ADSORPTION CHARACTERISTICS

OF SODIUM HEXAFLOURIDE

ON ACTIVATED CARBON

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ABSTRACT: Sulfur Hexafluoride (SF_6) is the standard tracer gas used in assessing control room envelope unfiltered inleakage and determining air flows using tracer gas techniques. It is generally accepted that typical nuclear grade carbons have little or no adsorptive capacity for SF_6. However, there are few studies evaluating the adsorption characteristics of SF_6 on activated carbon and the possible effects on tracer gas testing. This paper presents adsorption/desorption isotherms for SF_6 on a typical radioiodine removal activated carbon. The impact on radioiodine removal is also examined.