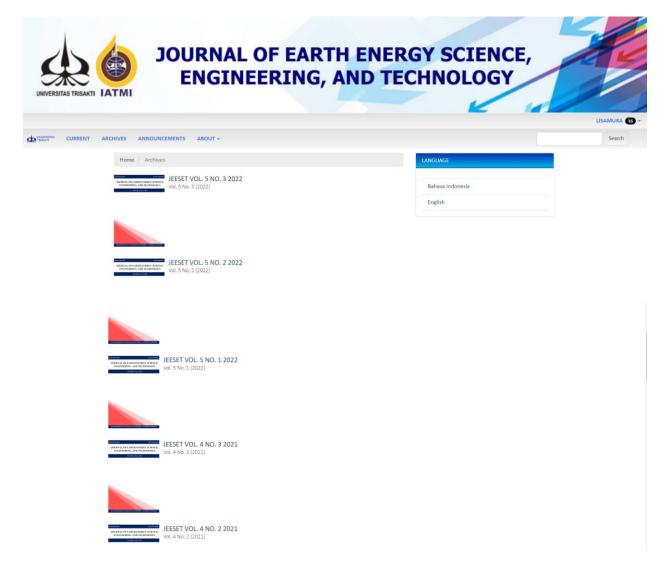
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Preparation and Characterization of Natural Zeolite Minerals to Reduce Free Fatty Acid Levels in Used Cooking Oil

(Persiapan dan Karakterisasi Bahan Tambang Zeolit Alam untuk Menurunkan Kadar Asam Lemak Bebas pada Minyak Jelantah)

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Abstract

Zeolite as a catalyst can increase its activity by carrying out physical and chemical activation processes. Physical activation can be activated by reducing the size of the zeolite through grinding and sieving methods, from the physical activation process it can increase the surface area of the zeolite. In this study, zeolite was chemically activated by acid activation method by immersing natural zeolite with HCl and HF. The oxide compound in the activated zeolite was characterized using XRF. The activated zeolite was used to reduce the free fatty acid levels with variations in the addition of 7 to 10 grams of zeolite. The results of the research conducted showed that there were differences in the content of oxide compounds in zeolite before and before activation with differences in SiO2 content, namely 69.4% before activation and an increase of 82.1% after activation. The results of the state test including physical properties, odor, and taste tests of used cooking oil that have been purified indicate that used cooking oil that has been purified meets the quality requirements of cooking oil based on SNI 01-3741-2013. Used cooking oil that has been purified has a normal taste, does not smell. rancid and yellow. The content of free fatty acids meets the requirements of SNI 01-3741-2013 for all variations of the addition of zeolite with the highest decreasing value obtained at the addition of 10 g of zeolite with a free fatty acid content value of 0.22%.

Keywords: Acid Activation; Zeolite, Used Cooking Oil; Free Fatty Acid Levels

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Zeolit sebagai katalis dapat meningkatkan aktivitasnya dengan melakukan proses aktivasi fisik dan kimia. Aktivasi fisik dapat diaktifkan dengan cara memperkecil ukuran zeolit melalui metode penggilingan dan pengayakan, dari proses aktivasi fisik dapat meningkatkan luas permukaan zeolit. Pada penelitian ini zeolit diaktivasi secara kimia dengan metode aktivasi asam dengan merendam zeolit alam dengan HCl dan HF. Senyawa oksida pada zeolit teraktivasi dikarterisasi menggunakan XRF. Zeolit yang telah diaktivasi digunakan untuk menurunkan kadar asam lemak bebas dengan variasi penambahan zeolit 7 sampai 10 gram. Kandungan asam lemak bebas kemudian dibandingkan dengan syarat mutu minyak goreng menurut SNI 01-3741-2013. Hasil penelitian yang dilakukan menunjukkan bahwa terdapat perbedaan kandungan senyawa oksida pada zeolit sebelum dan sebelum aktivasi dengan perbedaan kandungan SiO2 yaitu 69,4% sebelum aktivasi dan menunjukkan bahwa minyak goreng bekas yang telah dimurnikan memenuhi syarat mutu minyak goreng bekas yang telah dimurnikan memenuhi syarat mutu minyak goreng bekas yang telah dimurnikan memenuhi syarat mutu minyak goreng bekas syang telah dimurnikan memiliki rasa yang normal, tidak berbau. tengik dan kuning. Kandungan asam lemak bebas memenuhi syarat SNI 01-3741-2013 untuk semua variasi penambahan zeolit dengan nilai penurunan tertinggi diperoleh pada penambahan 10 g zeolit dengan nilai kadar asam lemak bebas sebesar 0,22%.

