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ABSTRACT

The present invention provides an activated clay for refining aromatic hydrocarbons such as BTX (benzene, toluene, xylene), etc., satisfying the requirements of both excellent life and excellent side-reaction-preventing property. The activated clay for treating aromatic hydrocarbons is obtained by treating dioctahedral smectite clay minerals with an acid so as to possess a BET specific surface area of not smaller than 250 m^2/g and to contain iron in an amount of not smaller than 2.5% by weight reckoned as an Fe_2O_3 oxide.

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