

Summary

Forty eight water samples were collected from four sites in Mit Mazah sewage treatment plant at Dakahlia governorate. Samples were collected during (May 1991 to April 1992).

Effluent of two step treatment system

- 1- Influent of an oxidation or Maturation pond.
- 2- Maturation pond effluent discharge before mixing with the receiving Agriculture drain water.
- 3- 100 meter upstream, before the point of discharge.
- 4- 100 meter down stream, after discharge point

The results showed that all sampling locations were strongly dominated by four Taxonomic Orders :-

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| Order : Hemiptera | were presented by 39.8% along the all season. |
| Order : Odonata | were presented by 31.7% along the all season. |
| Order : Diptera | were presented by 18% along the all season. |
| Order : Coleoptera | were presented by 11.6% along the all season. |

For virological study two methods of virus concentration were carried out to evaluate the efficiency of different membrane filters for enteroviruses recovery from wastewater. The results showed that no great difference in Nitrocellulose membrane efficiency with and without conditioning where the percentage of recovery were 40% and 30% respectively.

In case of glass microfiber filter the percentage of recovery were 40% and 20% respectively.

The percentage of virus recovery were the same after conditioning; So we started the concentration process with nitrocellulose membrane.

To increase the possibility of virus isolation, three types of cell cultures were used, African green Monkey Kidney (Vero) cells, Buffalo green Monkey (BGM) cells, and Mosquito cell line C₆36.

The results showed that BGM cell lines were more sensitive and speed than vero cell lines enteroviruses isolation, while mosquito cell lines C₆36 were not sensitive.

DOT-ELISA was used to detect enteroviruses in cell culture harvests at the third passage in BGM cell. The results showed that Poliovirus type III was dominant in samples (37.2%) followed by Coxsackievirus type B4 (21.5%), Poliovirus type I (16.6%) Poliovirus type II (13.7%), Coxsackievirus A6 was detected in 10.7% of the investigated samples. Rotavirus was not detected in all samples. So the wastewater treatment plant failed to remove most enteric viruses investigated.

The results showed the need for more efficient disinfection step for the treated effluents. Chlorine, Ozone, and Ultraviolet radiation were used for virus inactivation. Complete inactivation of Poliovirus type II (Salk strain) obtained at chlorine dose of 20 mg/L (residual chlorine was 1.30 mg/L) detention time was 30 minutes, While the dose for inactivation of Coxsackievirus B4 was 30 mg/L .

In case of Ozone treatment, the doses of ozone used for Poliovirus II inactivation were 319 mg/L/h for 17 min for seeded effluent sample, were as for Coxsackievirus B4, the dose must be over 21 min.

In case of the effect of ultraviolet exposure time for disinfection of poliovirus type II and Cocksackievirus B4 were the same 20 second for seeded effluent samples.

Regression analysis of Polioviruses type II (salk strain) and Cocksackievirus B4 revealed that : with increasing doses of different disinfectants, increase the inactivation efficiency of different viruses. Revealed high regression coefficient, this means that Ozone is the most suitable disinfectant for Cocksackievirus B4 and Poliovirus type II were the regression coefficient (r^2) reached to 0.72 for Cocksackievirus B4 and 0.92 for Poliovirus type II.