Kata-kata kunci: Aktivasi Asam; Zeolit; Minyak Jelantah; Kadar Asam Lemak Bebas

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I. INTRODUCTION

Zeolites are a group of minerals which are defined as one of the 50 types of non-metallic minerals or industrial minerals. Until now, more than 50 natural zeolite-forming minerals, the types of zeolite minerals found in Indonesia are modernite and klipno-ptilolite. This natural zeolite is formed from the reaction between fine-grained and rhyolitic acid tuff rocks with pore water or meteoric water (rainwater). This mineral is a hydrated aluminosilicate group with the main elements consisting of cations, alkalis, and alkaline earths, having pores that can be filled by molecular. The air content trapped in the zeolite cavity usually ranges from 10-50%. When hydrated, the cations in the cavity will be enveloped in water molecules, these water molecules are unstable or easily released [1, 2].

Natural zeolite has quite a lot of pores, which is about 30% more than its volume and is mixed with impurities other than zeolite, therefore natural zeolite needs to be activated and modified to increase its activity. Through the activation process, impurities can be removed and change the Si/Al ratio. The

activation process can be done by heating and adding acid or base [3, 4]. Physical activation is carried out by reducing grain size, sieving, and heating at high temperatures which aims to remove organic impurities, increase pore size and expand the surface [5, 6]. The physical activation process can be carried out by calcining natural zeolite at a temperature of 600°C. Chemical activation can be carried out using a solution of hydrochloric acid (HCl) or sulfuric acid (H₂SO₄), as well as a solution of sodium hydroxide (NaOH) which aims to clean the surface of the pores, removing impurities. The addition of acid will increase the porosity so that the zeolite activity increases [7].

The ability of zeolite to absorb molecules depends on the nature of the molecule, the ability of the zeolite to exchange ions, the acidity of the zeolite surface, and the water content in it. All of these factors are determined by the condition of the pores in the zeolite, which in turn can position the zeolite as a catalyst in certain reactions. The tetrahedral zeolite framework is usually partially negatively charged, due to the influence of the isomorphic change from Si⁴⁺ to Al³⁺. The tetrahedral skeleton is then neutralized by cations that are exchangeable, resulting in ionic bonds between the tetrahedral skeletons. To increase the ability of zeolite as an absorbent agent, activation is carried out both physically and chemically [8,9,10].

Zeolite is reacted with acid compounds through an immersion process for a while until the impurities are gone and rinsed until neutral test results are obtained, after the zeolite is neutral, then the activated zeolite is dried [11,12]. The empty space in the zeolite cavity causes zeolite to be used as a catalyst [13,14]. Activating zeolite by adding NaOH and using it as an adsorbent in the purification of used cooking oil. The results showed that with the addition of zeolite, the impurities in the used cooking oil could be removed, marked by a decrease in free fatty acid levels [15].

Used cooking oil is an oil that has been used repeatedly in the food processing process. The result of repeated processing causes the quality of used cooking oil to decrease. The quality of used cooking oil can be seen from the formation of saturated fatty acids which is characterized by the number of double bonds formed in the structure of used cooking oil. The double bonds formed will cause the used cooking oil to easily oxidize and make it more difficult to bond with other materials. Cooking oil that has been oxidized will produce carcinogenic compounds such as free fatty acids which if consumed will be harmful to health [16].

In this research, activated zeolite by immersing zeolite with acid and characterization with XRF tests. Furthermore, the activated zeolite was used as an adsorbent in the used cooking oil refining process and tested for quality improvement by determining the value of free fatty acid content.

