

Innovative Circular Technologies for Harmful Nitrogen Compounds/ To Solve Planetary Boundary Issues

Theme 2. Recycling nitrogen compounds in wastewater to ammonia resource Theme 2-1. R&D on microbial conversion of nitrogen compounds to ammonia

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Position in the Project





Target of Theme 2 for FY2029: Pilot-scale demonstration (5 \sim 15 m³/d) of recovery and condensation of ammonium from wastewater

Position of KHB: Construction, operation and maintenance of a bench-scale microaerobic conversion process

Target of KHB for FY2029: Construction and demonstration of a pilot-scale microaerobic conversion process for ammonium recovery using actual wastewater.



Design of a lab-scale bioreactor

Setting tank



3rd tank

Industrial wastewater as influent

(Composition of 10- to 20-fold concentrated industrial wastewater)

- <u>NH₄-N</u> approx. 5,000 mg-N/L
- <u>Total nitrogen (TN)</u> approx. 7,000 mg-N/L
 <u>Total organic carbon (TOC)</u> approx. 12,000 mg-C/L
 <u>pH</u> approx. 1.5





Wastewater supply tank

R&D Items

•Construction, operation and maintenance of a bench-scale microaerobic conversion process

2nd tank

1st tank

⇒ Sharing information to perform the design and stable operation of the process



- Sharing the knowledge and know-how on operation of the lab-scale process
- Obtaining information necessary for the bench-scale process test (collaboration with AIST)

Operating parameters



R&D to optimize operation conditions for stable organics decomposition and efficient conversion of N compounds to NH₄⁺ using actual industrial wastewater



Position in the project

R&D of microaerobic conversion process from nitrogen compounds to NH₄⁺

Target for FY2029

Construction and demonstration of a pilot-scale microaerobic conversion process for ammonium recovery using actual wastewater

R&D items

Construction, operation and maintenance of a bench-scale microaerobic conversion process

Achievement

•Sharing the knowledge and know-how on operation of the lab-scale process

Obtaining information necessary for the bench-scale process test

