

## **VOCs Treatment with Resin Adsorption**

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## **About Sunresin**

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### **About Sunresin**





- Only listed Chinese company in Adsorption and Separation Technology (SZ 300487)
- Incorporated in Xi'an in 2001.
  - Materials (IER, chelating, adsorbents) Equipment Solutions
- Recent capacity increase to 50,000 m<sup>3</sup> annually, covering 25 categories and 200 resin types
- Wide applications in Water and Waste water treatment, Environment protection, Food Processing, Biotech, Pharmaceuticals, Plant Extraction, Membrane Caustic Soda, Hydrometallurgy, as well as Municipal Water Treatment etc.

## **Downstream applications using Adsorption technologies**





Biomedicine



Hydrometallurgy



#### Food processing



Water treatment



Power plant



**Environment protection** 



#### **Development**





2008 Revenue > 100 mil RMB

2005 Cephalosporins 2002 Industrialization of juice processing



2010 R&D Center

2012

First EPC

in Gallium

extraction



Sunresin campus; Joint R&D Center with Nankai University

> 2015 IPO

Equipment site

2016



2017 Three New manufacturing sites







2019 Acquisition of Belgian Puritech

#### Accelerated development

2018 Lithium extraction





#### **Our sites**



#### Administration & R&D







SR-Nankai University Joint R&D center

#### Sunresin Park, Headquarter

#### Manufacturing



Sunresin, Gaoling



Sunresin, System Engineering Park



Sunresin, Special Resin Factory



Sunresin, Pucheng



Sunresin, Suncycle Hebi



Sunresin, Puritech Belgium

#### **Business scope**



Gallium, Indium (semi-conductor) Lithium, lead, cobalt (new energy)

#### Equipment and solutions Simulated Moving Bed EPC **Bio-pharmaceutical** Environment protection API, intermediary Organic wastewater treatment Herbal extract Heavy metal treatment and recovery Peptide solid phase synthesis VOCs treatment Chromatography (protein, vaccine, etc) **Chemicals** Food processing Ion-exchange membrane caustic soda Hydrogen peroxide caprolactam Juice Petrochemical catalyst Potable water Sweetener Metal extraction

#### Water treatment

## **Business Scope**

### Manufacturing locations in China and Belgium





#### Management





- Ph. D in Chemical engineering (polymer materials)
- Overseas research at National University of Singapore
- 30+ years industry experience
- State Council Special Government
  Allowance Expert
- Second prize winner of National Science and Technology Progress Award



Kou Xiaokang, CEO

- 30+ years industry experience
- Editor of leading industry journals
- State Council Special Government
  Allowance Expert
- Two-time second prize winner of National Science and Technology Progress Award
- Best CEO of Forbes China Listed Companies, 2018
- Taurus Leader of Listed Companies, 2020



Jean-Marc Vesselle, VP

- Former Senior VP of Lanxess
- Nearly 20 years of industry experience
- One of the most influential figures in the resin field



Dr. Joe Lin

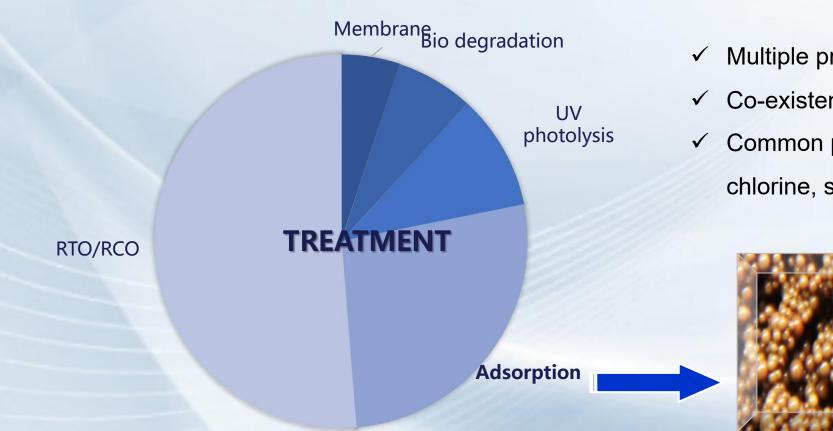
- Former Technical Director at Purolite
- Well-known top experts in the industry
- First batch of staterecognized foreign experts with outstanding contributions



## **Resin Adsorption for VOCs Treatment**

## 1. Background





- Multiple process combinations;
- Co-existence of high and low concentration;
- Common physical adsorption methods for chlorine, sulfur, nitrogen, and silicon.

