# DEVELOPMENT OF COD (CHEMICAL OXYGEN DEMAND) ANALYSIS METHOD IN WASTE WATER USING SPECTRODIRECT

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**Abstract.** Increased human activities will cause various problems, one of which is water pollution in water sources because it receives a pollution load that exceeds its carrying capacity. In the context of environmental conservation, the government has set quality standards for liquid waste produced by various industries and other activities in a Decree of the State Minister for the Environment. COD (Chemical Oxygen Demand) is one of the most important parameters in wastewater quality standards. This study aims to validate the COD analysis method which refers to COD Thermoreactor System (LOVIBOND brand) at Pakuan University Service Laboratory, to ensure the validity of COD analysis results at Pakuan University Service Laboratory. Spectrodirect COD analysis method provides results that meet the requirements of accuracy, precision, LOD, and LOQ which is quite good. The results of the Coefficient of Variation give good results with a value of 1.8841% indicating the accuracy of the analysis method is good. The accuracy parameter also gives good results and meets the requirements with a% recovery value of 98.70351%. Overall, it can be stated that the spectrodirect analysis method tested is an accurate, precise, simple, and economical method for determining COD levels

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#### I. INTRODUCTION

Water is one of the natural resources which has a very important function for human life, as well as for advancing the general welfare so that it is the basic capital and the main factor of development. The main need for implementation of good health is the availability of adequate water in terms of quantity and quality, namely meeting the requirements for cleanliness and safety. This water must also be available continuously, attractive and acceptable to the community in order to encourage people to use it [1]. Increased human activities will cause various problems, one of which is water pollution in water sources because it receives a pollution load that exceeds its carrying capacity. Pollution that causes a decrease in water quality can come from point sources and non-point sources. Centralized waste such as industrial waste, livestock business waste, hotel waste, and hospital waste. Meanwhile, the waste is scattered, such as agricultural waste, plantation waste and domestic waste [2].

In the context of environmental conservation, the government has set quality standards for liquid waste produced by various industries and other activities in a Decree of the State Minister for the Environment. According to the concept and its meaning, the water quality standard at the water source, which is abbreviated as the water quality standard, is the level limit allowed for pollutants or substances to be present in water, but the water continues to function according to its designation [3]. Liquid waste quality standard is the limit of permissible levels for

pollutant substances or materials to be disposed of from the source of pollution into the water at the water source, so as not to result in exceeding the water quality standard. Ambient air quality standards are the permissible levels for substances or pollutants present in the air, but do not cause disturbance to living things, plants and / or objects [4].

The activity of disposing of liquid waste by industrial estates has the potential to cause environmental pollution, therefore it is necessary to control it [5]. To carry out water pollution control as stipulated in Article 15 of Government Regulation Number 20 of 1990 concerning Water Pollution Control, it is necessary to further stipulate the Liquid Waste Quality Standard. Liquid Waste Quality is the state of liquid waste which is stated by the pollutant discharge, content and load. The maximum discharge is the highest discharge that is still allowed to be discharged into the environment. The maximum level is the highest level which is still allowed to be discharged into the environment. The maximum pollution load is the highest pollution load that is still allowed to be discharged into the environment. Liquid Waste Quality Standards for Industrial Estates that already have a Centralized Waste Processing Unit are as stated in this Decree. For Industrial Estates which do not yet have a Centralized Waste Processing Unit, the Liquid Waste Quality Standard for types of industries shall apply according to the prevailing laws and regulations [6].

The maximum level of each parameter or the maximum waste discharge as mentioned in this Decree can be exceeded as long as the maximum pollution load is not



exceeded (Article 2). The Governor may stipulate additional parameters beyond the Liquid Waste Quality Standard parameters as meant in this Decree with the approval of the Minister (Article 3). The Liquid Waste Quality Standard is tighter or the same as the Liquid Waste Quality Standard as referred to in this Decree shall remain valid; and the Liquid Waste Quality Standard is looser than the Liquid Waste Quality Standard as referred to in this Decree must be adjusted to the Liquid Waste Quality Standard as referred to in this Decree no later than 1 (one) year after the stipulation of this Decree [7].

The COD measurement method is slightly more complex, because it uses special reflux equipment, use of concentrated acid, heating, and titration (APHA [8]), Umaly and Cuvin [9]. Reflux equipment is needed to avoid reducing the sample water due to heating. In principle, COD measurement is the addition of a number of potassium bichromate (K<sub>2</sub>Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>) as an oxidizing agent in the sample (with a known volume) which has been added with concentrated acid and silver sulfate catalyst, then heated for some time. Furthermore, the excess potassium bichromate is measured by titration. Thus the potassium bichromate used for the oxidation of organic matter in the sample can be calculated and the COD value can be determined. The drawback is that inorganic complex compounds in water that can be oxidized are also involved in the reaction (De Santo, [10]). so that in certain cases the COD value may be slightly overestimated to describe the organic matter content. When the new BOD value can be known after the five-day incubation time, the COD value can be immediately known after one or two hours.

