A current review on the application of enzymes in anaerobic digestion

Abstract

Although the anaerobic digestion process is widely applied in waste management, it is recognised that the hydrolysis step in the treatment is a bottleneck that can restrict the rate that methane is produced. Enzyme addition during hydrolysis of a substrate has been reported as a promising alternative to overcome this limitation. This chapter presents a review of the supplementation of enzymes to facilitate the hydrolysis process of various types of substrates in the anaerobic digestion system.