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Advanced Treatment of Sewage Effluent using Hydroponic Bio-filter Method

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The effluent from internal secondary sewage treatment discharge to rivers or lakes can cause the secondary pollution, due to the poorly treated nutrients. As a result, the target water quality improvement is limited a low level of 20-30%. Since the total load management and the target water quality management of nutrients becomes strict, it is necessary to develop advanced treatment process. In this study, from August 8 to October 22, 2003, we evaluated the water trait of the effluent focused on nutrients and organic treatment effect based on experiment on the secondary sewage treatment of "S" sewage treatment facility using aquatic plants(Spirodela polyrhiza, Oenanthe javan-ica, Phragmites australis) via a the pilot plant study. The results of the experiment, the average effluents of organic was COD 7.2±1.1 mg/L, SS 1.1±0.7 mg/L and DOC 5.1±0.8 mg/L respectively, and average removal efficiencies of COD, SS, DOC were 16.8±8.4%, 67.1±15.9%, 22.1±12.9% respectively. Also, effluents of NH₃-N, NO₃-N, T-N, DIP, T-P were 1.2±1.1 mg/L, 8.1±1.2 mg/L, 9.7±1.1 mg/L, 1.189±0.150 mg/L and 1.014±0.166 mg/L respectively, and average removal efficiencies of NH₃-N, NO₃-N, T-N, DIP, T-P were 56.4±23.7%, 20.8±12.0%, 19.2±10.0%, 19.4±12.6% and 20.9±11.3% respectively. The results of this study showed that we can achieve better water quality if the advanced treatment process using aquatic plants is used to remove nitrogen, phosphate and organism. A stable water quality could be obtain within the permissible range of sewerage effluent regulation standards that will be effective after 2004.