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(57) Abstract

The present invention is directed to a process for the production of polyaluminum chlorides and polyaluminum chlorosulfates useful as coagulants in water treatment. In addition, the invention is directed to the products made by the disclosed processes.

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