

**LEVELS AND DISTRIBUTION OF POLYBROMINATED DIPHENYL  
ETHERS IN SOIL, SEDIMENT AND DUST SAMPLES COLLECTED  
FROM VARIOUS ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLING SITES WITHIN  
GUIYU TOWN, SOUTHERN CHINA**

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**Supplementary Information**

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Table S1. Description of sampling sites within Guiyu e-waste recycling area, China.

Location	Code	Sample description
<b>Longmen</b>	AP01	soil/sediment from small pool connected to river adjacent to workshop 1
	AP02	soil from dry waste pit adjacent to workshop 1
	AP03	river sediment, upstream from workshop 1
	AP04	soil from 1 m deep waste pit A connected to river, workshop 2
	AP05	river sediment, downstream from workshop 2
	AP06	sediment from waste pit B connected to river, workshop 2
<b>Liangjiang</b>	AP07	soil from waste ground area washed with acidic wastewater, workshop 3
<b>River, near crossing with road from Guiyu to Nanyang</b>	AP08	soil from waste ground area washed with acidic wastewater, workshop 3
	AP09	sediment from small river further from waste channel, close to workshop 3
	AP10	sediment from small river near waste channel, close to workshop 3
	AP11	sediment from upper part of small river away from workshop 3
	AP12	sediment from Lianjiang River, near workshop 4
	AP13	soil from dry discharge channel to Lianjiang River, workshop 4
	AP14	sediment from Lianjiang River, near workshop 4, closer to discharge than point AP12
<b>Hua Mei</b>	AP15	sediment from stream surrounding acidic waste sumps, away from working area
	AP16	sediment from stream surrounding acidic waste sumps, close to wastewater entry from sumps
<b>Longgang</b>	OB01	ash & soil at the place of burning, waste dumpsite
	OB02	ash & burnt e-wastes brought to dumpsite from elsewhere, in piles on ground
	OB03	ash & burnt e-wastes brought to dumpsite from elsewhere, in piles on ground

	OB04	ash & burnt e-wastes brought to dumpsite from elsewhere, in sacks on ground
<b>Longmen</b>	OB05	ash & burnt e-wastes from pile that was still burning on dumpsite
<b>Nanyang</b>	PD01	dust from floor of printers dismantling workshop 5
	PD02	soil/sediment from shallow pool outside printers dismantling workshop 5
<b>Beilin</b>	SS01	dust from floor of separation & solder recovery workshop 6
	SS02	dust from container at separation & solder recovery workshop 6
	SS03	dust from floor of separation & solder recovery workshop 7
<b>Longgang</b>	SH01	street dust/soil, between two plastic shredding workshops 8 & 9
<b>Liangjiang River, near crossing with road from Guiyu to Nanyang</b>	SH02	sediment from wastewater gully from printed circuit boards shredding workshop 10
<b>Liangjiang River, near crossing with road from</b>	SH03	sediment from waste channel immediately before it enters Liangjiang River, 150m downstream from discharge from printed circuit boards shredding workshop 11
	SH04	sediment from waste channel at a point of discharge from printed circuit boards shredding workshop 11
<b>Chendian to Guiyu</b>	SH05	sediment from waste channel at a point of discharge from printed circuit boards shredding workshop 12

Table S2. Monitored ion fragments for native PBDEs and internal standards (IS).

<b>PBDEs</b>	<b>Ions monitored</b>
<b>BDE-17&amp; 28</b>	78.9; 80.9; 326.8
<b>BDE-47&amp; 66</b>	78.9; 80.9; 324.8
<b>BDE-85 &amp; 100</b>	78.9; 80.9; 402.7
<b>BDE-99</b>	78.9; 80.9; 404.7
<b>BDE-138</b>	78.9; 80.9; 563.5
<b>BDE-153, 154 &amp; 183</b>	78.9; 80.9; 561.5
<b>BDE-197</b>	408.6; 406.6
<b>BDE-207 &amp; 209</b>	486.6; 484.6
<b>ISs</b>	<b>Ions monitored</b>
<b>F-BDE-69</b>	78.9; 80.9; 342.7
<b>F-BDE-160</b>	78.9; 80.9; 501.5
<b><sup>13</sup>C-BDE-209</b>	494.6; 496.6
<b>PCB-209</b>	495.7; 497.7

Table S3. Certified and average measured concentrations of PBDEs in SRM2585 (average  $\pm$  standard deviation).

