

**VortexChem**

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**Chemical Product Formula:** (C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>17</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O)

**Chemical Product Name:** Hexaconazole

**Process Title:**

**EHS Summary:**

- a. List the wastes generated and their quantity of generation.

**Step-1 (Preparation of Valerophenone)**

**Aqueous waste to ETP:** 1.452kg / kg of Hexaconazole

**Al(OH)<sub>3</sub>:** 2.393kg / kg of Hexaconazole

**Residue:** 0.03kg / kg of Hexaconazole

**Step - 2 (Preparation of Oxirane):**

**K<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>:** 0.898 Kg / Kg of Hexaconazole

**Aq. Waste to ETP:** 2.195 Kg / Kg of Hexaconazole

**Step - 3 (Preparation of Hexaconazole):**

**KOH:** 0.071kg / kg of Hexaconazole

**Residue:** 0.44kg

**Aq. Waste to ETP:** 2.22 Kg / Kg of Hexaconazole

- b. What the current regulations for the above waste materials. (Limits to which it can be disposed in the environment)

Chemical	Safety Concern	Exposure Limits	Additional Information
<b>DMF</b>	Toxic, affects liver and respiratory system	ACGIH TLV: 10 ppm (30 mg/m <sup>3</sup> ) (8-hour TWA) ACGIH STEL: 15 ppm (45 mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Must be incinerated or recovered via distillation to prevent environmental contamination
<b>Methanol</b>	Highly flammable, toxic by inhalation and skin absorption	NIOSH REL: 200 ppm (260 mg/m <sup>3</sup> ) (8-hour TWA) NIOSH STEL: 250 ppm (325 mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Requires proper solvent recovery and explosion-proof storage

<b>KOH</b>	Corrosive, causes severe skin burns and eye damage	ACGIH Ceiling Limit: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Requires neutralization before disposal. Proper PPE must be worn.
<b>Aqueous Waste</b>	High COD, BOD, and dissolved solids; potential toxicity	COD Limit: <250 mg/L BOD Limit: <30 mg/L	Must undergo primary, secondary, and tertiary treatment before evaporation in a ZLD system.
<b>Solid Residue (Salts, Catalyst, Unreacted Materials)</b>	May contain hazardous metal residues; needs controlled disposal	No direct exposure limits, depends on composition.	Can be sent for incineration or secure landfill disposal based on hazardous classification.
<b>K<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub></b>	May cause mild irritation to the skin, eyes, and respiratory tract	ACGIH TLV (Inhalable dust): 1.4ppm (10mg/m <sup>3</sup> ), OSHA PEL: 2.10ppm (15mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Use PPE, ensure good ventilation, and store in a dry, cool place away from acids.
<b>Al(OH)<sub>3</sub></b>	Aluminum hydroxide can cause respiratory, skin, and eye irritation, and ingestion may lead to gastrointestinal discomfort	OSHA PEL: 15 mg/m <sup>3</sup> ACGIH TLV: 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Use PPE and proper ventilation to minimize risks.

- c. Describe the treatment procedure for wastes with block diagram. Your chemical plant must be a zero liquid discharge plant.

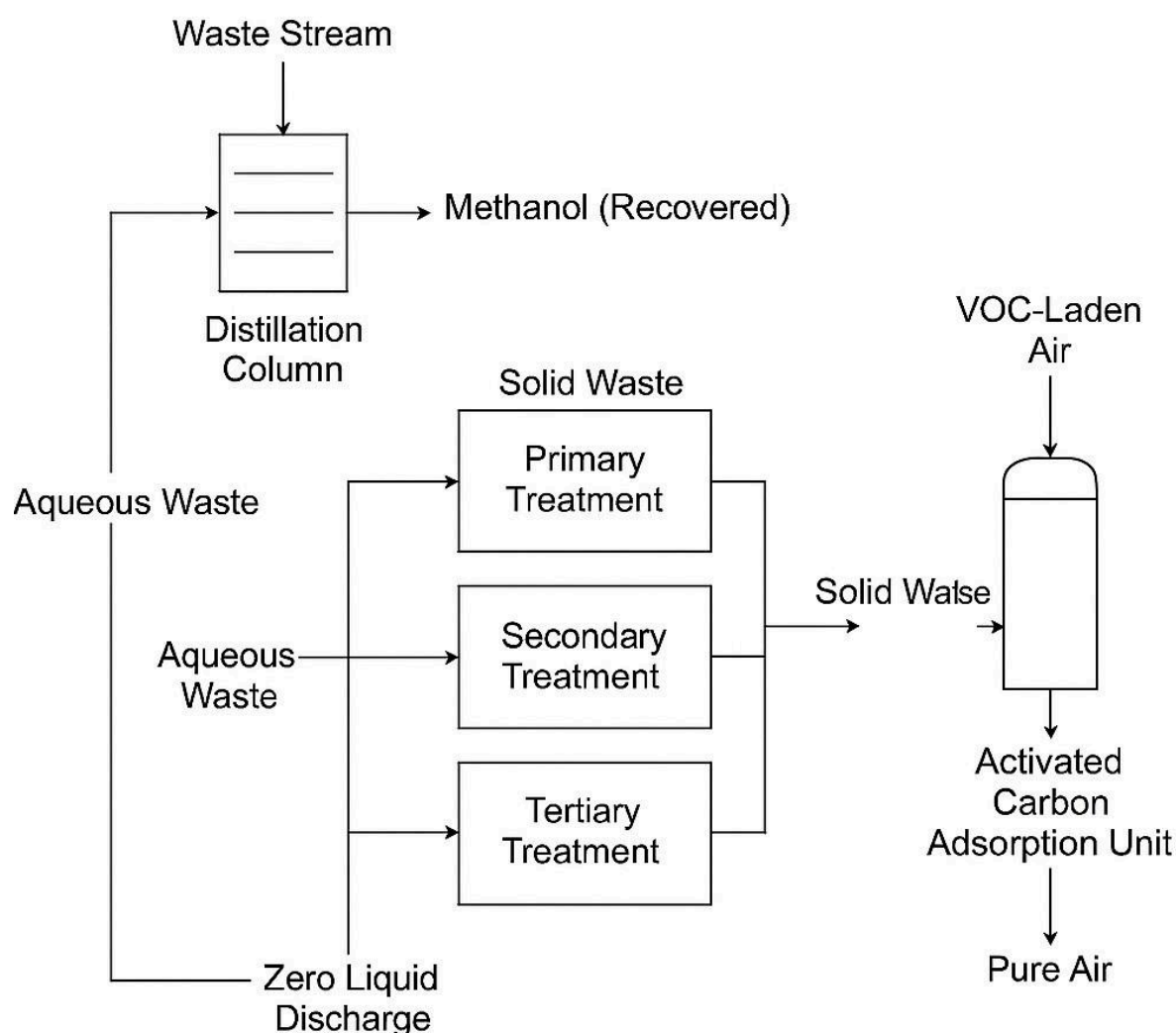
**Methanol Recovery:** Waste stream containing methanol is processed in a distillation column to recover and reuse methanol, reducing solvent waste.

