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## CONSIDERATION WASTEWATER FROM OIL MILLS IN ROMANIAN

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**Abstract:** This paper presents the evaluation of the degree of pollution of wastewater from oil mills and margarine in Romania. Preliminary experimental researches were conducted on polymer flocculent material obtained by irradiation with accelerated electrons, type PA (AMD-AA-40), copolymers of acrylamide and acrylic acid, used alone or in combination with classical electrolytes in difficult waters, in relation to the effectiveness of the treatment of classical chemical agents, such as ferrous sulphate, aluminum and lime.

**Key-words:** margarine, oil, waste water

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Oil factories in Romania have a working regime estimated at 300 days / year with 24 hours per day. The researches were carried on processing 100,000 tons sunflower flower seeds annually. The Ecological Engineering Laboratory within the Alimentary Research Institute highlights the data on which the researches are based.

Table 1 shows the characteristic data of an oil and margarine factory.

**Table 1:** Characteristic data of oil and margarine factory

Title	Symbol	The amount	UM
The annual volume of measured water	$Q_{\text{apaevacuata}}$	1 260 000	m <sup>3</sup> / year
Materials in suspension	$M_{\text{suspensie}}$	184 458	t/ year
Organic material contained in water discharged annually ( biochemical oxygen consumption for 5 days)	$M_{\text{CBO}_5}$	239.837	t/ year
Oil content in water discharged annually	$M_{\text{S.ext.}}$	50 946	t/ year

Of the total volume of wastewater discharged annually, 30% are heavily polluted wastewater and 70% weak polluted wastewater. Table 2 shows the evaluation of the polluting levels recorded in 20 oil and margarine factories in Romania.

**Table 2:** Evaluation of polluting levels of oil and margarine factories in Romania.

Title	Symbol	The amount	UM
Water discharged	$Q_{\text{apaevacuata}}$	22 700 000	m <sup>3</sup> /an
Table of suspended solids	$M_{\text{suspensie}}$	3 500 000	t/an
Organic material contained in water discharged annually	$M_{\text{CBO}_5}$	3 800 000	t/an
Oil content in water discharged annually	$M_{\text{S.ext.}}$	764 200	t/an

The data presented demonstrate high polluting levels produced only by 20 industrial units producing edible oil and margarine in Romania. The situations do not fall within the parameters required by the legislation in force. For these types of water represent a category of wastewater which is very hard to purify by the already known classical chemical methods.

## 2. TYPES OF TREATMENT OF SEWAGE WATERS SUPPLY FOR OIL REFINING

There have been preliminary experimental researches on the treatment of polymeric materials flocculent produced by accelerated electron irradiation type PA (AMD-AA-40), copolymers of acrylamide and acrylic acid, used alone or in combination with classical electrolytes in difficult waters in relation to the effectiveness of the treatment of classical chemical agents, such as ferrous sulphate, aluminum and lime.

Steps applying water purification treatments for refining edible oils are:

- Sampling of "hard water", oil refining wastewater from food;
- Making characterization of water samples by main indicators of pollution;
- Making treatment types of water samples by applying two different methods:
  - ❖ classic treatment with various usual electrolytes, aluminum sulphate, ferrous sulphate, lime leading to the identification and final characterization of the treated water that gave the best results;
  - ❖ the combined treatment based on these of classical electrolytes with polyelectrolytes which gave the best results;
- Comparison of the results obtained by the two methods;
- Development of modern treatment methods which should improve the indicators of pollution within the limits permitted by NTPA.

Table 3 shows the types of treatments used to treat the water which is used for refining edible oils manufactured in Romania.

**Table 3:** Types of treatments used to purify the water which is used for refining edible oil

Treatment type	Amount of classic chemical agents and polymers per 1 dm <sup>3</sup> treated water			
	$Al_2(SO_4)_3$ ml sol. 20%	$FeSO_4$ ml. Sol. 5%	$CaCO_3$ ml sol. 5%	Polimer ml. 0.1%
Clasic type 1	0.3	-	1.98	-
Clasic type 2	-	1.19	1.98	-
Clasic type 3	-	1.66	2.6	-
Clasic type 4	4	-	-	-
Type 1+polymer	0.3	-	1.98	8
Type 2+polymer	-	1.19	1.98	8
Type 3+polymer	-	1.66	2.6	8
Type 4+polymer	4	-	-	8

Table 4 presents the results of comparative tests carried out. The comparative analyse of the results, highlights the following aspects:

