

# **ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING**

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## DISINFECTION OF WATER

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The water coming after the process of sedimentation, filtration it ~~will~~<sup>may</sup> contain -

- i) bacteric
- ii) Taste & odour
- iii) Iron & Magnesium
- iv) Dissolved organic salt

Disinfection of water is the process of removing bacteria from the water, sterilization is the process of removing all type of bacteria which are harmless or harmful to the health.

∞ Requirement of the good disinfectant:-

- 1) It should kill all the harmful pathogenic organisms.
- 2) Economical, harmless, easily available.
- 3) skilled labour or supervision or apparatus not reqd.
- 4) Process should be fast.

∞ Theory of disinfection:-

→ The rate of kill is expressed by Chick's law as,

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = -k \cdot Nt$$

where  $N$  = No. of viable organisms.

$Nt$  = No. of organisms at any time

$k$  = Reaction rate constant.

$$\therefore \int \frac{dN}{Nt} = -k \int Nt \Rightarrow \int \frac{dN}{Nt} = -k \int Nt \cdot dt$$

$$\therefore \log Nt = -kt + C$$

$$\text{at } t=0, Nt = N_0$$

$$\therefore \log N_0 = -k(0) + C$$

$$\therefore C = \log N_0$$

$$\therefore \log Nt = -kt + \log N_0$$

$$\therefore \log \left( \frac{Nt}{N_0} \right) = -k \cdot t$$

$$\therefore t = \frac{1}{k} \cdot \log \left( \frac{N_0}{Nt} \right)$$

The most common disinfectant is chlorine which follows following eq<sup>n</sup>,

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = -k \cdot N \cdot t$$

$$\int \frac{dN}{Nt} = -k \int t \cdot dt$$

$$\therefore \log Nt = -k \cdot \frac{t^2}{2} + C$$

$$\text{at } t=0, N_t = N_0$$

$$\therefore \log N_0 = C$$

$$\therefore \log N_t = -k \cdot \frac{t^2}{2} + \log N_0$$

$$\therefore \log \left( \frac{N_t}{N_0} \right) = -k \cdot \frac{t^2}{2}$$

$$\therefore t^2 = \frac{2}{k} \cdot \log \left( \frac{N_0}{N_t} \right)$$

$$\therefore t = \sqrt{\frac{2}{k} \log \left( \frac{N_0}{N_t} \right)}$$

\* Methods of disinfection:-

- 1) Boiling method.
- 2) Excess time treatment ( $\uparrow$  pH)
- 3) Iodine & bromine treatment (8 ppm for 5 min)
- 4) Ozone treatment ( $O_2 + O$ )
- 5) Potassium permanganate
- 6) Silver treatment
- 7) UV ray treatment

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\* Factor's affecting selection of disinfectant:-

- 1) Concentrat<sup>n</sup> & time of contact of chemical agent
- 2) Nature & phys in nsity of agent
- 3) Nature of water
- 4) Temp. of water.

\* chlorination:-

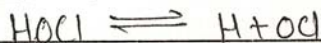
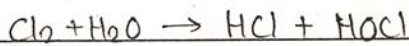
↳ Advantages of chlorination:-

- 1) Available in gas, liquid & powder form
- 2) Efficient
- 3) It leaves harmless residue in the water, which does not affects working of distribution system.
- 4) Effect is for longer time.
- 5) cheap & reliable.

\* Properties of chlorine:-

- 1) it is an element (Cl)
- 2) Atomic wt. = 35.46 & 2.49 times heavier than air
- 3) Cl<sub>2</sub> gas has greenish yellow colour
- 4) Non combustible but supports combustion.
- 5) Metal corrosive.

\* Reaction of chlorine:-



The HOCl & OCl<sup>-</sup> are responsible for disinfection of water.

According to recent theory, chlorine combines with cell structure of bacteria & forms certain products which are toxic for bacteria.

Chlorine dosage varies from 0.2 to 4 ppm. If dose is less, disinfection will be insufficient & on the other hand, if doses are more it will cause bad smell & taste.

\* Application of chlorine:-

- 1) As bleaching powder
- 2) As chloramines
- 3) free chlorine gas.