#### What are adsorption resins





From macro to micro

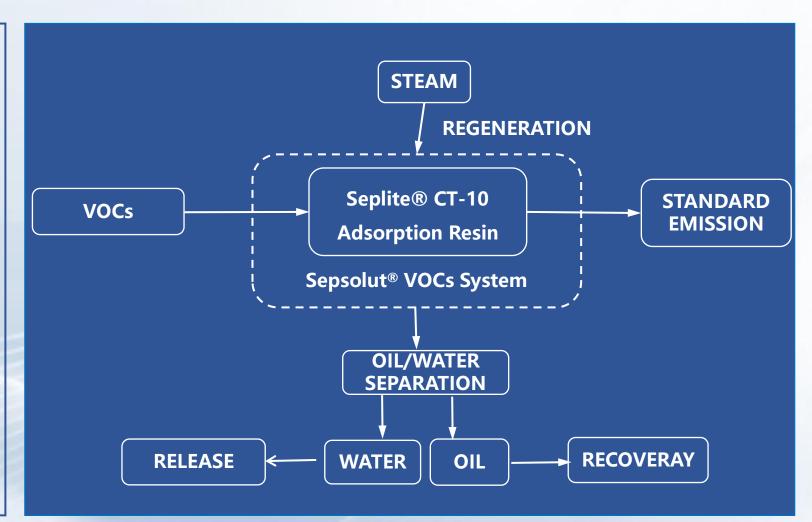
**Resin:** 

High molecular polymer spherical particles with three-dimensional mesh structure and selective adsorption characteristics.

## 2. Adsorption basics



- Adsorb and Recover the
  organic substances in the
  waste gas, so as to achieve the
  purpose of purifying the waste
  gas.
- Core of the adsorption method:
  choice of the adsorption
  material.
- With high adsorption accuracy,
  long life cycle and good safety
  performance.



## 3. Advantages of resin adsorption





**Flexibility**: Adaptation to different industries and different systems from small equipment, skid-mounted equipment, to waste gas treatment system. Flexible cooperation to meet emission requirements.

**Strength**: Regular spherical particles with acid, alkali and high-temperature resistance, over 2000 regeneration cycles.

**Purity**: Synthetic styrene structure that has no metal impurities, preventing catalytic polymerization or combustion of unsaturated organics in pores.

**Efficacy**: Over 99.5% removal rate for non-polar and weakly polar VOCs, for emission compliance.

**Security**: Good hydrophobicity. Thanks to its own water content, no need for dry adsorption, avoiding sustained heating due to adsorption exotherm.

Advantages of resin adsorption in VOC capture compared to traditional adsorption techniques

### Adsorption Resin vs Activated Carbon



Item	Adsorption resin	Activated carbon	
Shape	Regular spherical particles, more uniform force	Columnar or irregular shape	
Purity	Synthetic; Extremely low metal impurities; polymerization or combustion during adsorption process	Naturally formed; Difficult to avoid small amount of metal impurities;	
Security	<b>No hidden dangers such as catalytic</b> , Adsorption of reactive solvents without catalyzing decomposition	Metal impurities may lead to polymerization and cause intense heat generation; solvent degradation may occur leading to exotherm and subsequent bed fire in extreme cases	
	<b>Hydrophobic</b> , no requirement for drying during operation, heat reduction	Need to operate without water, humidity affects the adsorption of VOCs by activated carbon	
Strength	Good mechanical strength, acid resistance, alkali resistance, and high temperature resistance	May have impurity release	
Life cycle	Around 5 years (no need for overall replacement, annual replenish <= 10%)	7-8 months, replaced waste being hazardous	
Efficacy	Pore structure can be adjusted during synthesis process, removal rate >= 99% or more	Removal rate >= 92%	
	Clear and transparent desorption solution	Often with black toner impurities	
Consumption	<b>Low regeneration consumption</b> , around 150-200kg steam for 1m3 of resins. Steam/VOCs ratio about 2:1	Steam/VOC ratio around 5:1	



#### **1. Synthetic drugs, pharmaceutical intermediates**

Recovery and treatment of halogenated hydrocarbons, acetic acid, alcohols and esters.