II. METHOD

The research was conducted at the Chemistry Laboratory Trisakti University, Jakarta. Zeolite activation is divided into two stages, preparation and characterization. Washing, filtering, drying, and calcining were carried out to prepare the zeolite. Characterization using XRF to see the difference in the content of zeolite oxide compounds before and after being oxidized. The activated zeolite was then used as an adsorbent in the used cooking oil purification process.

2.1 Materials and Equipment

The materials used in this study were Sukabumi natural zeolite, HF (Merck), HCl (Merck), cooking oil, glacial acetic acid (Merck), chloroform (Merck), KI (Merck), starch, $Na_2S_2O_3$ (Merck). Merck), alcohol (Merck), Phenolphthalein indicator (Merck), NaOH (Merck) KOH (Merck), and aquadest.

XRF was used in this research for the characterization of natural zeolite before and after activation. A series of reflux apparatus and glassware were used in the preparation of zeolite and quality analysis of the purified used cooking oil, and the oven was used in the water content test of used cooking oil.

2.1.1 Acidic Activation of Zeolite

Zeolite was ground and sieved to a size of 100 mesh. Then the zeolite was washed with distilled water and soaked using hydrofluoric acid. Zeolite was soaked with acid and then rinsed with distilled water until the pH is neutral. Zeolite with neutral pH was then refluxed with HCl and stirred continuously. The zeolite was then filtered and rinsed with distilled water until the pH was neutral and dried at 130°C for 3 hours.

2.1.2. Purification of Used Cooking Oil

A total of 100 g of used cooking oil was put into a beaker and zeolite was added with variations in the addition of 7, 8, 9, and 10 g. The mixture of used cooking oil with zeolite was then stirred using a hotplate stirrer with a stirring speed of 250 rpm and a temperature of 100-110°C for 60 minutes. The homogenized used cooking oil is then filtered using Whattman 42 filter paper. The results of the filtering of used cooking oil are then tested for quality by performing appearance tests (color, odor, and taste) in the form of physical properties test that can be observed from the purified used cooking oil in the form of color, smell, and taste and free fatty acid content test compared with SNI 01-3741-2013 [17].

2.1.3. Determination of Free Fatty Acid Levels

The used cooking oil is stirred evenly and cultivated in a liquid state for easy extraction. The sample was weighed as much as 28 g and put into a 250 mL Erlenmeyer flask. 50 mL of hot neutral alcohol and 2 mL of phenolphthalein (PP) indicator

were added to the sample and immediately titrated using 0.100 N NaOH until a color change from colorless to pink did not disappear for 30 seconds.

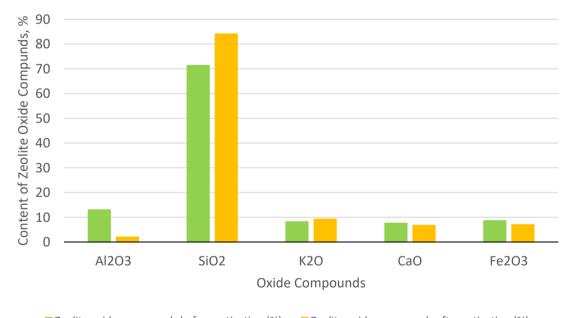
III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION 3.1 Zeolite Activation

Zeolite activation is carried out in two stages, namely physical and chemical activation. Physical activation by reducing the size of the zeolite through grinding and sifting processes. Zeolite was ground and sieved to obtain zeolite with a size of 100 mesh. The function of reducing the size of the zeolite is to increase the surface area so that the increase in surface area will increase the catalytic activity of the zeolite because more reactants can be absorbed into the pores.

Chemical activation was carried out by soaking zeolite with acid. The acidity function is to clean the pore surface and remove impurity compounds [18]. The results of the activation that have been carried out were observed by comparing the chemical elements contained in the zeolite before and after activation as shown in Table 1 and Figure 1.