- 1) of the polymerstestedmainlyfourtypes of evidence were chosen: modest, acceptable, goodand verygoodin order to correlatepollutionreduction efficiencyindicatorsinrelation to the mainphysicochemical characteristicsof these polymers, CC,  $V_{intr.}$  and  $k_H$  ;
- 2) the wastewaterschosenfor testingwere the most"resistant" to all known treatments: such watersare part ofCategory III:difficult wastewater for which the classicreatment doesn't show indicatorsof pollutionwithin thelimits ofNTPA-002/1997;for this category ofwastewater,onlythe combined treatmentofelectrolytes with several types of polyelectrolytesmaybe effectivefor improving theindicatorsof pollutionorframingthem,in full,within the limits ofNTPA[11,12].Inthis case, the required amount ofclassic electrolysis reduced only bytheir use incombinationwithpolyelectrolytesthus being obtained thecleansingandthe classificationof the indicators within the limits permitted byNTPA
- 3) the classic treatmentsapplied arethose currently usedfor purifyingthewastewatercoming fromedible oilsrefining industry;
- 4) there is no current standard treatmentto frame all the indicatorsof pollutionwithintheimits permitted byNTPA;
- 5) thebesttreatmentwithpolymersfor reducing the indicator"suspensions" are:
  - Type 3+PA-5-F1-2 (Sample 263- good sample test)with =83.8%, 4.4times better thanthe best classic treatment-Classic Type2(lowerstheindicator"suspensions" 5 timesmorethanstandard treatment)
  - Type4 +PA-1-F1-2 (Sample 260-good sample test)with =78.4%, 4.1times better thanthe yield ofthe best classicreatment-classictype 2 (reduces the "suspensions"3.75timesmore);
  - Type1 +PA-1-F4 (Sample 285-verygood sample test) with =70.2% 10 timesbetter thantheyieldof the ClassicType1(reducessuspensions with 2.73ormore);
- 6) the worsttreatmentwithpolymersfor reducingthe indicator"suspensions" is:
  - ◀ Type1 +PA-1-F4-2 (Sample 264-acceptable sample test) toyield2.7%
- 7) all thetreatments with polymersto reduce the indicator CCO-Mn are better thanthe best classic treatment(classic type 4);
- 8) the worsttreatmentwithpolymersto reducethe indicator « CCO-Mn »is:
  - ◀ Type4 +PA-6-F1-2 (Sample 264-good sample test)with61.7%
- 9) the best treatmentwith polymerto "petroleum ether extractablesubstances" (fat substances) are the following:
  - ◀ Type 3 + PA-6-F1-2 (Sample 264-good sample test) with = 93.4%, 1.3 times better than the yield of the classic type (reduces the indicator "fatty substances" by 4.25 times more than the standard treatment);
  - ◀ Type 4 + PA-6-F1-2 (Sample 264-good sample test) with = 91.8% to 1.32 times better than the yield of the classic type (reduces the indicator "fatty substances» 3.7 times more than the standard treatment);
  - ◀ Type 1 + PA-6-F1-2 (Sample 285- very good sample test) with = 90.1%, 2.65 times better than the yield of the classic type 1 (reduces the indicator "fatty substances" with 6.66 more than the classical treatment);
  - ◀ Type 2 + PA-1-F2-2 (Sample 284- good sample test) with = 88.5% to 1.86 times better than the yield of the classic type 2 (reduces the indicator "fatty substances» 4.5 times morethan the standard treatment);
  - ◀ Type 4 + PA-7-F1-2 (Sample 257-good sample test) with = 88.5% to 1.27 times better than the yield of the classic type 2 (reduces the indicator "fatty substances" by 2.64 times more than the standard treatment);
- 10) the weakesttreatmentwithpolymerfor reducing theindicator"extractable substances" with petroleum etheris»
  - ◀ Type 3+PA-1-F1-2 (Sample 257-goodsample test)with =21.8%;
- 11) the best treatmentwith polymerto reduce theindicator"BOD" are:
  - ◀ Type 3+PA-1-F1-2 (Sample 259-very good sample test) with =83.6%, reduces6times more  $CBO_5$  than the treatmentClassicType 3;
  - ◀ Type 3+PA-7-F1-2 (Sample 257-good sample test)with =82.9%, reduces« $CBO_5$ »5.83times more than thetreatmentClassicType 3;
- 12) the worsttreatmentwithpolymersto reducethe indicator« $CBO_5$ »is:
  - ◀ (Type 1+PA-1 Sample 283-very good sample testF1-2verygood) with =3.57%;
- 13) all the conventionaltreatmentstestedare weakat reducing the indicator« $CBO_5$ »;
- 14) for each indicatorof pollutionthere is oneoptimaltreatment which differs from theoptimaltreatmentsoforotherindicatorsof pollution;
- 15) ofall treatmentstestedso far, "the best" treatment"Type 3 +PA-5-F1-2 (Polymer sample 263)» which reducessimultaneouslywithhigh efficiency, all the indicators of pollution:"suspensions" are reduced by 6.2times compared tothe standard treatmentthat reducesthem by 1.2 times; "CCO-Mn" is reducedby5.45times compared to

the standard treatment that reduces it by 1,9 times, the "petroleum ether extractable substances" are reduced to 6 times compared to the standard treatment that reduces them by 3.57 times; « $CBO_5$ » is reduced by 4.7 times compared to the standard treatment that does not reduce this indicator.