#### 2. Biological fermentation

Ammonia, amine, thioether, thiol, fatty acid, ethyl acetate, butyl acetate, n-butanol

#### 3. Dyestuffs, dye intermediates

Aromatics, chlorinated aromatics, phenols, anthraquinones are recycled

#### 4. Extraction industry

Recovery treatment of n-hexane, cyclohexane, methylcyclohexane, etc.

## 4. Applicable industries



#### 5. Pesticides, Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients

Recovery and treatment of pyrethrins, pyridine, imidazole, acid chloride, biphenyl and heterocycles.

#### 6. Hydrogen peroxide

Treatment of heavy aromatics in oxidized exhaust gas.

#### 7. Petrochemicals, surfactants and leather

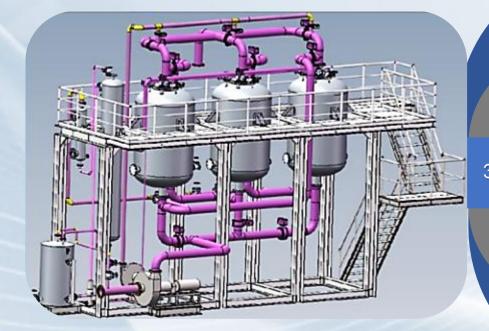
Adsorption and recovery of exhaust gas and high-carbon alcohol from the breathing valve in the tank area.

#### 8. Chloride

Treatment of vinylidene chloride, chlorobenzene, chloroethylene oxide, etc.

## 5. Design principles





1. More convenience: Skiddable overall design

2. More security: Pressure and temperature interlocking

3. More efficiency: Waste gas from breathing port returning to adsorption

4. Water tank for cooling and fire risk

5. Internal structure reducing wind resistance and consumption

## 6. VOCs adsorption materials - Seplite CT10 resin



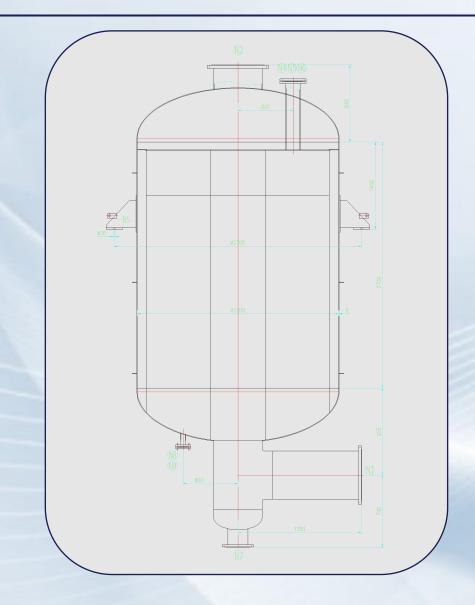
#### SEPLITE® CT10

- Styrene-DVB macroporous resins for VOCs adsorption
- Special structure design, high specific surface area
- Ability to selectively adsorb organic molecules and can be adapted to high, medium and low concentrations of VOCs to achieve emission compliance
- High strength and degree of polymerization allowing thousands of adsorption and desorption cycles.
- > High resistance to temperatures, acids, alkalis, and solvents.



## 7. Structure of Resin Adsorption Tower





◆ Stainless steel material, high temperature resistance,

solvent resistance

♦ Annular resin filling providing a larger resin contact

area

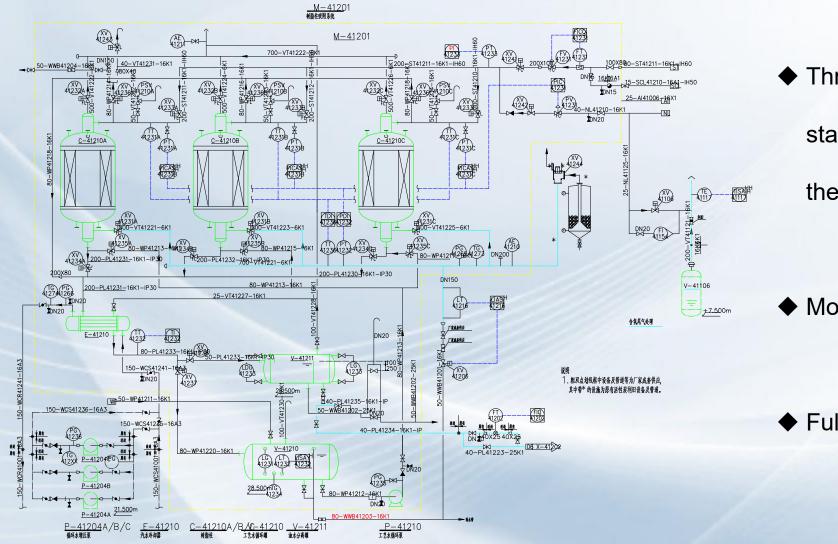
High utilization rate of effective volume and smaller

