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54 **Process for improved alkaline oxidative delignification of cellulose pulp.**

57 Treatment of the pulp with sufficient nitrosating agent to provide 0.1 to 1.2 weight percent active NO⁽⁺⁾ on a dry pulp basis at a pH of 1.7 to 4 and in oxygen environment under high intensity mixing conditions before an alkaline oxidative stage in a bleach sequence, the nitrosating agent being a compound that contributes predominantly nitrosonium ions.

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