**Table 4:** Summary of the best and worst classic treatments and combination treatments, "classical+polymers"

Type of treatment	Effectiveness in reducing pollution indicators				Qualificative
Classic Type 1	6.7	53	34	0.3	The worst of all conventional treatments tested (treatments used at present in edible oils refining units)
Classic Type 2	19	49.2	48.2	5.75	The best classic treatment to reduce indicator $CBO_5$ and suspension
Classic Type 3	-	47.8	72	0	The best treatment to reduce indicator classic "fatty substances"
Classic Type 4	-	55	69.5	0	The best classic treatment to reduce Indicator CCO-Mn
Type 3+PA-5-F1-2 (Sample 263 – good sample test)	83.8	81.7	83.5	78.6	The best treatment with polymer to reduce the indicator "suspensions"
Type 4 +PA-6-F1-2 (Sample 264- good sample test)	2.7	61.7	91.8	39.3	The best treatment polymer to reduce indicator "suspensions"
Type 4 +PA-1-F1-2 (Sample 260- good sample test)	78.4	83.6	86.8	35.8	The best classic treatment to reduce the indicator CCO-Mn
Type 4 +PA-6-F1-2 (Sample 264- good sample test)	2.7	61.7	91.8	39.3	The best classic treatment to reduce the indicator CCO-Mn
Type 3+PA-6-F1-2 (Sample 264- good sample test)	35.1	66.7	93.4	31.4	The best classic treatment to reduce the indicator "fatty substances»
Type 3+PA-7-F1-2 (Sample 257- good sample test)	-	81.7	21.8	82.9	The best classic treatment to reduce the indicator "fatty substances" "fatty substances»
Type 3+PA-1-F1-2 (Sample 259- very good sample test)	-	80	-	83.6	The best classic treatment to reduce the indicator $CBO_5$
(Type 1+PA-1-F1-2 (Sample 283- very good sample test)	24.3	67.5	38.3	3.75	The best classic treatment to reduce the indicator $CBO_5$

