

# DESIGN OF EQUIPMENTS

## 1. (a) Process Design of Ammonia Absorption Column

Feed to the absorption tower is sodium chloride solution (Brine).  
Containing 300gms NaCl per liter of solution.

Composition of gaseous mixture used is (in mole fraction)

Ammonia	= 64.82%
Carbon di oxide	=18.03%
Water	=17.14%

Ammonia composition in inlet gas stream.

$$Y_b = 1.843 \text{ K mole NH}_3/\text{K mole inerts} \quad (\text{bottom})$$

Assuming 95% of ammonia absorbed.

$$Y_t = 0.0184 \text{ K mole NH}_3/\text{K mole inerts} \quad (\text{top})$$

$$\text{Brine solution flow rate } L_t = 182683.71 \text{ kg/hr}$$

$$\text{Water flow rate } L^1 = 136693.1508 \text{ kg/hr}$$

**Solubility data of ammonia in water at 1 atmosphere pressure and at 40°C**

**Assuming iso-thermal process**

X=moles of NH <sub>3</sub> /moles of H <sub>2</sub> O	Y= moles of NH <sub>3</sub> /moles of inerts
0.2647	2.3628
0.2117	1.0822
0.1588	0.5605
0.1058	0.2816
0.0794	0.1865
0.053	0.1112
0.0423	0.0869
0.03176	0.0629
0.0264	0.052
0.0211	0.041
0.0169	0.0327
0.0127	0.0246
0.0105	0.02068

From this plot,

$$(L^1/G^1)_{\min} = (Y_b - Y_t) / (X_b^* - X_t) \quad , X_t = 0$$

$$= (1.843 - 0.0184) / 0.25$$

$$(L^1/G^1)_{\min} = 7.2984$$

$$(L^1/G^1)_{\min} = 1.2 * (L^1/G^1)_{\min}$$

$$(L^1/G^1)_{\min} = 8.758$$

Therefore,  $X_b = 0.218$

Flow of inerts rate at bottom =  $G^1 = 867.1$  kmol/hr

Molecular weight of gas = 22.0378

Gas flow rate at bottom =  $G_b = 36722.55$  kg/hr

Gas flow rate at top =  $G_t = 18529.3695$  kg/hr

Brine Solution flow rate at bottom =  $L_b = 209579.59$  kg/hr

Density of gas  $\rho_g = 0.8065$  kg/m<sup>3</sup>

Density of liquid  $\rho_L = 1191.66$  kg/m<sup>3</sup>

### **Bubble cap tray design**

#### **(1) Tray spacing**

chosen Tray spacing  $t_s = 610$  mm = 24 in

#### **(2) Tray thickness**

$t_T = 3$  mm

#### **(3) Estimation of plat diameter**

$$L/G (\rho_G/\rho_L)^{0.5} = 209579.59/36722.65(0.8065/1191.66)^{0.5}$$

$$L/G (\rho_G/\rho_L)^{0.5} = 0.148$$

From flooding curve capacity parameter for tray spacing of 610 mm

$$C_{SB,F} = 0.33 \text{ ft/sec}$$

Surface tension of liquid ( $\sigma$ ) = 75.5 dynes/cm

$$Unf = C_{sb} \times \left\{ \frac{\sigma}{20} \right\}^{0.2} \left[ \frac{(\rho_L - \rho_G)}{\rho_G} \right]^{0.5}$$

$$Unf = 16.54 \text{ ft/sec}$$

For 90% flooding

$$Unf = 0.9 \times 16.54 \text{ ft/sec}$$

$$Unf = 4.525 \text{ m/sec}$$

Volumetric flow rate of gas = 12.6481 m<sup>3</sup>/sec

Net area available for gas flow ( $A_n$ )

$$A_n = 12.6481/4.525$$

$$A_n = 2.79 \text{ m}^2$$

Net area = Column cross sectional area – Down comer area.

$$A_n = A_c - A_d$$

$$L_w / D_c = 0.7$$

$$\sin(\theta_c/2) = [(L_w/2) / (D_c/2)] = 0.7$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta_c = 88.85^\circ$$

$$A_c = (\pi/4) D_c^2 = 0.785 D_c^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} A_d &= (\pi/4) D_c^2 (\theta_c/360^\circ) - (L_w/2) (D_c/2) \cdot \cos(\theta_c/2) \\ &= 0.068 D_c^2 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $A_n = A_c - A_d$

