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Durability Performance of Concrete Incorporating Spent Fluid

Cracking Catalyst

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Abstract: The petrochemical industry uses, in its fluid catalytic cracking units, zeolites as

catalysts. After several cycles of use and regeneration, the fluid cracking catalyst becomes

spent (SFCC). Given its chemical composition (aluminosilicates), SFCC may be used as

admixtures in mortar and concrete production. The aim of this study was to investigate

the influence of SFCC in durability related properties of concrete, namely in air permea-

bility, capillary suction, carbonation and chloride resistance, considering also its simulta-

neous use with corrosion inhibitors. An experimental program was developed comprising

four concrete mixes, sampled in two batches. The water-binder (cement+SFCC) ratio and

the plasticizer dosage were kept constant. Statistical analyses of results were performed.

Although no synergic effect of the combined use of SFCC and corrosion inhibitor was

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