

[54] **METHOD OF TREATING PHOSPHORIC ACID TO PREVENT CRUD FORMATION DURING SOLVENT EXTRACTION**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A method for pretreating phosphoric acid to prevent the formation of a mass of suspended solids (i.e., "crud") during solvent extraction of the acid is described. Prior to solvent extraction, the acid is contacted with a liquid hydrocarbon such as kerosene which collects the crud-forming agents. The mixture of liquid hydrocarbon and collected crud-forming agents is separated from the acid and the liquid hydrocarbon is regenerated for reuse in the first step of the method.

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