<b>PBDEs in SRM 2585</b>	<b>Certified values, ng g<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b>Measured values, ng g<sup>-1</sup> (n=5)</b>
<b>BDE-17</b>	11.5 $\pm$ 1.2	18.0 $\pm$ 0.8
<b>BDE-28</b>	46.9 $\pm$ 4.4	50.6 $\pm$ 1.3
<b>BDE-47</b>	497 $\pm$ 46	547 $\pm$ 34
<b>BDE-100</b>	145 $\pm$ 11	199 $\pm$ 15
<b>BDE-99</b>	892 $\pm$ 53	958 $\pm$ 86
<b>BDE-85</b>	43.8 $\pm$ 1.6	43.9 $\pm$ 3.3
<b>BDE-154</b>	83.5 $\pm$ 2	112.4 $\pm$ 23
<b>BDE-153</b>	119 $\pm$ 1	145 $\pm$ 30
<b>BDE-138</b>	15.2 $\pm$ 2	16.9 $\pm$ 3.6
<b>BDE-183</b>	43 $\pm$ 3.5	67 $\pm$ 20
<b>BDE-209</b>	2510 $\pm$ 190	2555 $\pm$ 390

Table S4. Concentration of PBDEs (ng g<sup>-1</sup> dry weight) in samples collected from e-waste recycling sites in Guiyu, China.

Code	BDE17	BDE28	BDE47	BDE66	BDE100	BDE99	BDE85	BDE154	BDE153	BDE138	BDE-183	BDE-197	BDE-207	BDE-209	ΣPBDE excluding BDE-209	ΣPBDE total
AP01	37	62	350	110	140	360	15	380	1400	240	2800	15000	6900	18000	28000	46000
AP02	<0.1	67	<16.3	<3.8	<29	110	<0.6	61	120	<1.1	380	3800	23000	150000	27000	170000
AP03	6	<3.8	<16.3	<3.8	<29	34	<0.6	<0.4	<13	<1.1	<6.8	4	28	260	72	330
AP04	<0.1	<3.8	<16.3	<3.8	<29	<8.9	<0.6	<0.4	<13	<1.1	19	26	820	12000	870	13000
AP05	1700	2600	15000	5300	1300	17000	1100	2500	9300	1200	1500	1900	2800	19000	63000	82000
AP06	9	<3.8	<16.3	<3.8	<29	<8.9	<0.6	<0.4	790	<1.1	1100	5500	1500	2600	8800	11000
AP07	23	36	170	72	<29	200	14	15	45	<1.1	45	28	130	1800	780	2600
AP08	20	23	<16.3	35	<29	97	3	21	48	18	48	31	110	1200	450	1600
AP09	2	<3.8	<16.3	<3.8	<29	<8.9	1	6	<13	<1.1	<6.8	22	17	96	48	140
AP10	<0.1	7	57	20	<29	60	<0.6	<0.4	22	<1.1	53	25	30	370	270	650
AP11	<0.1	11	38	14	<29	36	<0.6	<0.4	<13	<1.1	<6.8	<0.1	<1.6	<10	99	99
AP12	180	310	2000	710	180	2200	130	130	460	52	73	25	110	2700	6500	9200
AP13	<0.1	24	210	64	84	240	<0.6	9	59	<1.1	<6.8	26	94	530	820	1300
AP14	88	170	1300	390	<29	1500	73	77	260	28	34	13	110	1800	4100	5900
AP15	<0.1	<3.8	<16.3	<3.8	<29	<8.9	<0.6	<0.4	<13	<1.1	30	11	48	1100	89	1200
AP16	<0.1	<3.8	<16.3	<3.8	<29	36	<0.6	120	1100	<1.1	2900	17000	1600	8100	22000	30000

<b>OB01</b>	<0.1	20	62	48	<29	69	<0.6	6	25	<1.1	32	16	46	630	320	960
<b>OB02</b>	80	3200	220	79	<29	210	84	<0.4	52	<1.1	90	44	78	780	4100	4900
<b>OB03</b>	49	520	510	<3.8	210	760	47	200	640	170	1600	1600	890	8100	7200	15000
<b>OB04</b>	100	330	1000	230	200	500	29	170	1100	99	2600	6300	14000	31000	27000	57000
<b>OB05</b>	980	1600	9500	3100	1000	11000	360	1800	4600	1100	7100	4600	25000	320000	71000	390000
<b>PD01</b>	13	<3.8	670	<3.8	170	850	47	73	170	16	450	210	190	2000	2900	4900
<b>PD02</b>	110	<3.8	480	200	170	1700	65	160	420	46	490	230	490	8500	4500	13000
<b>SS01</b>	440	820	2800	970	550	3000	240	2100	8400	560	7300	13000	2000	25000	43000	68000
<b>SS02</b>	66	98	530	140	170	650	27	530	1700	480	4100	13000	3100	14000	25000	39000
<b>SS03</b>	140	250	1000	320	230	890	38	710	5300	230	6500	19000	5100	19000	40000	59000
<b>SH01</b>	3	<3.8	<16.3	<3.8	<29	33	<0.6	24	110	<1.1	540	310	1400	15000	2400	17000
<b>SH02</b>	7900	12000	21000	14000	5100	19000	7600	8500	20000	7100	8500	6700	25000	120000	160000	280000
<b>SH03</b>	3900	5700	20000	9900	2400	21000	2100	7600	26000	3700	7700	17000	6500	48000	130000	180000
<b>SH04</b>	5600	9200	38000	15000	3800	41000	3100	3700	13000	1600	1600	630	7800	120000	140000	270000
<b>SH05</b>	3300	5700	18000	7500	1200	17000	1100	1900	7500	890	1400	3400	14000	54000	8200	140000