

Title (en)

A process for removing sulfur compounds from hydrocarbon streams

Title (de)

Verfahren zur Entfernung von Schwefelverbindungen aus Kohlenwasserstoffbeschickungen

Title (fr)

Procédé d'extraction de composés de soufre de flux d'hydrocarbures

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Abstract (en)

A process for removing H₂S and mercaptans from a hydrocarbon stream is disclosed. A hydrocarbon stream such as a LPG stream is contacted with a weakly basic stream, e.g., a sodium bicarbonate stream in order to extract the H₂S and mercaptans from the hydrocarbon stream into the basic stream. The basic stream is now treated in a reactor containing a sulfide oxidizing microorganism in order to convert the H₂S to sulfur and the mercaptans to disulfides. Finally, the sulfur and disulfides are separated from the basic aqueous stream which can be recycled and used to treat a fresh hydrocarbon stream. The treated hydrocarbon stream is purified to the point that it passes the copper strip test, while the purified basic stream contains less than 0.08 g/l of elemental sulfur. <IMAGE>

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