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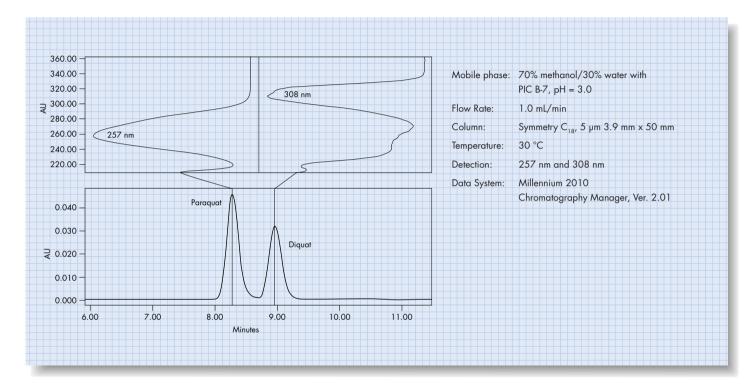
Paraquat/Diquat

Objective:

The current EPA method for analysis of aqueous samples for paraquat and diquat is method 549.1. This method specifies a photodiode array detector (PDA) because the HPLC procedure chosen in the method does not fully resolve the peaks. Paraquat is monitored at 257 nm, while diquat is monitored at 308 nm. The EPA method used a C₁₈ column and a mobile phase containing diethylamine (DEA), to maintain good peak shape. The objective was to provide an improved chromatographic separation without the need of an amine modifier.

Details:

A Symmetry[®] C_{18} 5µm column was used for this analysis because it does not require any amine modifier to prevent tailing. Also, its high level of retention for the analytes allowed the use of a 50 mm column. The short column, along with the elevated temperature utilized, allowed the analysis to be accomplished in under 15 minutes.



System:

A Waters 600 Multi-Solvent Delivery System with a column heater was used with a 717 Plus Autosampler and a 996 Photodiode Array Detector. System Control, data acquisition and reporting were accomplished with the Millenium 2010 Chromatography Manager, Version 2.01.



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