

Municipal Drinking Water Treatment for Taste and Odor Control

Technical Brief

TECHNICAL SUMMARY

Permanganate is used in systems treating surface water to aid in the control of off-flavor tastes and odors. Off-flavors are usually attributed to the presence of blue-green algae in the water supply. The oxidant has been found to be most effective in treating off-flavors described as fishy, septic, grassy, and cucumber. In many cases permanganate will compliment activated carbon and other treatment processes resulting in a cost-effective taste and odor control program.

APPLICATION

To determine the Permanganate Value (PV), where t is time, laboratory tests simulating plant conditions of time, the sequence of addition of other treatment chemicals, etc., are conducted. The procedure is described in Carus Form # 3353. This is the raw water permanganate demand in a given period of time. This value is used to calculate the feed rates needed.

Permanganate is usually fed at the intake to take advantage of the time available in the raw water transmission line and to insure that all of the oxidant is used up prior to the addition of other treatment chemicals such as alum, chlorine, activated carbon, or iron salts. Control can be visual or can be monitored using residual permanganate analytical methods given in Standard Method 4500-KMnO₄.

CHEMISTRY

Taste & Odor Compounds + MnO₄ ---> MnO₂ + Odorless By-products

DOSAGE

Normal dosages to control tastes and odors will range between 0.5 and 2.5 mg/L KMnO₄ depending on the degree of raw water contamination. The average dosage is ~1.0 mg/L KMnO₄.

FACILITY REQUIREMENTS

Proper feed equipment specially designed to handle permanganate is recommended and available from Carus. The product must be put into solution before being introduced into the system. Operators should be trained to monitor permanganate residuals and to exercise proper safety precautions when handling the oxidant.

BENEFITS

Cost-effective taste and odor control programs include the application of permanganate to complement activated carbon and other control methods. In many cases the volume of carbon is substantially reduced as a result of permanganate pretreatment. Permanganate does not form trihalomethanes, aids in the coagulation process, and oxidizes inorganic iron and manganese.

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OTHER APPLICATIONS

- Taste & Odor Control
- Biosolids Odor Control
- Iron and Manganese Control
- Industrial Waste Treatment

CARUS VALUE ADDED

LABORATORY SUPPORT

Carus has technical assistance available to answer questions, evaluate treatment alternatives, and perform laboratory testing. Our laboratory capabilities include; Feasibility Studies, Treatability Studies, and Analytical Services.

FIELD SERVICES

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