$$2.79 = 0.785 D_c^2 - 0.068 D_c^2$$

$$\Rightarrow D_c = 1.97 \text{ m}$$

Taking  $D_c = 2 \text{ m}$

$$A_c = 3.14 \text{ m}^2$$

$$A_d = 0.272 \text{ m}^2$$

$$L_w = 1.4 \text{ m}$$

Active area  $A_a = A_c - 2A_d$

$$A_a = 2.596 \text{ m}^2$$

Liquid distribution area =  $A_{cz} = 10\% A_c$

$$A_{cz} = 0.314 \text{ m}^2$$

Waste peripheral area =  $A_{wz} = 5\%$

$$A_{wz} = 0.157 \text{ m}^2$$

$$A_p = A_c - 2A_d - A_{cz} - A_{wz}$$

$$A_p = 2.125 \text{ m}^2$$

**(4) Selection of bubble cap**

For tower of diameter 2m

Cap diameter = 100mm= 4 in

4 inch size bubble cap ,carbon steel US Standard gauge 12

OD=4.093 in

ID = 3.875 in

### **Height**

Overall 3in

No of slots = 26

Type of slots = Trapezoidal shape

### **Slot width**

Bottom = 0.333 in

Top = 0.107 in

Slot height = 1.25 in

Height shroud ring = 0.25 in

### **Riser**

OD= 2.718 in

ID = 2.5 in

### **Standard height**

0.5 in skirt height = 2.5 in

1.0 in skirt height = 3.0 in

1.5 in skirt height = 3.5 in

### **Cap areas**

Risers =4.8 in<sup>2</sup>

Reversal =7.3 in<sup>2</sup>

Annular =5.99 in<sup>2</sup>

Slot =8.12 in<sup>2</sup>

Cap =13.15 in<sup>2</sup>

**(5) pitch of bubble cap**

Bubble caps are arranged on triangular pitch

$$l_p = 150 \text{ mm}$$

**(6) Ratio bubble cap area to perforated area ( $A_b/A_p$ )**

$$(A_b/A_p) = 0.4030$$

**(7) Total area of bubble caps**

$$A_b = 0.8563 \text{ m}^2$$

$$\text{Total number of bubble caps} = N_T = 110$$

**(8) Weir height,  $h_w$**

$h_w =$  skirt clearance + spround ring + slot height + static seal

$$h_w = 62.5 \text{ mm}$$

**(9) Tray dynamics calculation**

**Head loss through dispersion unit (dry cap + slot drop)**

$$h_d = K_1 + K_2 (\rho_G/\rho_L) U_h^2$$

$$U_h = 14.64 \text{ m/s} = \text{liner gas velocity through risers}$$

$$K_1 = 3.73 ((\rho_L - \rho_G) / \rho_G)^{1/5} (h_{sh})^{4/5} (U_s)^{2/5}$$

$$h_{sh} = 31.75 \text{ mm} = \text{cap slot height}$$

$$U_s = 21.94 \text{ m/s} = \text{linear gas velocity through slots m/s}$$

$$K_1 = 47.45$$

$K_2$  calculation

$$(\text{Annular area/riser area}) = 1.248$$

from plot of this area ratio Vs  $K_2$

$$K_2 = 13$$

$$h_d = 47.39 + 13 * (0.8065/1191.66) * 14.64^2$$

$$h_d = 49.27 \text{ mm}$$

### height of crest over weir ( $h_{ow}$ )

$$h_{ow} = f_w * 664(q/l_w)^{2/3}$$

$$q = \text{liquid flow rate in m}^3/\text{s} = 0.04258 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

$$l_w = \text{weir length} = 1.4 \text{ m}$$

$$q/l_w^{2.5} = 14.93$$

$$f_w = 1.1$$

$$h_{ow} = 64.92 \text{ mm}$$

### Dynamic seal

$$h_{ds} = h_s + h_{ow} + h_{hg}/2$$

$$h_s = h_w - \text{height of slot}$$

$$h_s = 44.45 \text{ mm}$$

let us assume  $h_{hg} = 20 \text{ mm}$

$$h_{ds} = 119.37 \text{ mm}$$

### hydraulic gradient across plate

$$h_{hg} = C_{vf} * h_{hg}^1$$

$$Ua\sqrt{\rho_G} = 3.585$$

$$\text{There fore } C_{vf} = 1$$

Uncorrected liquid gradient =  $h_{hg}^1 = 0.09$  per row

$$\text{No of rows} = 1 + [Z_l - (l_p + d_c)]/l_p$$

$$Z_l = \text{mean liquid length} = 56.23 \text{ in}$$

$$d_c = \text{inside dia of cap} = 3.878 \text{ in}$$

$l_p = \text{cap pitch} = 6 \text{ in}$   
No of rows = 9

corrected liquid gradient =  $h_{hg}^1 = 0.09 * 9 = 0.72 \text{ in}$

$$h_{hg} = C_{vf} * h_{hg}^1$$
$$= 1 * 0.72 \text{ in}$$
$$= 20.57 \text{ mm}$$

thus the estimated mean liquid depth is correct no recalculation is required.

### Pressure drop through aerated liquid

$$h^1 = \beta h_{ds}$$

$\beta$  = aeration factor

$$F_{ga} = U_a (\rho_G)^{1/2}$$
$$= 15.98 (.0503)^{1/2}$$
$$F_{ga} = 3.585$$

Therefore  $\beta = 0.58$   
 $\Phi = 0.18$

$$h^1 = 0.58 * 119.37$$

$$h^1 = 69.23 \text{ mm}$$

### Total pressure drop

$$h_t = h_d + h^1$$
$$= 49.27 + 69.23$$
$$h_t = 118.5 \text{ mm}$$

### Head loss over downcomer apron

$$h_{da} = 165.2 \{q / A_{da}\}^2$$

Take clearance,  $C = 1''$

$$h_{ap} = h_{ds} - C = 119.37 - 25.4 = 93.97 \text{ mm}$$

$$A_{da} = Lw \times h_{ap} = 0.1315 \text{ m}^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore h_{da} &= 165.2[0.0318/0.1315]^2 \\ &= 9.652 \text{ mm} \end{aligned}$$

### **Down comer backup**

$$\begin{aligned} h_{dc} &= h_t + h_w + h_{ow} + h_{da} + h_{hg} \\ &= 118.5 + 62.5 + 64.92 + 9.652 + 20.17 \\ &= 275.742 \text{ mm} \end{aligned}$$

$$h_{dc}^1 = h_{dc} / \phi_c$$

where  $\phi$  is the froth density

$$\begin{aligned} h_{dc}^1 &= 275.745 / 0.5 \\ &= 551.484 \text{ mm} \end{aligned}$$

$h_{dc}^1$  less than the tray spacing of 610 mm.

No down comer weeping will occur

## (10) Column efficiency

### a) Point efficiency( $E_{OG}$ )

Number of gas phase transfer units:

$$N_g = (0.776 + 0.00457h_w - 0.238 U_a \rho_g^{0.5} + 105W) / N_{scg}^{0.5}$$

$h_w$  = weir height in mm = 62.5 mm

$U_a$  = gas velocity through active area = 4.872 m/s

$W$  = liquid flow rate in  $m^3/(s.m)$  of width of flow path on plate = 0.002944  $m^3/(s.m)$

$N_{scg}$  = gas-phase Schmidt number,  $\mu_g / \rho_g D_g$

$D_g$  = gas-phase diffusion coefficient

$$N_{scg} = 0.01673 * 10^{-3} / (0.8053 * 0.195 * 10^{-4})$$

$$N_{scg} = 1.0644$$

$$N_g = (0.776 + 0.00457 * 62.5 - 0.238 * 4.872 * 0.8065^{0.5} + 105 * 0.002944) / 1.066^{0.5}$$

$$N_g = 3.015$$

Number of liquid phase transfer units:

$$N_L = K_L \cdot a \cdot \theta_L$$

$K_L$  = liquid phase transfer coefficient

$\theta_L$  = residence time of liquid in the froth, sec

$a$  = effective interfacial area for mass transfer,  $m^2/m^3$

$h_L$  = effective clear liquid height, mm

$q$  = liquid flow rate,  $m^3/sec$

$$\theta_L = h_L A_a / 1000q$$

$$= 69.23 * 2.596 / 1000 * 0.0488$$

$$= 4.0844$$

$$\begin{aligned} (K_L a) &= (4.127 * 10^8 D_L)^{0.5} (0.21 U_a \rho_g^{0.5} + 0.15) \\ &= (4.127 * 10^8 * 1.5285 * 10^{-10})^{0.5} (0.21 * 4.872 * 0.8085^{0.5} + 0.15) \\ &= 0.2684 \end{aligned}$$

$$N_L = 0.2684 * 3.682$$

$$= 1.096$$

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_t &= m_t (G'/L') ((1+Y_t)/(1+X_t)) \\ &= 15 * (1/8.758) (1+0.01843) \\ &= 1.744\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_b &= m_b (G'/L') ((1+Y_b)/(1+X_b)) \\ &= 5.428 * (1/8.758) ((1+1.843)/(1+0.218)) \\ &= 1.446\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda &= (\lambda_t + \lambda_b) / 2 \\ &= 1.595\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore N_{OG} &= \frac{1}{1/N_G + \lambda / N_L} \\ &= 0.5595\end{aligned}$$