Table 1. The Content of Zeolite Oxide Compounds before and after Activation

No	Component	Zeolite oxide compounds before activation (%)	Zeolite oxide compounds after activation (%)
1	Al_2O_3	13	2
2	SiO ₂	71.4	84.1
3	K ₂ O	8.22	9.21
4	CaO	7.61	6.73
5	TiO ₂	0.20	0.46
6	V_2O_5	0.00	0.007
7	Cr_2O_3	0.023	0.035



Zeolite oxide compounds before activation (%)
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Figure 1. Zeolite compounds before and after activation

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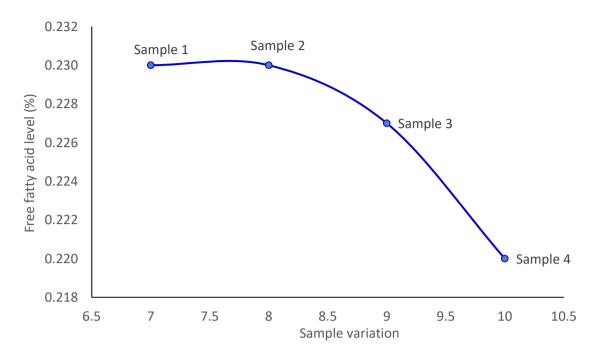


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Abstract

Zeolite as a catalyst can increase its activity by carrying out physical and chemical activation processes. Physical activation can be activated by reducing the size of the zeolite through grinding and stilling methods, from the physical activation process it can increase the surface area of the zeolite. In this study, zeolite was chemically activated by acid activation method by immersing natural zeolite with HCl (3) HF. The oxide compound in the activated zeolite was characterized using XRF, 3 is activated zeolite was used to reduce the free fatt 12 cid levels with variations in the addition of 7 to 10 grams of zeolite. In content of free fatty acids is then compared with the quality requirements of cooking oil according to SNI 01-3741-2013. The results of the state test including physical properties of 4.6 before activation and an increase of 82.1% after activation. The results of the state test including physical properties of dor, and taste tests of used cooking oil that has been purified meets the quality requirements of cooking oil based on S $\frac{3}{2}$ 01-3741-2013. Used cooking oil that has been purified meets the quality requirements of cooking oil based on S $\frac{3}{2}$ 01-3741-2013. Used cooking oil that has been purified meets the quality requirements of cooking oil that has been purified meets the quality requirements of cooking oil that has been purified meets the quality requirements of cooking oil that has been purified meets the quality of zeolite. In this study are activation of the state test including physical properties the quality requirements of cooking oil that has been purified meets the quality requirements of cooking oil that have been purified meets the quality requirements of cooking oil that have been purified meets the quality requirements of cooking oil that have been purified meets the quality requirements of cooking oil that have been purified meets the quality requirements of cooking oil that have been purified meets the quality requirements of cooking oil that have been purifi

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Kata-kata kunci: Aktivasi Asam; Zeolit; Minyak Jelantah; Kadar Asam Lemak Bebas

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I. INTRODUCTION

Zeolites are a group of minerals which are defined as one of the 50 types of non-metallic minerals or industrial minerals. Until now, more than 50 natural zeolite-forming minerals, the types of zeolite minerals found in Indonesia are modernite and klipno-ptilolite. This natural zeolite is formed from the reaction between fine-grained and rhyolitic acid tuff rocks with pore water or meteoric water (rainwater). This mineral is a hydrated aluminosilicate group with the main elements consisting of cations, alkalis, and alkaline earths, having pores that can be filled by molecular. The air content trapped in the zeolite cavity usually ranges from 10-50%. When hydrated, the cations in the cavity will be enveloped in water molecules, these water molecules are unstable or easily released [1, 2]. Natural zeolite has quite a lot of pores, which is

about 30% more than its volume and is mixed with impurities other than zeolite, therefore natural zeolite needs to be activated and modified to increase its activity. Through the activation process, impurities can be removed and change the Si/Al ratio. The

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II. METHOD

activation process c 4 be done by heating and adding acid or base [3, 4]. Physical activation is carried out by reducing grain size, sieving, and heating at high temperatures which aims to remove organic impurit 4 s, increase pore size and expand the surface [5, 6]. The physical activation process can be carried out by calcining natural zc 4 it at a temperature of 600°C. Chemical activation can be carried out using a solution of hydrochloric acid (HCl) or sulfuric acid (H₂SO₄) 4 s well as a solution of sodium hydroxide (NaOH) which aims to clean the surface of the pores, removing impurities. The addition of acid will increase the porosity so that the zeolite activity increases [7].

