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Abstract

Sulfide removal from wastewater is essential, in view of the toxic, malodor and corrosive property of sulfide. The oxidation of sulfide by chemolithotrophic sulfide oxidation bacteria can produce elemental sulfur, an important chemical material. A membrane aerated biofilm reactor (MABR) has been successfully implemented and demonstrated for enhanced sulfide oxidation and sulfur production, owning to its counter-diffusion design of oxygen supply. In this work, a mathematical model was developed to evaluate the sulfide oxidation and sulfur production in the MABR in the presence of residual organics in the influent. The model was calibrated and validated using the experimental data from the long-term operation of the sulfide-oxidation

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