$$E_{OG} = 1 - e^{-N_{OG}} = 0.4285 = 42.85\%$$

**(b) Murphree Plate Efficiency (  $E_{MV}$  )**

$$\text{Pecklet Number } N_{pe} = (z_L)^2 / (D_E \theta_L)$$

$$\begin{aligned}Z_L &= D_C \cdot \text{Cos} (\theta_c / 2) \\ &= 1.46 \text{ m}\end{aligned}$$

$$D_E = 0.0124 + 0.0171U + 0.0025 Q / Z_L + 0.015h_w$$

$h_w$  = weir height ,inch

$Q$  = liquid flow rate ,gal/min

$U$  = gas flow rate, ft/sec

$D_E$  = eddy-diffusion coefficient, ft<sup>2</sup>/sec

$$\begin{aligned}D_E &= 0.0124 + 0.0171 * 15.98 + 0.0025 * 126.42 + 0.015 * 2.5 \\ &= 0.4492 \text{ ft}^2/\text{sec} \\ &= 0.1369 \text{ m}^2/\text{sec}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}N_{pe} &= (1.46)^2 / (0.1369 * 4.0844) \\ &= 3.835\end{aligned}$$

$$\lambda E_{OG} = 1.595 * 0.4285 = 0.6834$$

$$\therefore (E_{MV} / E_{OG}) = 1.18$$

$$E_{MV} = 1.18 * 0.4285 = 0.5056 = 50.56\%$$

**(c) Overall column efficiency ( $E_{OC}$ )**

$$L/G \{ \rho_G / \rho_L \}^{0.5} = 0.148$$

at 90 % of the flooding ,  $\psi = 0.051$

$$E_{\alpha} / E_{MV} = \frac{1}{1 + E_{MV} [\psi / (1 - \psi)]}$$

$$E_{\alpha} / E_{MV} = 0.9735$$

$$E_{\alpha} = 0.9735 * 0.5056 = 0.4922$$

The overall efficiency is given by the equation :

$$E_{OC} = \frac{\log[ 1 + E_{\alpha} (\lambda - 1) ]}{\log \lambda}$$

$$E_{OC} = \frac{\log[ 1 + 0.4922 ( 1.592 - 1) ]}{\log 1.592}$$

$$= 0.5501 = 55.01\%$$

$N_t$  = number of theoretical trays = 4

$N_c$  = number of actual trays

$$E_{OC} = N_t / N_c$$

$$N_c = 4 / 0.5501 \\ = 7.27 \approx 8$$

tower height = ( Tray Spacing x Actual number of trays )

$$= 0.610 * 8 = 4.88$$

tower height ( $H_T$ ) = 5

## (b) Mechanical Design of Absorption Column

Diameter of the tower  $D_i = 2.0\text{m}$

Working pressure = 1 atm =  $1.0329 \text{ kg/m}^2$

Design pressure  $p_d = 1.1362 \text{ kg/m}^2$

Shell material Plain Carbon steel

Permissible tensile stress ( $f_t$ ) =  $950 \text{ kg/cm}^2$

Insulation thickness = 100mm

Density of insulation =  $770 \text{ kg/m}^3$

Tray spacing = 610mm

Top disengaging space = 1m

Bottom separator space = 2m

Skirt height = 2m

Density of material column =  $7700 \text{ kg/m}^3$

Wind pressure =  $130 \text{ kg/m}^2$

### 1) Shell thickness

$$t_s = PD_i / (2fJ - P) + C$$

P = design pressure in  $\text{kg/cm}^2$

f = allowable tensile stress  $\text{kg/cm}^2$

C = corrosion allowance

J = joint factor

$$t_s = (1.1362 * 2000) / (2 * 950 * 0.85 - 1.1362)$$

$$t_s = 4 \text{ mm}$$

minimum thickness allowable is 6mm

$$t_s = 6 \text{ mm}$$

## 2) Head Design

Shallow dished and torispherical head

Thickness of head is given by

$$t_h = PR_C W / 2fJ$$

$R_c$  = crown radius

$W$  = stress intensification factor

$$W = 0.25(3 + \sqrt{R_C/R_K})$$

$R_k$  = knuckle radius, 6% of crown radius.

$$W = 1.7706$$

$$t_h = 1.1362 * 2000 * 1.7706 / 2 * 950 * 0.85$$

$$t_s = 2.491 \text{ mm}$$

minimum thickness is  $t_s = 6 \text{ mm}$

## 3) Shell thickness at different heights

At a distance 'X' m from the top of the shell the stress are;

**Axial Stress: (compressive)**

$$\begin{aligned} f_{ap} &= \frac{p_i D_i}{4(t_s - C)} \\ &= 1.1362 * 2000 / 4 * (6 - 2) \\ &= 142.025 \text{ kg/m}^3 \end{aligned}$$

## 4) Compressive stress due to weight of shell up to a distance 'X'

$$\begin{aligned} f_{ds} &= \frac{\pi/4 * (D_o^2 - D_i^2) \rho_s X}{\pi/4 * (D_o^2 - D_i^2)} \\ &= \rho_s X \\ &= 0.77X \text{ kg/m}^3 \end{aligned}$$

## 5) Compressive stress due to weight of insulation

$$\begin{aligned} f_{d(ins)} &= \frac{\pi D_{ins} t_{in} \rho_{ins}}{\pi D_m (t_s - C)} \end{aligned}$$

$$f_{d(\text{ins})} = \frac{2212 \cdot 100 \cdot 770 \cdot X}{2006 \cdot (6-2)}$$

