## Inactivation of Algae Blooms in Eutrophic Water of Drinking Water Supplies with the Photocatalysis of $TiO_2$ Thin Film on Hollow Glass Beads

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Photocatalytic inactivation of algae, Anabaena, Microcystis, and Melosira, was carried out with the TiO2-coated pyrex hollow glass beads under the illumination of UV light(370nm wavelength). After being irradiated with UV light in the presence of the TiO2-coated pyrex glass beads, Anabaena and Microcystis, known as typical cyanobacteria, lost their photosynthetic activity, and the string of Anabaena cells and the colonies of Microcystis cells were completely separated into individual spherical one. In the case of Melosira which is a typical diatom, however, somewhat lower photocatalytic inactivation efficiency was obtained, which was believed to be due to the presence of the inorganic siliceous wall surrounding the cells of Melosira. The TiO2-coated hollow glass beads could successfully be cmployed for the practical application at the eutrophicated river under sunlight. More then 50% of the chloropyl-a concentration could be reduced by the action of TiO2 photocatalysis.