

Liquid DCM removal using electrochemically generated homogeneous Ni(I)(CN)_4^{3-} by semi batch electrolyzer

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Organic pollutants must be removed to have healthy environment for humans. Among many ways to remove them, metal ions mediated electrochemical reduction (MER) can be a good choice due to its a futuristic technology. Metal complexes are more suitable to use as a mediator in the MER process due to stabilize the active low valent state of metal ion. The present investigation focuses on removal of Dichloromethane (DCM) using electrogenerated Ni(I)(CN)_4^{3-} mediator. Electrolytic reduction of Ni(II)(CN)_4^{2-} on Cu electrode in KOH medium identified by ORP variation and potentiometric titration. The reduction efficiencies changes calculated using titration with KMnO_4 . Cyclic voltammetry analysis at said electrodes correlated with the reduction of Ni(II)(CN)_4^{2-} . Finally, DCM removal was carried out by optimized conditions using semi batch electrolytic cell. The removal efficiency was calculated from the GC/MS analysis.