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Highlights

Spent catalyst was applied in Fenton-like process.

The catalyst showed high efficiency in phenol oxidation.

Phenol concentration level in petrochemical effluent was reduced remarkably.

Fenton-like effective parameters were optimized to access maximum phenol removal efficiency.

Abstract

Phenol is one of the dangerous volatile organic compounds (VOCs) which presents in almost every

petrochemical plant's effluent. In this study, we regenerated spent catalyst of petrochemical

styrene unit and applied to remove phenol from an industrial phenolic effluent in Fenton-like

process. The catalyst was characterized using SEM, XRD, N2 adsorption-desorption, EDX and

XRF techniques. Effects of four important variables including H₂O₂ concentration, catalyst

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