

The effects of agitation on naphthalene volatilization from solutions with surfactant concentration exceeding critical micelle concentration were studied. Micellar partition coefficient ($K(m)$) and liquid-vapor mass transfer coefficient ($K(L)$) in the presence of three surfactants, i.e., anionic sodium dodecyl sulfate (SDS), cationic cetyltrimethylammonium bromide (CTMAB), and nonionic Tween 20 were determined at different agitation speeds. Both $K(m)$ and $K(L)$ increased in the agitated solutions, indicating enhanced naphthalene micellization and water-vapor mass transfer due to agitation. The enhancement factor of $K(L)$ in surfactant-laden solution was determined to be in the range of 1.3-6.3 (SDS), 0.7-7.9 (CTMAB), and 1.5-7.3 (Tween 20). However, agitation exhibited a greater enhancement on $K(L)$, resulting in a net increased volatilization rate. A conceptual model was developed to describe the dependence of the bulk aqueous phase naphthalene concentration ($C(L)$) on Henry's constant (H), $K(L)$, $K(m)$, and surfactant concentration (S). This study is the first in reporting the combined effects of agitation and surfactant on the volatilization of semi-volatile naphthalene in air-water-micelle system. Results provided insight into the volatile emission as frequently encountered in certain waste streams.