## Homework #2

- 1. How many grams of anhydrous Sodium Sulfate (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) must be added to a liter of water so that the ionic strength equals 0.01M?
- 2. The pesticide, parathion, undergoes photolytic degradation (destruction by absorption of energy from the sun's rays) in natural waters. This is a first order process with a rate constant of 8x10<sup>-7</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>.
  - a. What is the half-life for parathion based on this degradation process?
  - b. How long will it take for 90% of the parathion to degrade?
  - c. How long will it take for 99% of the parathion to degrade?
- Hypochlorous acid (HOCI) reacts with phenol (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH) to produce a wide range of products including highly offensive chlorophenols. The rate of this reaction is second order, overall (first order in each reactant). The rate constant is 2x10<sup>3</sup> M<sup>-1</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>. In this problem you have 1.2 ppb of phenol in water, and to this you add 0.1 mM hypochlorous acid.
  - a. How long will it take to destroy 50% of the phenol?
  - b. How long will it take to destroy 99.99% of the phenol?

## 4. Calculate the ThOD of the following wastewaters

- a. 45 mg/L of methanol
- b. 10 mg/L of glucose
- c. 45 mg/L of methanol with 10 mg/L glucose
- d. 10<sup>-4</sup> M acetic acid
- e. 5 mg/L of trichloroethane

## 5. Nitrogen occurs at a variety of oxidation states in water environments. Balance the following oxidation-reduction reaction which is important in wastewater treatment:

$$NH_3 + O_2 \rightarrow NO_3^- + H_2O$$

Show all steps.

Assigned: 25 Sept 19 Due: 2 Oct 19

## Answer Page

Fill in the boxes with the correct answer.

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Problem #

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| 1 |   | g/L |       |
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|   |   |     |       |
|   | а |     | hours |
| 2 | b |     | hours |
|   | c |     | hours |

| 2 | а | seconds |
|---|---|---------|
| 3 | b | seconds |

α/I

| 4 | а | mg-O <sub>2</sub> /L |
|---|---|----------------------|
|   | b | mg-O <sub>2</sub> /L |
|   | c | mg-O <sub>2</sub> /L |
|   | d | mg-O <sub>2</sub> /L |
|   | e | mg-O <sub>2</sub> /L |

| 5 1NH <sub>3</sub> + | O <sub>2</sub> = | NO3 <sup>-</sup> + | $\mathrm{H^{+}}$ + | H <sub>2</sub> O |
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