floor space

Special internal structure to prevent waste gas drifting

### 8. Operation process





Three columns, two parallel, one

standby operation mode to ensure

the waste gas adsorption rate

More flexible operation mode

◆ Fully automatic, unattended

#### **Control Panel**

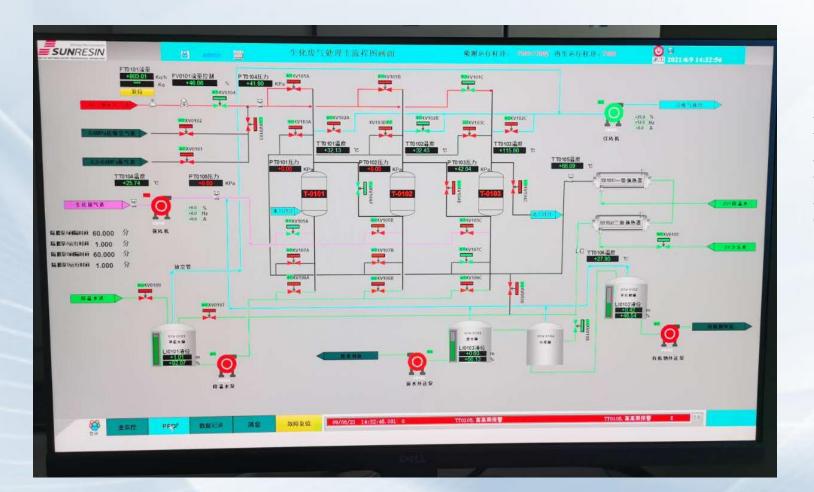




- Open parameters of each process section
- Multiple ways to control progress
- Different regeneration times
  can be set for peak and low
  emissions

### **Control Panel - 2**





- User-friendly
- chain analysis
- Complete alarm measures

9. Consumptions and OPEX (ex.)



#### 18,100m3/h Oxidation Waste Gas Project

	Name	Average consumption	Peak consumption	Annual consumption (360 days)	OPEX annually
	Recycled water (32°C)	87.5 m³/h	350 m³/h	756,000 m <sup>3</sup>	
	Electricity	15 kw/h	15 kw/h	129,600 kw	
	Instrument air	0.053 Nm³/h	189 Nm³/h	457.92 Nm <sup>3</sup>	
Tap water		0.0037 m³/h	20 m³/h	31.968 m <sup>3</sup>	<1 million RMB (153,500 USD)
	Steam (0.5Mpa)	418 kg/h	1,714 kg/h	3,341 t	
	Waste water	0.418 t/h	1,714 t/h	3,341 t	
	Nitrogen	15 Nm³/h	360 Nm³/h	129,600 Nm³/h	



Project	Maximum profit per day (according to the maximum design value)	Maximum annual profit	Return value
Heavy aromatics	1,300 kg	432 t	3.45 million RMB (520k USD)



## **Applications and Case Studies**



## **Applications**

Synthetic drugs, pharmaceutical **Biological fermentation** intermediates **Extraction industry Dyestuffs**, dye intermediates Pesticides, raw materials Hydrogen peroxide **Chlorine chemical industry** Petrochemicals, surfactants and leather

