Algal digested derived from wastewater treatment for nutrients supplement Abdulmutalib R. S. Zardawy* Dr. David Lewis**

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Abstract

The potential of disposing large amounts of nitrogen and phosphorus into water bodies makes it unsustainable and could lead to raise the problem of Eutrophication. For avoiding the potential for nutrient runoff and Eutrophication of surface waters, algal digestion effluents that are derived from wastewater treatment can be used as nutrient supplement to grow algae, which can further serve as feedstock for producing biogas and wastewater treatment. Nowadays, microalgae have been gaining significant attention worldwide as a valuable source of biomass due to its high growth rates and ability to capture atmospheric carbon dioxide. Algae require N, P and other nutrients for growth in addition to light and CO2. Likewise, algal wastes contain all the required nutrients and could be excellent low cost algae cultivation medium. Such properties of algal wastes have consequently led to some studies demonstrating the use of algal wastes as algae growth medium and Methane production. The present study was to investigate the effectiveness of using algal digested effluent as a nutrient supplement for cultivation of microalgae MUR230. Different treatments multiples of 0%, 2%, 4%, 5% and 10% were applied and algal growth was compared in regard to cell counts. The best growth in this study was obtained with microalgae grown with 4% algal digestion effluent medium. Recovery of nutrients from algal digested wastewaters by microalgae needs to be extensively investigated through abmmad parement

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