PROP 375—Separating the Components of a Ternary Mixture

Lab Notes

Goal

Separate a ternary(3-component) mixture containing CaCO₃ (chalk), SiO₂ (sand), and NaCl (salt).

Procedural Notes

- Step 1: Mass to 0.001 g
- Step 2: Record unknown #. (Grade will be based on the accuracy of your data.)
- Step 3: Mass to 0.001 g
- Step 4 5: We will be using GRAVITY filtration!
 - Step 6: Make sure your filter paper is FAST or MEDIUM-FAST
 - Step 7: Do not tear off the corner of the filter paper
 - Step 13: If the solid *pops*, then lift the beaker off of the hot plate using hot gloves. Place the beaker back on the hot-plate when *popping* stops.
 - Step 14: Mass to 0.001 g Start your water bath (see step 21. Use about 6 boiling chips.)
 - Step 15: NaCl \longrightarrow discard down the drain with water
 - Step 17: Mass to 0.001 g
 - Step 22: Mass to 0.001 g (Note: we will need the water bath in step 32 as well.)
 - Step 23: Waste $SiO_2 \longrightarrow$ place in chemical solid waste containers on top of bench
 - Step 24: Use hot gloves to remove beaker from hot plate
 - Step 25: Mass to 0.001 g
 - Step 26: We are NOT using vacuum filtration! We are going to gravity filter like we did in steps 5 12.
 - Step 31: Waste filtrate ----> discard down the drain with water
 - Step 33: Mass to 0.001 g

Step 34: Waste $CaCO_3 \longrightarrow$ place in chemical solid waste containers on top of bench

Step 35 – 36: Do not do!