$$f_{d(\text{ins})} = 2.122X$$

### 6) compressive Stress due to the weight of the liquid and tray

$$f_d = \frac{W_{\text{liq}}}{\pi D_m(t_s - C)}$$

$$W_{\text{liq}} = ((X - \text{top space}) / TS + 1) (\pi d^2 / 4) \rho_L$$

$$W_{\text{liq}} = ((X - 1) / 0.61 + 1) (\pi \cdot 2^2 / 4) \cdot 1193$$

$$= [61.44X - 27.03] \text{ kg/cm}$$

$$f_d = [61.44X - 27.03] / (\pi \cdot 2.006 \cdot (6-2))$$

$$f_d = [24.37X - 10.722] \text{ kg/cm}^2$$

### 7) Stress due to the weight of the attachments

The total weight of the attachments

$$W_a = (2670 + 140X)$$

$$F_{d(\text{att})} = (2670 + 140X) / (\pi \cdot 2006 \cdot 4)$$

$$= 10.59 + 0.55X$$

### 8) total compressive dead weight stress at height X

$$f_{ds} = 27.812 X - 19.755$$

### 9) stress due to wind load at distance X

$$f_{ws} = 1.4 \cdot P_w \cdot X^2 / \pi \cdot D_o \cdot (t_s - c)$$

$$= (1.4 \cdot 130 \cdot X^2) / (\pi \cdot 201.2 \cdot 4)$$

$$= 0.7198X^2$$

### 10) stress in upwind side

$$f_{\text{max}} = f_{ws} + f_{ap} - f_{dx}$$

$$0.8 \cdot 950 = 0.7198X^2 + 142.025 - 27.812X + 19.755$$

$$0.7198X^2 - 27.812X - 597.917 = 0$$

$$X = 53.32 \text{ m}$$

### 11) stress in down side

$$f_{\max} = f_{ws} + f_{ap} + f_{dx}$$

$$0.7198X^2 - 27.812X - 882.28 = 0$$

$$X = 49.30 \text{ m}$$

From this, For whole tower 6mm thickness is enough.

### 12) Skirt design

The material of construction for skirt is carbon steel IS:2062-1962

#### Minimum weight of vessel

$$W_{\min} = \Pi(D_i + t_s) t_s (H - 2) \gamma_s + 2W_H$$

$$H = 10.5 \text{ (Total height of tower including skirt height)}$$

$$\gamma_s = 7700 \text{ kg/m}^3 \text{ (specific weight of shell material)}$$

$$W_H = 2670 \text{ kg (weight of head)}$$

$$W_{\min} = \Pi(2 + 0.006) (0.006)(10.5 - 2)7700 + 2 \cdot 2670$$

$$W_{\min} = 8688.27 \text{ kg}$$

#### Maximum weight of vessel

$$W_{\max} = W_s + W_i + W_1 + W_a$$

$$W_s = 10800 \text{ kg (weight of shell during test)}$$

$$W_i = 4200 \text{ kg (weight of insulation)}$$

$$W_1 = 36128 \text{ kg (weight of water during test)}$$

$$W_a = 4400 \text{ kg (weight of attachments)}$$

$$W_{\max} = 55528 \text{ kg}$$

#### Wind load

$$P_w = K_1 p_w H D$$

For minimum weight of column,  $D = 2 \text{ m}$

$$P_w(\min) = 0.7 \cdot 130 \cdot 10.5 \cdot 2 = 2457 \text{ kg}$$

$$P_w(\max) = 0.7 \cdot 130 \cdot 10.5 \cdot 2.2 = 2702.7 \text{ kg}$$

**Minimum wind moment**

$$\begin{aligned}M_w(\min) &= P_w(\min) \cdot H/2 \\ &= 2457 \cdot 10.5/2 \\ &= 16584.75 \text{ kg m}\end{aligned}$$

**Maximum wind moment**

$$\begin{aligned}M_w(\min) &= P_w(\min) \cdot H/2 \\ &= 2702.7 \cdot 10.5/2 \\ &= 18243.22 \text{ kg m}\end{aligned}$$

**Bending stresses**

$$\begin{aligned}f_b(\min) &= \frac{4M_w(\min)}{\pi \cdot D^2 \cdot t} \\ &= \frac{4 \cdot 16584.75}{\pi \cdot 2^2 \cdot t} \text{ kg/cm}^2 \\ &= 0.5279/t \text{ kg/cm}^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}f_b(\max) &= \frac{4M_w(\max)}{\pi \cdot D^2 \cdot t} \\ &= \frac{4 \cdot 18243.22}{\pi \cdot 4 \cdot t} \\ &= 0.5806/t \text{ kg/cm}^2\end{aligned}$$

**Minimum dead load stress**

$$\begin{aligned}F_{ds}(\min) &= W_{\min} / \pi D t \\ &= 8688.27 / \pi \cdot 2 \cdot t \\ &= 0.1382/t \text{ kg/cm}^2\end{aligned}$$

**Maximum dead load**

$$\begin{aligned}F_{ds}(\max) &= W_{\max} / \pi D t \\ &= 0.8837 \text{ kg/cm}^3\end{aligned}$$

### Maximum tensile stress without any eccentric load

$$f_z = f_{bs(\max)} - f_{fs(\min)}$$

$$980 \cdot 0.8 = 0.0529/t$$

$$t = 0.0771 \text{ mm}$$

### Maximum compressive stress without any eccentric load

$$f_z = f_{bs(\max)} - f_{bs(\min)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_z &= 0.125 E (t/D_o) \\ &= 0.125 \cdot 2.04 \cdot 10^6 \cdot t/2 \\ &= 127500t \end{aligned}$$

$$127500t = 0.5806/t + 0.5279/t$$

$$t = 2.94 \text{ m}$$

Minimum skirt thickness is 7mm, by providing 1mm corrosion allowance

$$t_s = 8 \text{ mm}$$

### Design of skirt bearing bolts

Maximum compressive stress between bearing plate and foundation

$$f_c = W_{\max}/A + M_w/2$$

$$A = \Pi(D_o - l)/2$$

$l$  = outer radius of bearing plate minus outer radius of skirt

$$Z = \Pi R_m^2 l$$

$$R_m = (D_o - l)/2$$

$$f_c = 55528 / (\Pi(2-l)l) + 18243.22 / (\Pi(2-l)^2 l)$$

The allowable compressive stress of concrete foundation varies from 5.5 to 9.5 MN/m<sup>2</sup>

$$0.55 \cdot 10^6 = 55528 / (\Pi(2-l)l) + 18243.22 / (\Pi(2-l)^2 l)$$

$$l = 0.021 \text{ m}$$

As required width of bearing plate is very small a 100 mm width is selected

$$l = 0.1 \text{ m}$$

therefore  $f_c = 0.122 \cdot 10^6$

thickness of bearing plate

$$t_{bp} = l \sqrt{3f_c/f}$$

$$= 100 \sqrt{3 \cdot 0.122 \cdot 10^6 / 96 \cdot 10^6} = 61.2 \text{ mm}$$

Bearing plate thickness of 61.2 mm is required

As the plate thickness required is larger than 20mm gussets may be used to reinforce the plate.

For  $l/b=1$

$$\begin{aligned}M(\max) &= M_Y = 0.199 f_c l^2 \\ &= 0.119 * 0.122 * 10^6 * 0.1^2 \\ &= 145.18 \text{ kg}\end{aligned}$$

$$t_{bp} = \sqrt{(6M_{\max}/f)}$$

$$= 9.52 \text{ mm}$$

if gussets are used at 100mm spacing ,bearing plate thickness of 10mm will be sufficient

$$f_{\min} = W_{\min}/A - M_w/Z$$

$$\begin{aligned}&= 8688/\Pi(2-1)l + 18234.22/\Pi(2-1)^2l \\ &= 30641 \text{ kg/m}^3\end{aligned}$$

$$j = W_{\min}R/M_w$$

R=moment arm for that weight of vessel.

$$R = 0.42 D_o^1$$

$$R = 8688 * 0.42 * 2.2 / 18243.22$$

$$R = 0.44$$

As the value is less than 1.5 , the vessel will not be steady by its own weight.

