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## EFFICIENCY ENHANCEMENTS THROUGH THE USE OF MAGNETIC FIELD GRADIENT IN ORIENTATION MAGNETIC SEPARATION FOR THE REMOVAL OF POLLUTANTS BY MAGNETOTACTIC BACTERIA

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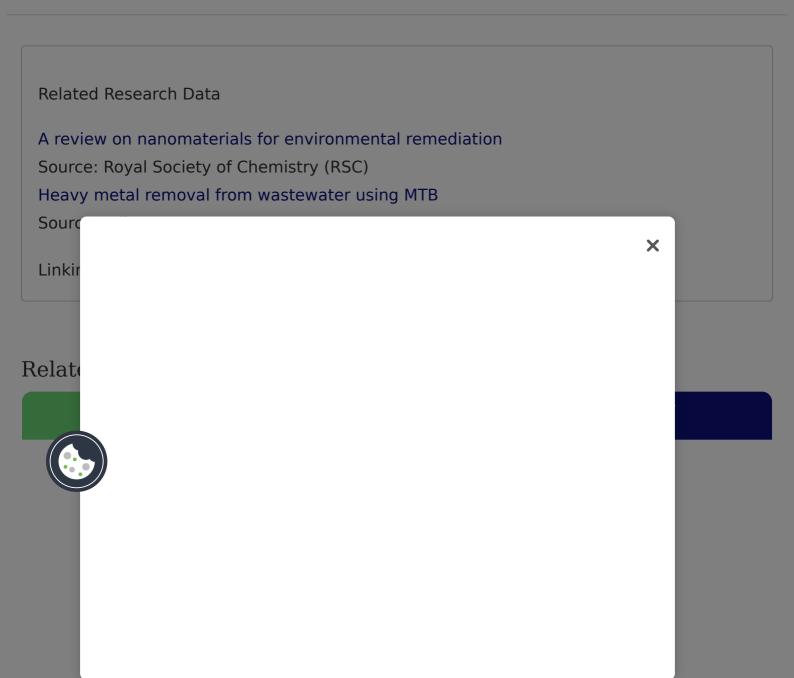
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bacteria. To reduce this effect, a new approach has been developed utilizing magnetic gradients to retain the bacteria at the walls of the separator. A study comparing the operation of a standard channel separator with three new designs containing nickel wire matrices has been carried out. The resultant separation efficiencies and the effect on separation of varying both the flow rate and the applied magnetic field are described. The new separators enhance the separation efficiency by up to 300% over the standard separator.

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