

ENERGY BALANCE

REACTOR:

Feed temperature 35°C

Outlet temperature 150°C

Cp data at average feed temperature, 17.5°C

CpNH ₃ solution (31.2 mol%)	4.184 KJ/(Kg K)
Cp ethylene oxide	1.884 KJ/(Kg K)

At 150/2 = 75°C

CpNH ₃ solution (15.2 mol%)	4.22 KJ/(Kg K)
Cp(MEA)	2.78
Cp(DEA)	2.66
Cp(TEA)	2.55

Heat liberated: $\Delta H_r = 125$ KJ/mole of ethylene oxide.

Moles of ethylene oxide reacted = 3690 kmoles/day

Balance equation:

Heat input + heat generated = heat output + heat removed

$$M_f \times \sum(x_i \times C_{p_i}) + \Delta H_r \times \text{moles of EO} = M_o \times \sum(x_i \times C_{p_i}) + Q$$

$$\sum(x_i \times C_{p_i}) (\text{input}) = 3.32 \text{ KJ}/(\text{Kg K})$$

$$\sum(x_i \times C_{p_i}) (\text{output}) = 3.44 \text{ KJ}/(\text{Kg K})$$

$$M_f = M_o = 456 \text{ tons/day}$$

We get

$$Q = 5949.1 \text{ KJ/s}$$

FLASH DRUM

All the ammonia entering the flash is completely removed. It is assumed that no water goes along with the ammonia. Feed from the reactor is passed through the heat exchanger before feeding into the flash drum.

Stream leaving the flash will be saturated, and hence the temperature of the outlet stream from T,x,y diagram is 112°C.

Heat balance equation:

Heat input with input stream + heat removed = heat leaving in outlet stream (both top and bottom products)

$$M_F \times \sum(x_i \times C_{p_i}) + Q = M_D \times \sum(x_i \times C_{p_i}) + M_D \times \lambda + M_B \times \sum(x_i \times C_{p_i})$$

λ for ammonia at 112°C is 648.52 KJ/Kg

$$\sum(x_i \times C_{p_i}) (\text{input}) = 4.05 \text{ KJ}/(\text{Kg K})$$

$$\sum(x_i \times C_{p_i}) (\text{output}) = 3.35 \text{ KJ}/(\text{Kg K})$$

$$M_D = 33.88 \text{ tons/day}$$

$$M_B = 413.78 \text{ tons/day}$$

Therefore heat must be removed is, $Q = 1000.27 \text{ KJ/s}$

DEHYDRATION TOWER:

Feed temperature = 112°C

Average temperature = 56°C

$$C_p (\text{water}) = 4.6 \text{ KJ}/(\text{Kg K})$$

$$C_p (\text{MEA}) = 2.82 \text{ KJ}/(\text{Kg K})$$

$$C_p (\text{DEA}) = 2.68 \text{ KJ}/(\text{Kg K})$$

$$C_p (\text{TEA}) = 2.56 \text{ KJ}/(\text{Kg K})$$

$$\sum(x_i \times C_{p_i}) (\text{input}) = 3.65 \text{ KJ}/(\text{Kg K})$$

Outlet temperature

Bottom residue temperature = 163°C

Distillate temperature = 102°C

$$\sum(x_i \times C_{p_i}) (\text{distillate}) = 4.374 \text{ KJ}/(\text{Kg K})$$

$$\sum(x_i \times C_{p_i}) (\text{residue}) = 2.815 \text{ KJ}/(\text{Kg K})$$

Heat balance equation:

Heat entering in input stream + re-boiler heat load (Q_R) = condenser load (Q_C) + heat out in distillate + heat out with residue stream

$$M_F = 413.78 \text{ tons/day}$$

$$M_D = 197.48 \text{ tons/day}$$

$$M_R = 216.3 \text{ tons/day}$$

Therefore

$$\underline{\text{REBOILER heat load, } Q_R = 5862.3 \text{ KJ/s}}$$

MONOETHANOLAMINE TOWER:

Feed stream, $M_F = 216.3$ tons/day

Distillate, $D = 148.03$ tons/day (99% MEA and 1% DEA)

Residue, $W = 68.27$ tons/day (2.2% MEA, 76.3% DEA and 15.6% TEA)

Distillate temperature = 175°C which is slightly more than the boiling point of the MEA, since it consist small fraction of 1% DEA.

Average temperature = $(175 + 0)/2 = 87.5^\circ\text{C}$

Heat capacity data at average temperature are:

$$C_p (\text{MEA}) = 2.86 \text{ KJ}/(\text{Kg K})$$

$$C_p (\text{DEA}) = 2.71 \text{ KJ}/(\text{Kg K}) \quad C_p (\text{TEA}) = 2.59 \text{ KJ}/(\text{Kg K})$$

Residue temperature = 260°C , which is slightly below the boiling point of DEA and TEA.

Heat capacity data at average temperature are:

$$C_p (\text{MEA}) = 2.94 \text{ KJ}/(\text{Kg K})$$

$$C_p (\text{DEA}) = 2.85 \text{ KJ}/(\text{Kg K}) \quad C_p (\text{TEA}) = 2.75 \text{ KJ}/(\text{Kg K})$$

Condenser heat load calculation:

It is assumed that a very small quantity of the reflux is required for the separation of MEA and DEA, because of the large boiling point difference.

Hence reflux ratio is assumed as 0.1

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} G &= (R+1) \times D \\ &= 1.1 \times 148.08 = 162.8 \text{ tons/day} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Condenser heat load } Q_C &= G \times \lambda_D \\ &= 162.8 (0.99 \times 848.1 + 0.01 \times 638.4) \\ &= \underline{1594.089 \text{ KJ/s}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum(x_i \times C_{p_i}) (\text{input}) = 2.815 \text{ KJ}/(\text{Kg K})$$

$$\sum(x_i \times C_{p_i}) (\text{distillate}) = 2.86 \text{ KJ}/(\text{Kg K})$$

$$\sum(x_i \times C_{p_i}) (\text{residue}) = 2.67 \text{ KJ}/(\text{Kg K})$$

Heat balance equation:

Heat entering in input stream + re-boiler heat load(Q_R) = condenser load (Q_C) +
heat out in distillate + heat out with residue stream

$$216.3 \times 10^3 \times 2.815 \times 163 + Q_R = 1594.089 \times 24 \times 3600 + 148.08 \times 10^3 \times 2.86 \times 175 \\ + 68.27 \times 2.67 \times 260$$

Therefore

REBOILER head load, $Q_R = 1853 \text{ KJ/s}$