There fore anchor bolts are to be used

$$\begin{aligned}P_{\text{bolt}} * n &= f_{\min} * A \\ &= 30641 * 3.14 * (2-0.1) * 0.1 \\ &= 1828\end{aligned}$$

For hot rolled carbon steel  $f = 5.73 * 10^6 \text{ kg/m}^2$

$$(a_r)n = nP_{\text{bolt}}$$

$$a_r n = 319 \text{ m}^2$$

For 12X1.5 ,  $a_r = 63 \text{ mm}^2$

Number of bolts =  $319/63 = 5$  bolts

### (13) Nozzles

Diameter of liquid inlet and outlet nozzles = 180mm

Diameter of gas inlet and outlet nozzles = 75 mm

Thickness of nozzles  $t=10\text{mm}$

### (14) Bubble cap Tray

Number of bubble caps=110

Diameter of bubble cap( $d_c$ )=100mm=4in

Cap pitch( $p$ )=150mm=6in

Distance between extreme rows of caps

$$l-(p+d_c)$$

$l$ =length of liquid travel=1.428m=56.23 in

$$\begin{aligned}\text{number of rows} &= 1+(l-(p+d_c))/p \\ &= 1+(1-(56.23-(6+4))/6 \\ &= 9 \text{ rows}\end{aligned}$$

$n_r$ =number of caps for center row

$$n_r = (D_c - (d_c + 3))/p$$

$$n_r = (80 - (4 + 3))/6$$

$$n_r = 13$$

## 2. (a) Process Design of Heat exchanger

Heat exchanger used is shell and tube.

The ammoniated brine entering from Ammonia Absorption Column must be cooled from 40°C to 30°C using cooling water available at 20°C.

### Shell side:

Feed ( $m_h$ )=58.216 kg/sec

Inlet temperature (T1)= 40°C

Outlet temperature(T2)= 30°C

### Tube side :

Inlet temperature (t1)= 20°C

Outlet temperature(t2)= 30°C

### 1) Heat balance

$$\begin{aligned} Q_h &= m_h C_p (T_2 - T_1) \\ &= 58.216 * 3.555 * (40 - 30) \\ &= 2069.59 \text{ KW} \end{aligned}$$

At steady state.

$$\begin{aligned} Q_h &= Q_c = mc C_p (t_2 - t_1) \\ 2069.59 &= mc * 4.18 * (30 - 20) \\ mc &= 49.53 \text{ kg/sec} \end{aligned}$$

### 2) LMTD

$$\text{LMTD} = 10^\circ\text{C}$$

$F_T$  = LMTD correction factor.

R=1.00 & S=0.5

From graph of  $F_T$  Vs S

$F_T = 0.8$

LMTD(corrected) = 0.8 \* 10 = 8°C

### 3) Heat transfer area:

Choose overall heat transfer coefficient = 1000 W/(m<sup>2</sup>K)

$$Q = UA(\text{LMTD})$$

$$A = 2069.59 / 1000 * 8$$

$$A = 258.698 \text{ m}^2$$

#### 4) Tube selection

$\frac{3}{4}$  in OD ,10 BWG Tubes

OD= $\frac{3}{4}$  in=19.05 mm

ID=0.62 in=15.75 mm

Length of tube =L=20ft=6m

Heat transfer area per tube =0.3648 m<sup>2</sup>

Number of tubes= 258.698/0.3648=709

TEMA P or S, Floating head type:

Nearest tube count from tube count table

N<sub>T</sub>= 740

6 tube passes and 1 shell pass

$\frac{3}{4}$  in tubes arranged in triangular pitch

shell ID(D<sub>f</sub>)=838mm=33in

Corrected heat transfer area=0.3648\*742=269.952 m<sup>2</sup>

Corrected over all heat transfer coefficient (U)=958.31 W/(m<sup>2</sup>K)

#### 5) Average properties of fluids

a) shell side (ammoniated brine) at 35<sup>0</sup>C

$\rho$ =987.086 kg/m<sup>3</sup>

$\mu$ =1.62\*10<sup>-3</sup> Ns/m<sup>2</sup>

C<sub>p</sub>=3.555KJ/kg.K

k=0.49 w/m.k

b)tube side (water) at 25<sup>0</sup>C

$\rho$ =999 kg/m<sup>3</sup>

$\mu$ =8.966\*10<sup>-4</sup>Ns/m<sup>2</sup>

C<sub>p</sub>=4.18 KJ/kg.K

k=0.608w/m.k

### 5) Tube side velocity

Number of passes  $N_P=6$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Flow area} &= (\pi \cdot ID^2 / 4) \cdot N_T / N_P \\ &= (3.14 \cdot 0.01575^2 / 4) \cdot 740 / 6 \\ A_a &= 0.024 \text{ m}^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}V_t &= m_c / (A_a \rho) \\ &= 49.53 / (0.024 \cdot 999) \\ &= 2.072 \text{ m/s}\end{aligned}$$

velocity is with the range.

### 6) Shell side velocity

$$\begin{aligned}S_m &= [(P^1 - D_o) L_s] D_s / P^1 & P^1 = \text{pitch} = 25.4 \text{ mm} \\ & & L_s = 0.8 D_s \\ &= [(25.4 - 19.05) 670] 838 / 25.4 \\ &= 0.1404 \text{ m}^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}V_s &= m_h / (\rho S_m) \\ &= 58.216 / (987 \cdot 0.1404) \\ &= 0.42 \text{ m/s}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}N_b + 1 &= L / L_s \\ &= 6 / 0.67\end{aligned}$$

$N_b = 9$  baffles

### 7) Shell side heat transfer coefficient

$$N_{NU} = j_H N_{Re} (N_{Pr})^{1/3}$$

$N_{Nu}$  = nusselt number

$$\begin{aligned}N_{Re} &= V_s D_o \rho / \mu \\ &= 0.42 \cdot 0.01905 \cdot 987 / 0.00162 \\ &= 4874.68\end{aligned}$$

