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PREFACE

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ABSTRACT

Hydrogel composite was successfully prepared and characterized include condition for synthesis hydrogel-composite ratio cellulose – NaOH/urea/ECH temperature and reaction time using microwave radiation. Fourier Transform Infrared Spectra (FTIR), X-Ray Diffraction (XRD), Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM), Energy Diffraction-X (EDX) performed for hydrogel-composite characterization. Rice husk cellulose used for raw material to synthesis hydrogel. Clay minerals such as zeolites have been proven to have excellent adsorption capacity for the removal of heavy metal. The adsorption capacity of hydrogel is further increased by combining with zeolite. Therefore, In this research cellulose combined with zeolite to synthesis hydrogel composite and applied to adsorption of Cu in aqueous solution by using Kinetics and Isotherm Adsorption.

It was found that best ratio cellulose and NaOH/Urea 4 gram with 7:12:81 (NaOH/Urea/Water), has maximum swelling ratio, that is 52.4% where hydrogel formed. This ratio used to synthesis hydrogel-composite with cellulose - zeolite ratio of 4:4 (g/g), where it was given the best adsorption capacity of 1.41029 mg/g. Ratio 4:4 used in kinetic adsorption and found that adsorption in chemical sorption type. This is proved in Isotherm adsorption parameter studied at 30, 50, and 70 °C with Langmuir and freundlich model that Qe has increase along temperature increased. Freundlich model was very well described adsorption of Cu with Hydrogel Composite. And it was found that at pH 7 has maximum adsorption capacity Qe = 4.318 mg/g

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