Domestic waste is waste originating from bathrooms, latrines, kitchens, washing clothes, washing household appliances, pharmacies, restaurants and so on quantitatively. The waste consists of organic substances in the form of solid or liquid, hazardous and toxic materials (B3), dissolved salts, and bacteria, especially the fecal coli, pathogenic bodies, and parasites [11] The COD analysis method that will be validated in this study refers toCOD Thermoreactor System (LOVIBOND brand) which has never been validated at the Pakuan University Service Laboratory, so this method must be validated to ensure the conformity of its standards to the results of the analysis..

# II. RESEARCH METHODS

### **Tools and Materials**

The tools used in this study were COD Thermoreactor RD 125, Measuring flask, Magnetic stirrer, and Spectro Direct.

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# **Analysis of Cod in Wastewater Using Spectrodirect**

The research method used includes the manufacture of reagents, stock standard solutions and working standard

solutions, optimization of detection parameters on the lovibond brand spectrodirect and validation of the analysis method. The validation of the analysis method carried out is the total validation which refers to the Instruction ManualBO 600 BOD and COD Thermoreactor System(LOVIBOND brand). Validation parameters carried out include selectivity, lower limit of quantification (LLOQ), calibration curve, accuracy, precision, recovery test [12].

#### Test COD

Check the pH of the sample, the optimum pH for chemical oxidation is 6.0 ~ 7.0. If the pH is high, add HCl (1M) or H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (1M). If the pH is low, add NaOH (1M), mix the water sample well (filtration or homogenization), the sample containing a lot of fiber is homogenized (homogenizer) and the sample containing a lot of algae is filtered with filter paper. A reagent blank containing potassium dichromate and sulfuric acid was prepared (Vario COD Tube Test range 0 - 1500mg / L), then add 2 ml of deionized water. Prepare a reagent containing potassium dichromate and sulfuric acid (Vario COD Tube Test range 0-1500mg / L), add 2 ml of sample. Each vial was homogenized by shaking it slowly (the vial will become hot when homogenized). Heat the vial in COD Thermoreactor for 120 minutes at a temperature of 150. After completing the heating process, the vial is placed at room temperature until it is stable, so that it will °C measured the vial is not hot. The vial was measured using a direct spectro with a wavelength of 620 nm with yield is in mg / L.

#### III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Based on the analysis of COD levels in sago liquid waste that has been carried out at the Lab Service of Pakuan University, Bogor, the results of the COD examination showed that none of the COD levels exceeded the maximum levels, the results can be seen in the table below.

Table 1. Results of Analysis of COD Levels in Sago Liquid Waste

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No.	Sample	Sample Volume (ml)	COD levels (mg / L O <sub>2</sub> )
1	Bottle 1	2 ml	147.31
2	Bottle 2	2 ml	151.89
3	Bottle 3	2 ml	147.35
4	Bottle 4	2 ml	150.77
5	Bottle 5	2 ml	150.34
6	Bottle 6	2 ml	144.37
7	Bottle 7	2 ml	145.78
	Avera	148.2586	

# **Analysis Method Validation**

#### A. Result of Accuracy Test (Precision)

The determination of the precision value carried out is a category of repeatability. Accuracy (precision) is determined based on the standard saving value (SD) or the coefficient of variation (KV). Based on the test results, it can be seen that the spectrodirect method used for determining COD levels has a good precision of 1.8841% with a KV value  $\leq 2\%$ .



Table 2. Results of the COD Accuracy Test on Sago Liquid Waste

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	R	1.8841	

# **B.** Accuracy Test Results

The accuracy value indicates the accuracy of the analytic method, or the closeness between the measured value and the received value. The accuracy value can be seen from the calculation of% recovery. The accuracy test is used to show the closeness of the analysis results to the actual analyte content. The result of% recovery is said to meet the requirements if it shows a percentage value between 80-110%. Based on the results of the calculation, the percentage of recovery was 98.70351%. The percent recovery value which gives a value of> 95% indicates that the accuracy of the method developed is quite good and the river water sample matrix does not have a significant effect on the measurement results.

Table 3. Data Recovery Test Results

Actual concentration	Measured Concentration	Recovery (%)
(mg / L)	(mg / L)	
150,206	148.2586	98.70351

# C. Detection limit and antitation limit test results (LOD and LOO)

The detection limit value states the smallest concentration of analyte in the sample that is still capable of providing quantitative analytical signals. The detection limit is expressed as the concentration of sago waste water which is able to provide a peak height of 3 times the standard deviation, to the peak height of the blank solution (S / N = 3). The result of the calculation shows that the LOD value is  $15,980\ mg\ / L$  and the LOQ value is  $32,082\ mg\ / L$ 

# IV. CONCLUSION

Spectrodirect COD analysis method provides results that meet the requirements of accuracy, precision, LOD, and LOQ which is quite good. The results of the Coefficient of Variation give good results with a value of 1.8841% indicating the accuracy of the analysis method is good. The accuracy parameter also gives good results and meets the requirements with a% recovery value of 98.70351%. Overall, it can be stated that the spectrodirect analysis method tested is an accurate, precise, simple, and economical method for determining COD levels.

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