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(54) **ANION ADSORBENT, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME AND METHOD OF WATER TREATMENT**

(57) An anion absorbent comprising sintered clay of porous structure and a rare earth compound supported on the sintered clay. The anion absorbent is produced by a production method of an anion absorbent comprising a mixing step of mixing clay with an additive for making the clay porous, a sintering step of sintering a mixture obtained in the mixing step, and a supporting step of supporting a rare earth compound on the clay before the mixing step and/or on a sintered matter after the sintering

step. A water treatment method comprising a step of bringing the anion absorbent into contact with water to be treated at a predetermined pH so as to absorb and thus remove anions in the water to be treated, and a step of bringing the absorbent, which absorbed anions, into contact with solution having pH, which is different from the aforementioned predetermined pH, so as to desorb anions from the absorbent.

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