### **Case studies**



Industry	Location	Air volume (m³/h)	VOCs	
Pharma	Zhejiang	8,000	Toluene, chlorobenzene, ethyl acetate	
Hydrogen peroxide	Zhejiang	16,000	Trimethylbenzene (AR)	
Petrochemical	Hubei	1,000	Toluene, xylene	
	Jiangsu	2,000	Dichloroethane	
Dye ware		2,000	Chlorobenzene	
Pharma ①	Jiangsu	1,500	Dichloromethane	
	Jiangsu	3,000	Chloroform	
Chemical		3,000	Dichloromethane	
		3,000	Dichloroethane	
Chemical	Jiangsu	500	Methacrylic Chloride	
Chemical	Henan	5,000	Dichloroethane	
Chemical and Pharma	na Jiangsu 5,000		Chlorobenzene	
Chamical	Jiangsu	3,000	Dichloromethane	
Chemical		3,000	Chlorobenzene	
Petrochemical	Zhejiang	12,000	Heavy aromatics	
Chemical (2)	Hebei	12,000	Waste gas containing naphthalene	
Sugar	Shandong	2,000	Ethylene oxide	
Pharma	Zhejiang	3,000	Dichloromethane	
Fine Chemicals and pesticide	Jiangsu	3,000	Dichloroethane	
Pharma			Dichloromethane	
H2O2 ③	Hunan	18,000	Heavy aromatics (xylene, benzene, toluene, etc)	
Lithium battery separator industry ④	Guandong	5,000	Dichloromethane	

## Case study ① - Phmarceutical plant in Jiangsu - Dichloromethane



- > Air volume: 1,500 m<sup>3</sup>/h
- Concentration: 50,000-60,000 mg/m<sup>3</sup>
- ➢ Outlet concentration: ≤200 mg/m³
- > Operation mode: Three columns, two series, one standby
- Resin column loading method: tile
- Regeneration time: 3h
- Outlet destination: RTO

#### The following characteristics were found during the operation of the device:

- 1. After the first-stage adsorption, the temperature of the waste gas rose about 10-15°C
- 2. When the inlet temperature was at 50°C (boiling point of dichloromethane being 40°C), the adsorption capacity was not affected, but the outlet concentration was affected.

## Case study ② - Naphthalene-containing waste gas from a dyestuff enterprise in Tangshan



#### > Air volume: 12,000 m<sup>3</sup>/h

- Plant conditions: deodorization needed (naphthalene)
- > Outlet conditions: no odor
- Operation mode: Three columns, two parallel, one standby
- Resin per column: 4 m3

#### Features of the device:

1. For low-content waste gas, the concentration and resin consumption are balanced, and the parallel intake air is adopted to operate at a staggered time.

2. All equipment were made of carbon steel, saving cost

3. According to the characteristics of easy sublimation of naphthalene, the heat exchanger was omitted, and the steam regeneration was directly passed to the waste water tank.

## Case study ③ - recovery of heavy aromatics from oxidation tail gas in Hunan - H2O2 industry

#### ➢ Air volume: 18,000 m³/h

- Inlet conditions: Heavy aromatics content around 9,000 mg/m<sup>3</sup>
- Outlet conditions: Xylene <20 mg/m3, benzene <4 mg/m3, toluene <15 mg/m3, non-methane total hydrocarbons</p>

#### <60 mg/m3

- > Operation mode: Three columns, two parallel, one standby
- > Resin per column: 9 m3

#### Features of the device:

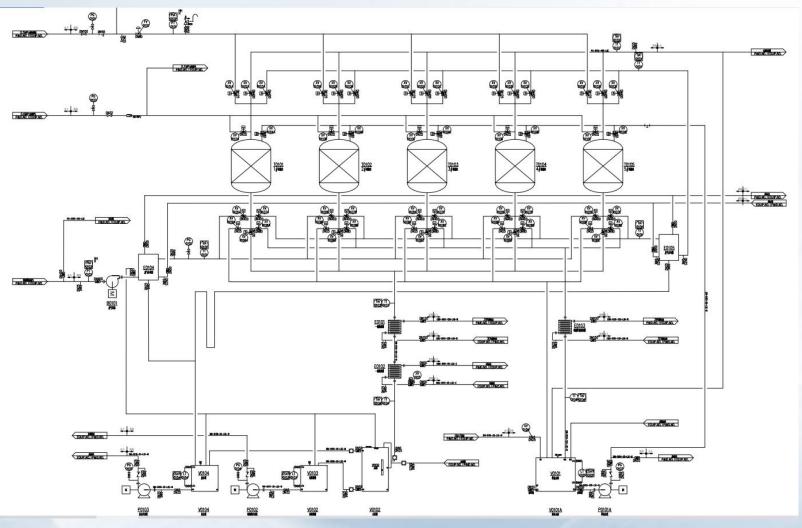
The annular packing bed was adopted

Gas feed came through the middle of the resin column and passed the bed laterally Increased contact area, reduced thickness of the resin bed, reduced wind resistance.

