

# Extractive removal of vanadium and molybdenum from spent hydrodesulfurization catalyst



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• In the figure below the production of HDS spent catalyst by PEMEX-Refinación is shown.

## Results

Extractive removal of molybdenum and vanadium was carried out from spent hydrodesulfurization (HDS) catalyst.

#### **Spent catalyst production**



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• The historical performance of the price increase of vanadium pentoxide, and the price of the V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> content in the spent catalyst sold by PEMEX is depicted in the following chart.

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Effect of **reaction time** on vanadium and molybdenum extraction.

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## Conclusions

Spent gasoil hydrodesulfurization catalyst may be used as a secondary source for V and Mo. The most suitable conditions for hydrocarbons and elemental sulfur removal are calcination during 4 hours at 450 °C. It is possible to recover up to 95% of V and Mo, if the product reacts with 5 wt.% NaOH solution at 100 °C, with a reaction time of 12 hours. The remaining product from the dissolution reaction contains nickel and aluminum.

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• The effect of the calcination temperature on vanadium concentration is plotted in the figure underneath.

![](_page_0_Figure_20.jpeg)

Effect of **NaOH concentration** on vanadium and molybdenum extraction

![](_page_0_Figure_22.jpeg)

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### Effect of **temperature** on vanadium and molybdenum extraction

![](_page_0_Figure_26.jpeg)

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## • The sample concentrations are provided in the Table below.

Especie	p/p <u>+</u> 1.21%
Al <sub>4</sub> C <sub>3</sub>	40.84
V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	22.23
MoO <sub>3</sub>	12.13
NiAlO <sub>4</sub>	11.98
$(VO_2)_2SO_4$	6.66
g-Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	4.71
Others	1.43

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