$N_{Re}$  = Reynolds number

$N_{Pr}$  = Prandtl number

$$j_H = 10^{-2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}N_{Pr} &= \mu C_p / k \\ &= 0.00162 \cdot 3555 / 0.49\end{aligned}$$

$$=11.746$$

$$N_{Nu}=10^{-2}*4874.68*(11.746)^{1/3}$$

$$=110.8$$

$$h_o=110.8*0.49/0.01905$$

$$=2849.98 \text{ w/m}^2.\text{K}$$

### 8) Tube side heat transfer coefficient

$$N_{Nu}=0.023(N_{Re})^{0.8} (N_{Pr})^{0.3}$$

$$N_{Re}=36361.1$$

$$N_{Pr}=5.502$$

$$N_{Nu}=0.023(36361.1)^{0.8} (5.502)^{0.3}$$

$$=184.406$$

$$h_i=6820.5899 \text{ w/m}^2.\text{K}$$

### 9) overall heat transfer coefficient

$$\text{dirt coefficient on shell side}=h_{od}=5000 \text{ w/m}^2.\text{K}$$

$$\text{dirt coefficient on tube side}=h_{id}=5555.55 \text{ w/m}^2.\text{K}$$

$$1/U=1/h_o+(D_o/D_i)(1/h_i)+D_o \ln(D_o/D_i)/(2k)+1/h_{od}+(D_o/D_i)(1/h_{id})$$

$$1/U=1/2849.98+(19.05/15.75)(1/6820.5899)+0.01905*\ln(19.05/15.75)/(2*50) \\ +1/5000+(19.05/15.75)(1/5555.55)$$

$$U=1018.57 \text{ w/m}^2.\text{K}$$

Assumed value and design value are almost same.

## Pressure drop calculation

### a) Tube side pressure drop

$$\text{tube side Reynolds number} = N_{Re} = 36361.1$$

$$\text{friction factor} = f = 0.079(N_{Re})^{-1/4}$$

$$= 0.079(36361.1)^{-1/4}$$

$$= 5.72 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$\Delta P_L = (4fL v_t^2 / 2gD_i) * \rho_t g$$

$$= (4 * 5.72 * 10^{-3} * 6 * 2.072^2 / 2 * 9.8 * 15.75 * 10^{-3}) * 999 * 9.8$$
$$= 2995.92 \text{ N/m}^2$$

$$\Delta P_E = 2.5(\rho_t v_t^2 / 2)$$

$$= 2.5(999 * 2.072^2 / 2)$$

$$= 5345 \text{ N/m}^2$$

$$(\Delta P)_T = N_p(\Delta P_L + \Delta P_E)$$

$$= 6 * (2995.92 + 5345)$$

$$= 50045.52 \text{ N/m}^2$$

### b) Shell side pressure drop (Bell's method)

$$\text{shell side Reynolds number} = N_{Re} = 4874.68$$

$$f_k = 0.18$$

pressure drop for cross flow zones

$$\Delta P_C = (b f_k w^2 N_C / \rho_f S_m^2) (\mu_w / \mu_f)$$

$N_C$  = number of tube rows crossed in one cross flow section.

$$N_C = D_s [1 - 2(L_C / D_s)] / P_P$$

Where  $L_C$  baffle cut, 25% of  $D_s$

$$P_P = ((\sqrt{3})/2) P^I$$

$$N_C = 838 [1 - 2 * 0.5] / 22$$

$$N_C = 19$$

$$\Delta P_C = (2 * 10^{-3} * 0.18 * 58.216^2 * 19) / (987 * 0.1404^2)$$

$\Delta P_C = 1.19 \text{ K Pa}$   
pressure drop in end zones

$$\Delta P_E = \Delta P_C(1 + N_{cw}/N_c)$$

$N_{cw} = 0.8L_C/P_p$ , number of cross flow rows in each window.

$$N_{cw} = 8$$

$$\Delta P_E = 1.19 * (1 + 8/19)$$

$$\Delta P_E = 1.69 \text{ K Pa}$$

pressure drop in window zones

$$\Delta P_w = bw^2(2 + 0.6N_{cw}) / (S_m S_w \rho)$$

$$S_w = S_{wg} - S_{wt}$$

$S_w$  = area for flow through window zone.

$S_{wg}$  = gross window area

$S_{wt}$  = area occupied by tubes

$$S_{wg} = 170 \text{ in}^2, \text{ for } D_s = 33 \text{ in} \ \& \ L_C/D_s = 0.25$$

$$S_{wt} = (N_T/8)(1 - F_C) \Pi D_o^2$$

$$S_{wt} = (740/8)(1 - 0.66) \Pi 0.01905^2$$

$$S_{wt} = 0.0358 \text{ m}^2$$

$$S_w = (0.1096 - 0.0358) = 0.0737 \text{ m}^2$$

$$\Delta P_w = \frac{5 * 10^{-5} * 58.216^2 * (2 + 0.6 * 8)}{0.1404 * 0.0737 * 987}$$

$$\Delta P_w = 1.127 \text{ Kpa}$$

$$(\Delta P_S)_T = 2\Delta P_E + (N_b - 1)\Delta P_C + N_b \Delta P_w$$

$$(\Delta P_S)_T = 2 * 1.69 + (8 - 1) * 1.19 + 8 * 1.127$$

$$(\Delta P_S)_T = 20.726 \text{ Kpa}$$

## 2. (b) Mechanical design of Heat Exchanger

### (a) Shell side details

Material : carbon steel

Number of shell passes: one

Working pressure:  $0.1 \text{ N/mm}^2$

Design pressure :  $0.11 \text{ N/mm}^2$

Inlet temperature:  $40^\circ\text{C}$

Out let temperature:  $30^\circ\text{C}$

Permissible stress for carbon steel:  $95 \text{ N/mm}^2$

### (b) Tube side details

Number tubes: 740

Number of passes: 6

Outside diameter: 19.05mm

Inside diameter : 15.75

Length: 6m

Pitch triangular: 1 inch

Working pressure:  $0.1 \text{ N/mm}^2$

Design pressure:  $0.11 \text{ N/mm}^2$

Inlet temperature :  $20^\circ\text{C}$

Outlet temperature:  $30^\circ\text{C}$

## Shell side

### (1) Shell thickness

$$\begin{aligned}t_s &= PD/(2fJ+P) \\ &= 0.11*838/(2*95*0.85+0.11) \\ &= 0.57\end{aligned}$$

Minimum thickness of shell must be=6.3 mm  
Including corrosion allowance shell thickness is 8mm

### (2) Head thickness.

Shallow dished and torispherical

$$\begin{aligned}t_s &= PR_c W/2fJ \\ &= 0.11*838*1.77/(2*95*1) \\ &= 0.858\end{aligned}$$

minimum shell thickness should be 10mm including corrosion allowance.

