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Chlorine dioxide as a successful antifoulant treatment in large cooling system-Case history Giuseppe Petrucci

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 $CIO_2 + e^- ---> CIO_2^-$ (E_o = 0,95 V)

 $CIO_2 + 4 H^+ + 5 e^- ---> CI^- + 2 H_2O$ (E_o = 1,51 V)

Chlorine Dioxide is very active against:



- bacteria
- viruses
- algae
- fungi
- -macroorganism

CHLORINE SPECIES FORMATION IN WATER ACCORDING TO pH





CHEMICAL FEATURES OF CHLORINE DIOXIDE (CIO₂)

u it is a gas and must be generated on site

- u it is soluble in water
- u it does not undergo hydrolysis at pH of cooling water
- u it is a strong oxidising agent

MICROFOULING

The Biofouling problem

- Bacteria, Algae, Fungi,
- Microbial corrosion
- Loss of the heat exchange (loss in the efficiency of the thermal cycle)



- Mussels, Barnacles, Serpulid worms, Hidroys
- Encrusting, loss of water flow, tubes plugging corrosion under deposit.



Chlorine dioxide and chlorine comparison against bacteria



CHLORINE DIOXIDE AND CHLORINE COMPARISON ON MACROFOULING GROWTH



CHLORINE DIOXIDE AND CHLORINE COMPARISON ON THM FORMATION IN SEAWATER HAVING A TOC OF 5 MG/L



From "environmental impact of biocidal antifouling alternative treatments of seawater once through cooling systems" R. Ambrogi ENEL

CHLORINE DIOXIDE ADVANTAGES

- u very performant in short time contact system
- **u** reduced corrosion (compared with chlorine)
- u very performant at high pH (sea water, all organic and Zn/phosphonate treat.)
- u very performant in ammonia contaminated system (fertilizer and ammonia plant)
- u It can be applied by a simply chlorine plant modification or possibility no chlorine treatment
- **u** environment friendly disinfection treatment

CHLORINE DIOXIDE GENERATION

 CIO_2 can be generated on site by using water solutions of:

Sodium Chlorite, Hypochlorite and acid according to the following reaction:

2NaClO2 + NaClO + 2HCl → 2ClO2 + 3NaCl + H2O

Or by using

Sodium Chlorite and Chlorine

according to the following reaction:

 $2 \operatorname{NaClO}_2 + \operatorname{Cl}_2 --> 2 \operatorname{ClO}_2 + 2 \operatorname{NaCl}$

Or by using

Sodium Chlorite and Hydrochloric Acid

according to the following reaction:

 $5 \text{ NaClO}_2 + 4 \text{ HCl} --> 4 \text{ ClO}_2 + 5 \text{ NaCl} + 2 \text{ H}_2 \text{O}$





CIO2 "hypochlorite" generating system

Conversion of hypochlorite from electrochlorinator into Chlorine Dioxide



CIO2 "under water" generating system

Reaction chamber located into the dilution water line







Chlorine dioxide reagents storage tanks



Chlorine dioxide reagents pumping station and control monitoring system





Chlorine dioxide "underwater reaction chambers"







water basin after 18 month operation.







Description of the Facility and Cooling Water (PLANT 1)

- **PLANT:** LARGE PETROCHEMICAL
- **FEEDING:** SEAWATER FROM THE INTAKE
- **SYSTEM:** BASIN, SCREEN FILTERS, PUMPING STATION BASINS, COOLING TOWERS BASIN, HEAT EXCHANGERS, RETURN TO THE TOWERS, BLOW DOWN TO THE SEA.
- **FLOWRATE:** RR. 175,000 m3/h (full capacity)

CHLORINE DIOXIDE DOSAGE:

from March to October 2 shot/day at 0.5 ppm as long as 1.5 hour each shot (TOTAL 3 H/DAY). Winter 2 shot/day at 0.5 ppm as long as 1 hour each shot (TOTAL 2 H/DAY).

DOSAGE START UP: February 2009.

Description of the Facility and Cooling Water (PLANT 2)

- PLANT: LARGE PETROCHEMICAL
- **FEEDING:** SEAWATER FROM THE INTAKE
- **SYSTEM:** SCREEN FILTERS, PUMPING STATION, PUMPING STATION, HEAT EXCHANGERS, RETURN TO THE TO THE SEA.
- **FLOWRATE:** 32,000 m3/h (full capacity)

CHLORINE DIOXIDE DOSAGE:

2 shot/day at 0.3 ppm as long as 1 hour each shot (TOTAL 2 H/DAY).

DOSAGE START UP: February 2009.

Why chlorine dioxide?

Chlorine dioxide was selected, to treat the 2 plants instead of chlorination for safety, environmental and performance reasons.

In fact, chlorine and sodium hypochlorite are responsible of bromate and bromoform formation in seawater which are considered very toxic for aquatic life of the Arabian Gulf.

Chlorine dioxide demonstrated to be very efficient at very low dosage rate, minimizing its residual and the formation of brominated compounds at the discharge point.

EasyaReadox SYSTEM

electrochemical biofilm sensor.





As chlorine dioxide shots increase, the baseline come back to its original value showing no biofilm activity



Constant baseline value indicates that no biofilm activity takes place and the whole system is clean.

Conclusions

We underline the following advantages:

•Chlorine dioxide has allowed to minimize the growing of both micro and macro-fouling inside cooling systems of petrochemical plants at very low dosage rate,

•Monitoring system has demonstrated to be the "Brain" of the treatment programme. It has permitted to inject chlorine dioxide in a proper quantity and in the right moment, saving material and protecting the environment.



Thank you very much for your hospitality and your kind attention



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