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**Abstract:** 

The disposal of alum sludge (AS) produced from drinking water treatment plants is gradually becoming a

threat to the environment. The conventional disposal by landfill is not feasible because AS is considered

as hazardous waste. By contrast, treated alum sludge (TAS) contains useful chemical compounds (silicon

dioxide and aluminium trioxide which are the main constituents of cement). This study explored the

influence of TAS on the production of high-strength self-compacting concrete (HSSCC) made up of 5%,

10%, 15%, 20% and 25% cement replacement. The experimental work was divided into 15 mixes as well

as three control mixes with three different water/powder (w/p) ratios (0.36, 0.38 and 0.4). The fresh

properties of self-compacting concrete (SCC) were determined via the slump flow, V-funnel, V-funnel at

T5 min and L-box tests to meet the flowability requirements. The strength and durability properties of

SCC were also tested at different specimen ages. In addition, the effects of elevated temperature on TAS-

incorporated concrete were observed at different temperatures for 3 h. Experimental results revealed the

encouraging effects of TAS on the fresh, hardened and durability properties of HSSCC with maximum

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