### (3) Transverse Baffles

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Baffle spacing} &= 0.8*D_c \\ &= 670.4\text{mm}\end{aligned}$$

number of baffles,

$$\begin{aligned}N_b+1 &= L/L_s=6000/670.4=9 \\ N_b &= 8\end{aligned}$$

Thickness of baffles,  $t_b=6\text{mm}$

### (4) Tie Rods and spacers

For shell diameter, 700-900mm

Diameter of Rod = 13mm

Number of rods=6

### (5) Flanges

Design pressure=0.11 N/mm<sup>2</sup>

Flange material IS:2004-1962,class 2

Bolting steel :5% Cr-Mo steel

Gasket material: asbestos composition

Shell thickness: 8mm= $g_o$

Outside diameter of shell: 854 mm

Allowable stress of flange material : 100MN/m<sup>2</sup>

Allowable stress of bolting material : 138MN/m<sup>2</sup>

### Determination of gasket width

$$d_o/d_i = [(y-Pm)/(y-P(m+1))]^{0.5}$$

Assume a gasket thickness of 1.6mm

y = minimum design yield seating stress = 25.5 MN/m<sup>2</sup>

m = gasket factor = 2.75

$$d_o/d_i = [(25.5-0.11*2.75)/(25.5-0.11(2.75+1))]^{0.5}$$

$$d_o/d_i = 1.002m$$

let  $d_i$  of gasket equal 864mm

$$d_o = 1.002*d_i$$

$$d_o = 0.8657 \text{ m}$$

Minimum gasket width =  $0.801(1.002-1)/2 = 0.0008\text{m}$

Taking gasket width of  $N = 0.010\text{m}$

$$d_o = 0.885$$

Basic gasket seating width,  $b_o = 5\text{mm}$

Diameter of location of gasket load reaction is

$$G = d_i + N$$

$$= 0.864 + 0.01$$

$$= 0.874 \text{ m}$$

Estimation of Bolt loads.

Load due to design pressure

$$H = \pi G^2 P / 4$$

$$= 3.14 * 0.874^2 * 0.11 / 4$$

$$= 0.066 \text{ MN}$$

Load to keep joint tight under operation

$$H_p = \pi G (2b) m p$$

$$= 3.14 * 0.874 * (2 * 0.00559) * 2.75 * 0.11$$

$$= 0.01 \text{ MN}$$

Total operating load

$$\begin{aligned}W_o &= H + H_p \\ &= 0.066 + 0.01 \\ &= 0.076 \text{ MN}\end{aligned}$$

Load to seat gasket under bolting condition

$$\begin{aligned}W_g &= \pi G b y \\ &= 3.14 * 0.874 * 0.00559 * 25.5 \\ &= 0.3914 \text{ MN}\end{aligned}$$

$W_g > W_o$ , controlling load = 0.3914 MN

### Calculation of optimum bolting area

$$\begin{aligned}A_m = A_g &= W_g / S_g \\ &= 0.3914 / 138 \\ &= 2.836 * 10^{-03} \text{ m}^2\end{aligned}$$

Calculation of optimum bolt size

Bolt size, M18 X 2

Actual number of bolts = 44

Radial clearance from bolt circle to point of connection of hub or nozzle and back of flange =  $R = 0.027 \text{ m}$

$$C = nB_g / \pi = 0.9243$$

$$\begin{aligned}C &= ID + 2(1.415g + R) \\ &= 0.854 + 2[(1.415)(0.008) + 0.027] \\ &= 0.9301 \text{ m}\end{aligned}$$

Choose  $C = 0.93 \text{ m}$

Bolt circle diameter = 0.93 m

Calculation of flange outside diameter

$$\begin{aligned}A &= C + \text{bolt diameter} + 0.02 \\ &= 0.93 + 0.018 + 0.02\end{aligned}$$

$$= 0.968$$

let  $A=0.97$  m

check for gasket width

$$A_b S_G / (\pi G N) = 34.055 < 2y,$$

where  $S_G$  is the Allowable stress for the gasket material

### Flange moment computation

(a) For operating condition

$$W_o = W_1 + W_2 + W_3$$

$$W_1 = \pi B^2 P / 4$$

$$= \pi * 0.854^2 * 0.11 / 4$$

$$= 0.063 \text{ MN}$$

$$W_2 = H - W_1$$

$$= 0.0646 - 0.063$$

$$= 0.063 \text{ MN}$$

$$W_3 = W_o - H = H_p$$

$$= 0.01 \text{ MN}$$

$M_o$  = Total flange moment

$$M_o = W_1 a_1 + W_2 a_2 + W_3 a_3$$

$$a_1 = (C - B) / 2 = (0.93 - 0.854) / 2$$

$$a_1 = 0.038 \text{ m}$$

$$a_3 = (C - G) / 2 = (0.93 - 0.865) / 2$$

$$a_3 = 0.0325 \text{ m}$$

$$a_2 = (a_1 + a_3) / 2 = (0.038 + 0.0325) / 2 = 0.03525 \text{ m}$$

$$M_o = 0.038 * 0.063 + 0.03525 * 0.0016 + 0.0325 * 0.01$$

$$M_o = 2.775 * 10^{-3} \text{ MN-m}$$

(b) For bolting condition

$$M_g = W a_3$$

$$W=(A_m+A_b)*S_g/2$$

$$A_b=44*1.54*10^{-4}=6.76*10^{-3} \text{ m}^2$$

$$A_m= 2.836*10^{-03} \text{ m}^2$$

$$W=(2.836*10^{-3}+6.76*10^{-3})*138/2$$

$$W= 0.6621 \text{ MN}$$

$$M_g= 0.6621*0.0325$$

$$= 0.02333 \text{ MN-m}$$

$M_g > M_o$  ,Hence moment under operating condition  $M_g$  is controlling,  $M_g = M$

### **Calculation of flange thickness**

$t^2 = M C_F Y / (B S_F)$ ,  $S_F$  is the allowable stress for the flange material

$$K = A/B = 0.97/0.854 = 1.135$$

For  $K = 1.15$ ,  $Y = 14$

Assuming  $C_F = 1$

$$t^2 = 0.02333*1*14/(0.854*100)$$

$$t = 0.0618 \text{ m} = 61.8 \text{ mm}$$

Actual bolt spacing  $B_s = \pi C/n = (3.14)(0.93)/(44) = 0.066 \text{ m}$

### **Bolt Pitch Correction Factor**

$$C_F = [B_s / (2d+t)]^{0.5}$$

$$= (0.066/(2*0.018+0.076))^{1/2}$$

$$= 0.7675$$

$$\sqrt{C_F} = 0.87612$$

Actual flange thickness =  $\sqrt{C_F} * t$

$$= 0.8761 * 0.0618$$

$$= 0.04713 \text{ m}$$

$$= 47.13 \text{ mm}$$

Standard flange thickness available is 50 mm

### **Channel and channel Cover**

$$\begin{aligned}t_h &= G_c \sqrt{(KP/f)} \\ &= 0.865 * \sqrt{(0.3 * 0.11 / 95)} \\ &= 0.016 \text{ m} = 16 \text{ mm}\end{aligned}$$

$t_h = 18 \text{ mm}$  including corrosion allowance

### **Tube sheet thickness**

$$\begin{aligned}t_{ts} &= FG \sqrt{(0.25P/f)} \\ &= 1 * 0.874 \sqrt{(0.25 * 0.11 / 95)} \\ &= 14.7 \text{ mm}\end{aligned}$$

$t_{ts} = 15 \text{ mm}$

$t_{ts} = 18 \text{ mm}$  including corrosion allowance.