The ability of zeolite to absorb molecules depends on the nature of the molecule, the ability of the zeolite to exchange ions, the acidity of the zeolite surface, and the water content in it. All of these factors are determined by the condition of the pores in the zeolite, which in turn can position the zeolite as a catalyst in certain reactions. The tetrahedral zeolite framework is usually partially negatively charged, due to the influence of the isomorphic change from Si⁴⁺ to Al³⁺. The tetrahedral skeleton is then neutralized by cations that are exchangeable, resulting in ionic bonds between the tetrahedral skeletons. To increase the ability of zeolite as an absorbent agent, activation is carried out both physically and chemically [8,9,10].

Zeolite is reacted with acid compounds through an immersion process for a while until the impurities are gone and rinsed until neutral test results are obtained, after the zeolite is neutral, then the activated zeolite is dried [11,12]. The empty space in the zeolite cavity causes zeolite to be used as a catalyst [13,14]. Activating zeolite by adding NaOH and using it as an adsorbent in the purification of used cooking oil. The impurities 6 the used cooking oil could be removed, marked by a decrease in free fatty acid levels [15].

Used cooking oil is an oil that has been used repeatedly in the food processing process. The result of repeated processing causes the quality of used cooking oil to decrease. The quality of used cooking oil can be seen from the formation of saturated fatty acids which is characterized by the number of double bonds formed in the structure of used cooking oil. The double bonds formed will cause the used cooking oil to easily oxidize and more difficult to bond with other materials. Cooking oil that has been oxidized will produce carcinogenic compounds such as free fatty acids which if consumed will be harmful to health [16].

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2.1 Materials and Equipment

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XRF was used in this research for the characterization of natural zeolite before and after activation. A series of reflux apparatus and glassware were used in the preparation of zeolite and quality analysis of the purified used cooking oil, and the oven was used in the water content test of used cooking oil.

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Zeolite was ground and sieved to a size of 100 mesh. Then the zeolite was washed with distilled water and soaked using hydrofluoric acid. Zeolite was soaked with acid and then rinsed with distilled water until the pH is neutral. Zeolite with neutral pH was then refluxed with HCl and stirred continuously. The zeolite was then filtered and rinsed with distilled water until the pH was neutral and dried at 130°C for 3 hours.

2.1 2 Purification of Used Cooking Oil

A total of 100 g of used cooking oil was put into a beaker and zeolite was added with variations in the addition of 7, 8, 9, and 10 g. The mixture of used cooking oil with zeolite was then stirred using a hotplate stirrer with a stirring speed of 250 rpm and a temperature of 100-110°C for 60 minutes. The homogenized used cooking oil is then filtered using of used cooking oil are then tested for quality by performing appearance tests (color, odor, and taste) in the form of physical properties test that can be observed from the purified used cooking oil in the form of color, smell, and taste and free fatty acid content test compared with SNI 01-3741-2013 [17].

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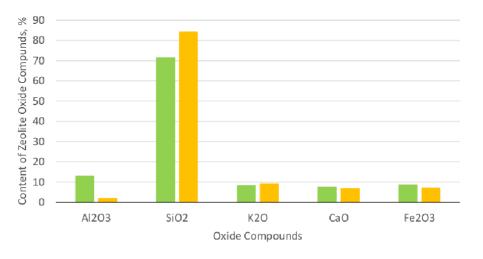
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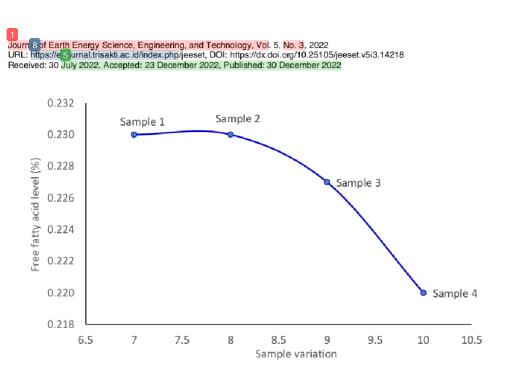
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