Wannipa Nongpong 2007: Chemical Oxidation of Toluene in Saturated Zone Using Slowly Released Oxidizing Agent. Master of Engineering (Environmental Engineering), Major Field: Environmental Engineering, Department of Environmental Engineering. Thesis Advisor: Assistant Professor Cheema Chomsurin, Ph.D. 111 pages.

Chemical oxidation of toluene was studied in saturated sand using potassium permanganate (KMnO₄) that was released from organic matrix. Three organic materials used were volcano rock, paraffin wax and coconut ride. The releasing rate from solid KMnO₄. It was found that the solid KMnO₄ attached to paraffin wax provide low and constant releasing rate which is suitable for toluene oxidation.

Experiment showed that when KMnO₄ was released at Reynold number equaled where flow rate was 2 ml/min and pore volume was 49.87, toluene removed efficiency was 91.85.

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