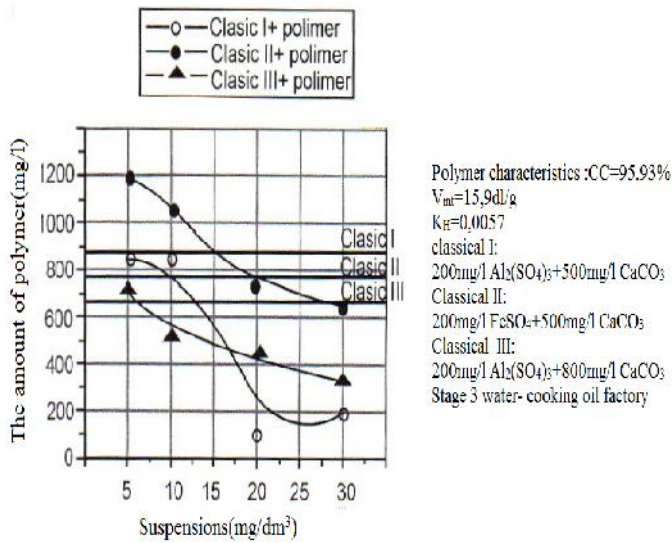


Figure 1: Variation indicator "suspension" for the amount of polymer

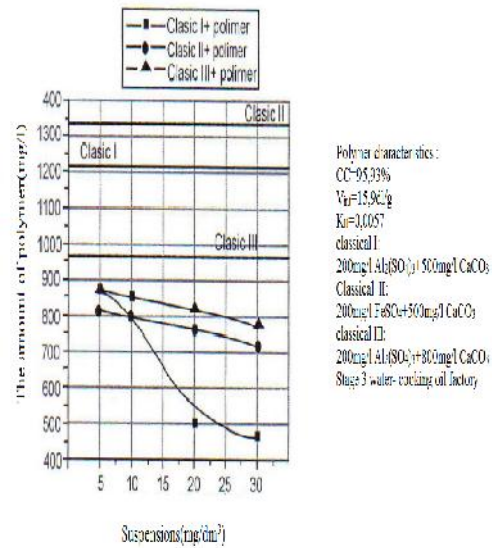


Figure 2: Variation indicator "CCO-Mn" for the amount of polymer

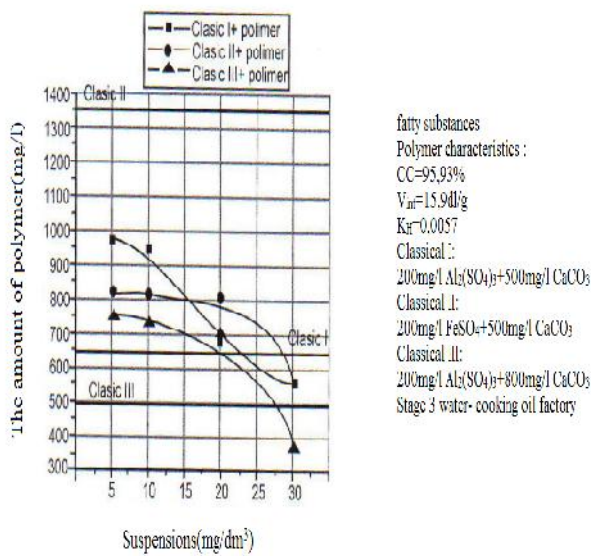


Figure 3: Variation indicator "fatty substances" for the amount of polymer

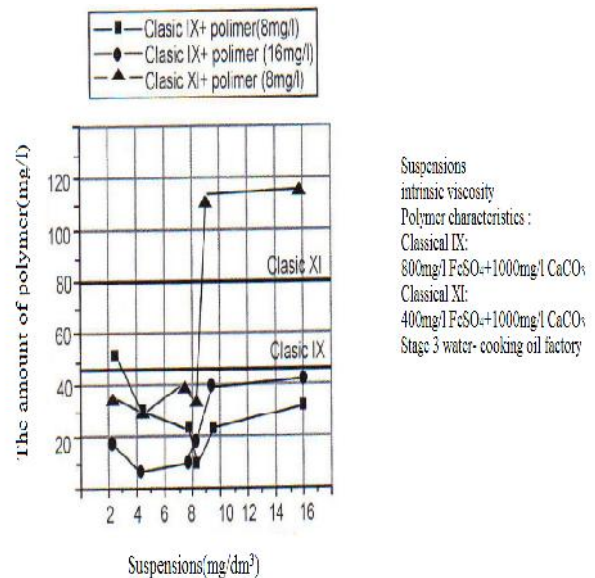


Figure 4: Variation indicator "Suspensions" in relation to the intrinsic viscosity of polymers

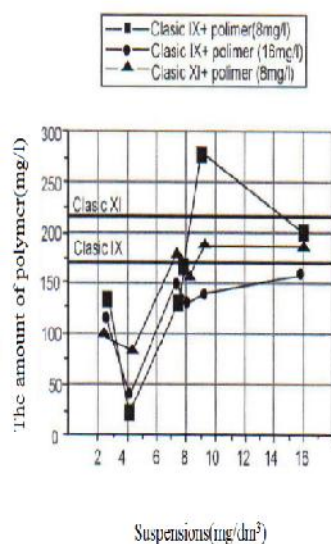


Figure 5: Variation indicator "fatty substances" in relation to the intrinsic viscosity of polymers

Polymer characteristics :  
 Classical IX:  
 800mg/l FeSO<sub>4</sub>+1000mg/l CaCO<sub>3</sub>  
 Classical XI:  
 400mg/l FeSO<sub>4</sub>+1000mg/l CaCO<sub>3</sub>  
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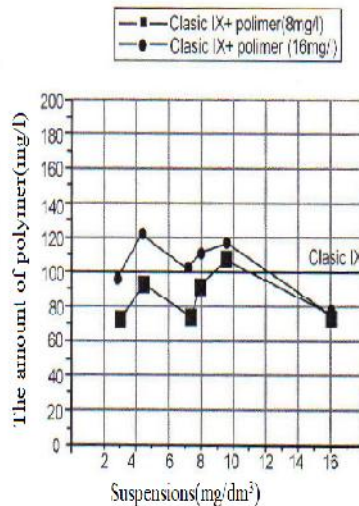


Figure 6: Variation indicator "CBO<sub>3</sub>" in relation to the intrinsic viscosity of polymers

Polymer characteristics :  
 Classical IX:  
 800mg/l FeSO<sub>4</sub>+1000mg/l CaCO<sub>3</sub>  
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## 2. CONCLUSIONS

The researches conducted for 100,000 tons of sunflower seeds processed annually by the oil mills in Romania have an estimated working program of 300 days /year, 24 hours a day. The data underlying this research were provided by the Laboratory of Ecological Engineering in the Alimentary Research Institute.

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