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Abstract

For the shortage of water resources in Egypt and Arab countries, A need to develop low cost technology to deal with Brackish water as water resource are increased. The objective of this study is to investigate the possibility of producing potable water from brackish water using low cost technique depending on electrical energy. The study was applied on desalination system with the aid of electrical energy, pilot plant was erected in sanitary lab, faculty of engineering, Ain shams university, Cairo, Egypt.

This study was carried out in a batch mode over four months covered spring and winter seasons. The pilot plant consisted of glass tank with a capacity of 6.0 L, aluminum cathode and anode, and direct current supply. The influent water was synthetic water from tap water with TDS concentration of 7000 ppm. TDS, temperature, and pH were measured for the influent and effluent waters. The results of this study showed that by using electrical energy with 1.2 volt for 1hour, the system managed to achieve high TDS removal efficiency of 87.6% and water recovery of 60%. The energy consumption is 2.3kwh/m³.

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