ions occurred through different reaction mechanisms so it decreases the removal efficiency of ammonium ions by the zeolites. For 6M-Z zeolite, the removal efficiency decreased from 81% to 66.9% in NH_4Cl synthetic solution comparing with Koi pond water. Thomas model can represent the experimental data for both adsorption of ammonia from aqueous solution or from Koi pond water. This continuous data experiment was calculated to represent breakthrough curves for the dynamic sorption data. The fitting of the models was conducted by SigmaPlot software (version 12.0). The characteristics of the adsorbent were analyzed by scanning electron microscopy (SEM) for surface morphology, X-ray Diffraction (XRD) data shows the kind of zeolite which is used in this experiment, X-ray Fluorescence (XRF) to convince the Na^+ ions were enhanced after zeolite has been modified with sodium hydroxide and nitrogen sorption to determine the pore volume. Based on the result, zeolite modified with sodium hydroxide can be suggested as a suitable ion exchange for ammonium ion removal, and it is more potentially to uptake the ammonium ion than a natural zeolite and zeolite modified sodium chloride as in the previous study.