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Utilization of Industrial Liquid-Waste Effluents of the Titanium–Magnesium Production(Article)

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Abstract: The results of studying the utilization of waste effluents of a metallurgical enterprise using centrifugation and vacuum-sublimation methods are presented. The objects of study are industrial effluents of titanium-magnesium production. The influence of the centrifuge rotation speed, duration, temperature, and solid content on the separation of industrial effluents into liquid (centrate) and solid (sediment) phases is studied. A complex of studies based on using the multifactorial experimental design procedure is performed to evaluate the influence of each factor. It is established that the optimal centrifugation parameters are a rotor speed of 3000 rpm and a duration of 30 min. The centrate contains suspended substances in an amount of 195 mg/dm3, chlorides in an amount of 26 500 mg/dm3, and dry residue in an amount of 39 750 mg/dm3-evidencing its high mineralization and need for the further purification. The reasonability of using the thermal method of centrate demineralization using a rotary vacuum evaporator is shown in laboratory conditions. Optimal process parameters are $t = 70^{\circ}C$, Pres < 50 mbar, and $\tau = 30$ min. The residue yield after the vacuum sublimation is 6% of the centrate weight. No suspended substances are found in the condensate, and the chloride content was 50 mg/dm3. The proposed utilization technology of industrial effluents of the titanium-magnesium production will promote the development of a closed water-supply cycle at the enterprise. The residue after the vacuum sublimation of the centrate, which contains mainly alkali metal and alkali-earth metal chlorides, can be recommended as an additive for the preparation of anti-ice materials as well as drilling fluids for well mud solutions. © 2019, Allerton Press, Inc.