### **Nozzles**

Tube side nozzles diameter = 180 mm

Shell side nozzles diameter = 180 mm

Thickness of nozzles =  $t = 10 \text{ mm}$

### **Saddle support**

Material: low carbon steel

Total length of shell: 6 m

Diameter of shell: 854 mm

Knuckle radius : 51.24 mm

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Total depth of head (H)} &= \sqrt{(D_o r_o / 2)} \\ &= \sqrt{(854 * 51.24 / 2)} \\ &= 148 \text{ mm}\end{aligned}$$

Weight of the shell and its contents = 11943 kg = W

$R = D/2 = 427 \text{ mm}$

Distance of saddle center line from shell end =  $A = 0.5R = 214 \text{ mm}$

### Longitudinal Bending Moment

$$M_1 = QA[1-(1-A/L+(R^2-H^2)/(2AL))/(1+4H/(3L))]$$

$$Q = W/2(L+4H/3)$$

$$= 11943(6 + 4*0.148/3)/2$$

$$= 47756.075 \text{ kg m}$$

$$M_1 = 477560*0.214[1-(1-0.214/6+(0.427^2-0.148^2)/(2*6*0.214))/(1+4*0.148/(3*6))]$$

$$= 1004.63 \text{ kg-m}$$

### Bending moment at center of the span

$$M_2 = QL/4[(1+2(R^2-H^2)/L)/(1+4H/(3L))-4A/L]$$

$$M_2 = 81085.6 \text{ kg-m}$$

### Stresses in shell at the saddle

(a) At the topmost fibre of the cross section

$$f_1 = M_1/(k_1 \pi R^2 t) \quad k_1 = k_2 = 1$$

$$= 1004.63 / (3.14 * 0.427^2 * 0.01)$$

$$= 17.35 \text{ kg/cm}^2$$

the stresses are well within the permissible values.

Stress in the shell at mid point

$$f_2 = M_2 / (k_2 \pi R^2 t)$$

$$= 604.45 \text{ kg/cm}^2$$

Axial stress in the shell due to internal pressure

$$f_p = PD/4t$$

$$= 0.11 * 836 / 4 * 10$$

$$= 225.53 \text{ kg/cm}^2$$

$$f_2 + f_p = 829.98 \text{ kg/cm}^2$$

the sum  $f_2$  and  $f_p$  is well within the permissible values.

## Chapter-7

### Pollution and safety in process industries

The bulk of the solids in distiller waste in the soda ash plant is made up of chloride. This arises from the fact that the waste contains all the chloride from the salt used, chlorine is not utilized in the process.

Calcium chloride in solution permeates the soil bed and contaminates sources of water supply. Only to a very limited extent is any portion of the waste allowed by municipal authorities to be sent to rivers or any public waterways and that only after complete settling. Also fish in the river were killed by the calcium chloride and the free lime carried in the liquor.

The preparation of chlorine gas or hydrochloric acid from calcium chloride in the waste went no longer be considered workable in view of the present more economical methods for preparing such materials.

**Waste Disposal:** Large volumes of liquid wastes containing suspended and dissolved solids are produced in an ammonia – soda plant. The largest volume occurs from the distiller operation where for every ton of product soda ash, nearly 10 m<sup>3</sup> of liquid wastes are produced, containing about one ton of calcium chloride, one-half ton of sodium chloride, and other soluble and insoluble impurities. Traditionally this liquid waste, after settling of suspended solids in large basins, was discharged into local waterways. In the United States, federal guidelines, suggesting limits on suspended solids and pH of liquid wastes discharged to local waterways, are used in the development of local discharge permits. The guidelines also specified no discharges from new ammonia – soda ash plants. Although processes have been proposed to reduce or eliminate waste streams, it is felt that in the United States, with its abundant reserves of natural ash, the guidelines will prohibit installation of new ammonia – soda plants. In addition to regulations governing liquid wastes, local restrictions have been placed on gaseous emissions from soda ash plants to protect air quality. The cost to comply with the environmental regulations and the increasing operating costs relative to natural ash have contributed heavily to the shutdown of synthetic soda ash plants in the United States.

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Exposure to soda ash is ordinarily not hazardous but soda ash dust may produce temporary irritation of the nose and throat. Although some become accustomed to working in ht dust and suffer relatively little discomfort, others are allergic to alkaline materials and develop a condition of dermatitis. Tests have shown that dermal effects due to soda ash range from a transient reddening and inflammation to mild burns to abraded skin areas. The skin irritations experienced by workmen exposed to soda ash dust in hot weather are usually more severe because soda ash is likely to dissolve in perspiration.

Soda ash is corrosive to the eyes. It produces severe corneal, iridal, and conjunctival effects (tissue destruction). Soda ash is harmful if ingested and may be corrosive to the lining of the stomach. A private communication has indicated that the acute oral LD<sub>50</sub> on for soda ash is 2.8 g/kg.

### **Potential Health Effects of Soda ash**

**Eye:** Contact with eyes may cause severe irritation, and possible eye burns.

**First aid:** Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, occasionally lifting the upper and lower lids. Get medical aid immediately

**Skin:** Contact with skin causes irritation and possible burns, especially if the skin is wet or moist.

**First aid:** Get medical aid. Flush skin with plenty of soap and water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes.

**Ingestion:** May cause irritation of the digestive tract.

**First aid:** Do not induce vomiting. If victim is conscious and alert, give 2-4cupfuls of milk or water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get medical aid immediately.

**Inhalation:** May cause irritation of the respiratory tract with burning pain in the nose and throat, coughing, wheezing, shortness of breath and pulmonary edema.

**First aid:** Remove from exposure to fresh air immediately. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical aid if cough or other symptoms appear

**Chronic:** Prolonged or repeated inhalation may cause nosebleeds, nasal congestion, erosion of the teeth, perforation of the nasal septum, chest pain and bronchitis.

### **Handling and storage**

**Handling:** Wash thoroughly after handling. Remove contaminated clothing and wash before reuse. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Keep container tightly closed. Avoid ingestion and inhalation.

**Storage:** Store in a tightly closed container. Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area away from incompatible substances.