**Aqueous Waste Treatment:** Wastewater undergoes primary (neutralization & filtration), secondary (biological treatment), and tertiary (reverse osmosis &

evaporation) treatment in the Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP). Multiple Effect Evaporator (MEE) & Crystallizer ensure Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD).

**Solid Waste Management:** Salts, catalysts, and unreacted materials are separated. Non-hazardous residue is sent to a secure landfill, while hazardous waste is incinerated safely.

**VOC Emission Control:** Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) from DMF and methanol emissions are captured using an activated carbon adsorption unit, ensuring safe air release.



- d. Are there any safety concerns for the chemicals. Give exposure limits: Time Weighted Average (TWA) for 8 hours and short-term exposure limit (STEL) for 15 minutes.

Chemical	Health Concerns	TWA	STEL
<b>DMF</b>	Acute dermal toxicity Category 4 (H312) Acute Inhalation Toxicity - Vapors Category 4 (H332) Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation Category 2 (H319) Reproductive Toxicity	10 ppm (30 mg/m <sup>3</sup> ) (8-hour TWA)	15 PPM ( 45 kg/m <sup>3</sup> )
<b>Methanol</b>	Headache, nausea, vomiting, blindness; can be fatal	200 ppm (260 mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	250 ppm (325 mg/m <sup>3</sup> ) (Some countries have a lower TWA)
<b>KOH</b>	Severe irritation of eyes, nose, and throat; cancer. Repeated exposure may cause bronchitis to develop with coughing, phlegm, and/or shortness of breath.	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
<b>K<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub></b>	May cause mild irritation to the skin, eyes, and respiratory tract; ingestion in large amounts can cause nausea.	OSHA PEL: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> ( TWA - 8 Hour )	No official STEL limit, but generally 1.5x to 3x TWA (~3.15 - 6.30 ppm)
<b>Al(OH)<sub>3</sub></b>	Aluminum hydroxide can cause respiratory, skin, and eye irritation, gastrointestinal issues if ingested,	OSHA PEL: 15 mg/m <sup>3</sup>  ACGIH TLV: 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> ( 8 Hour TWA )	OSHA STEL: No specific STEL is set for aluminum hydroxide; the general PELs apply (15 mg/m <sup>3</sup> total dust, 5

	and potential bone or neurological effects with long-term exposure.		mg/m <sup>3</sup> respirable fraction).
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**References:** Provide reference for a material safety data sheet/industrial safety report/weblink.

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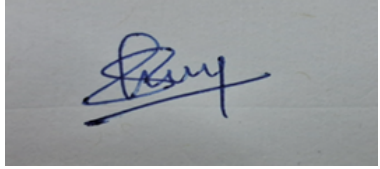
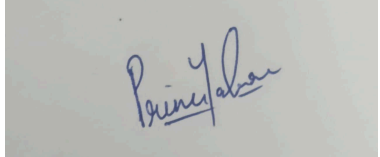
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**List the contributions of each author:**

- Prince and Khushi determined the waste generation quantity.
- Nirjala and Khushi carried out the literature search and found the current regulations.
- Nirjala ,Prathvi and Prince found necessary treatment steps and prepared the block diagram.
- Nirjala and Prathvi obtained TWA and STEL data.

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