- > Air volume: 5,000 m<sup>3</sup>/h
- Inlet concentration: 175,000mg/m<sup>3</sup> (dichloromethane, loss amount is 21t/d)
- > Outlet conditions: Waste gas dichloromethane <20mg/m<sup>3</sup>, waste water dichloromethane <1mg/L
- Operation mode: Continuous adsorption and desorption system + two series one standby + wastewater adsorption
- Resin per column: 8 m3

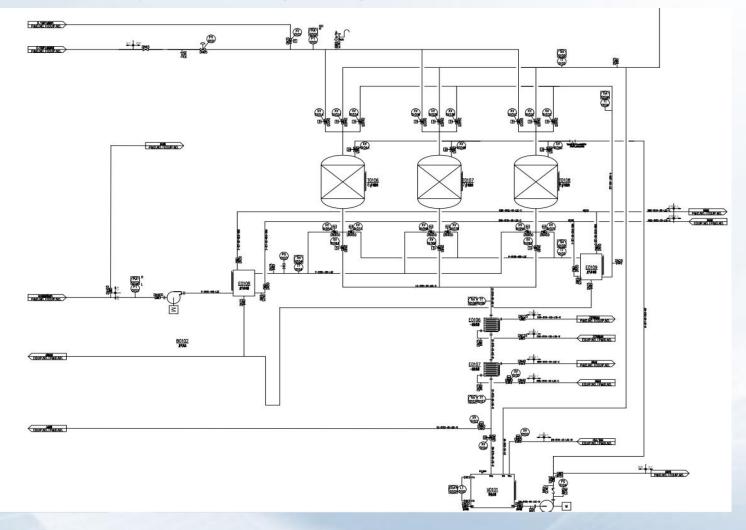
#### Features of the device:

- 1. Continuous adsorption and desorption (5-column) design significantly saving the amount of resin and thus energy consumption
- 2. Recovery system and standard emmission system working together to meet emission criteria (<20mg/m<sup>3</sup>)
- 3. Wastewater generated by steam regeneration treated by linkage adsorption to ensure that the dichloromethane in the drainage is ≤1mg/L

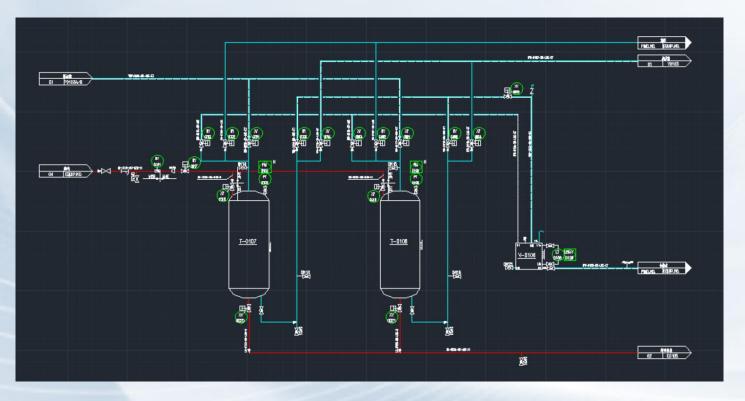


Continuous adsorption and desorption system

Switch	Adsorption	Regeneration	Cooling	Drainage	Note
1	A+B	E	D	С	
2	B+C	Α	E	D	Switch time:
3	C+D	В	Α	E	36min
4	D+E	С	В	Α	Removal rate of dichloromethane
5	E+A	D	С	В	<b>≥90%</b>
6	A+B	E	D	С	



Two series one standby to meet the emission standard



- Water volume 42t, one for use and one for backup
- Single column 2m<sup>3</sup> resin, shared
  regeneration with waste gas system
- Ensure that the dichloromethane content in wastewater is ≤1mg/L

Wastewater treatment

#### Waste gas monitoring report





### Toluene waste gas treatment project





# Chlorine-containing waste gas adsorption and recovery project





### Waste gas adsorption recovery project





### Waste gas adsorption project







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## www.youtube.com/watch?v=FvBKI7ahMJg





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