

# Biodegradation of Di-(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate by *Rhodococcus ruber* YC-YT1 in Contaminated Water and Soil

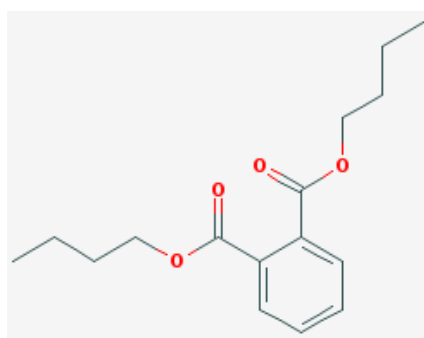
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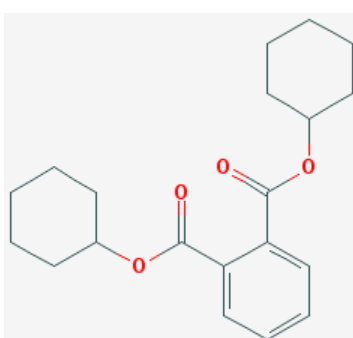
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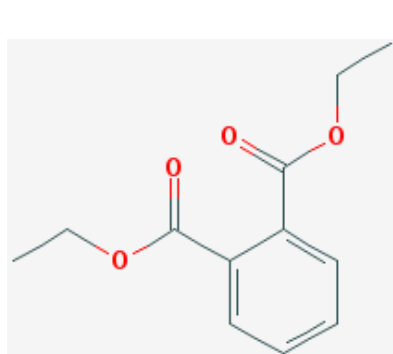
Figure. S1. The structures of target contaminants (the name was listed under the structure).



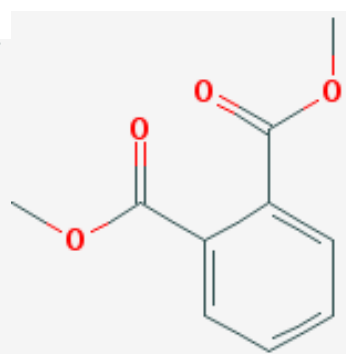
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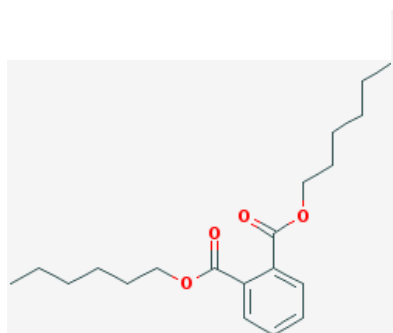
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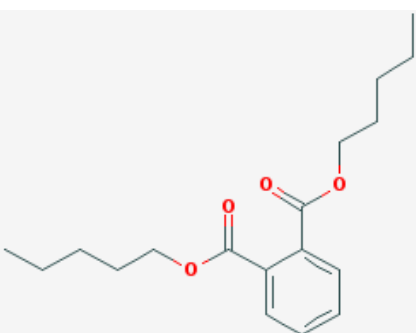
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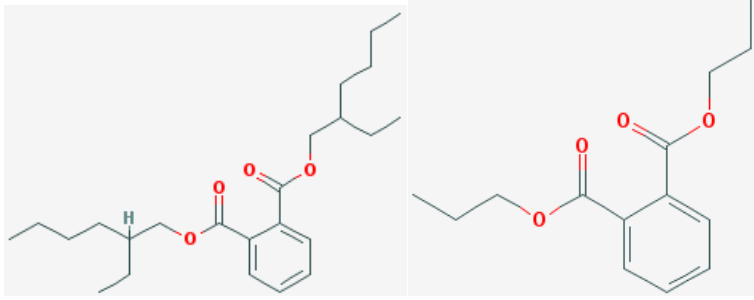
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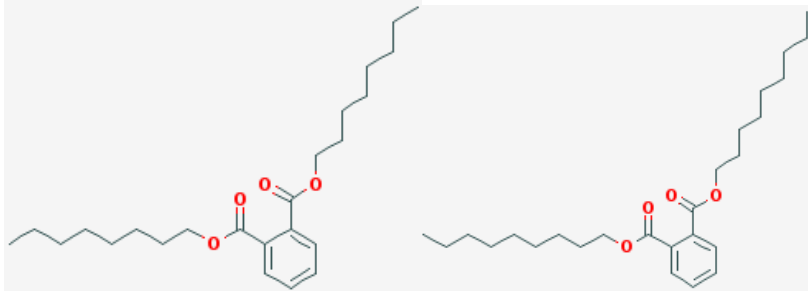
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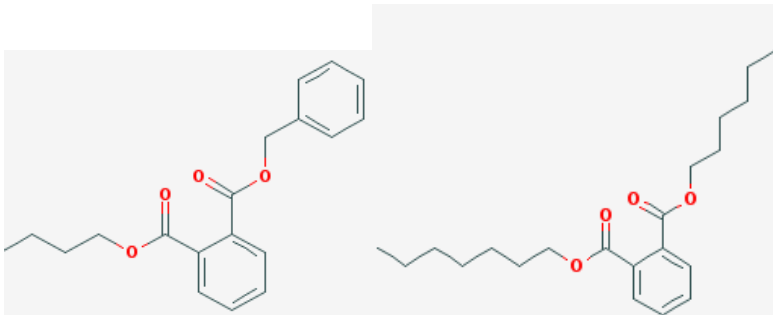
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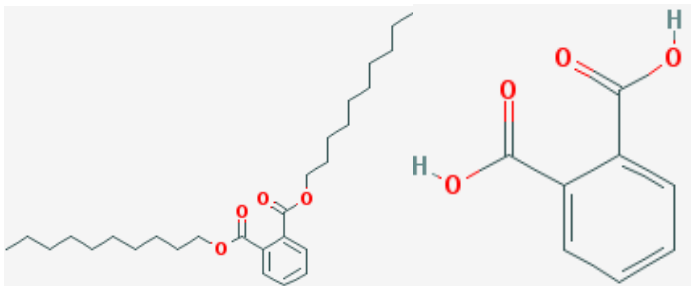
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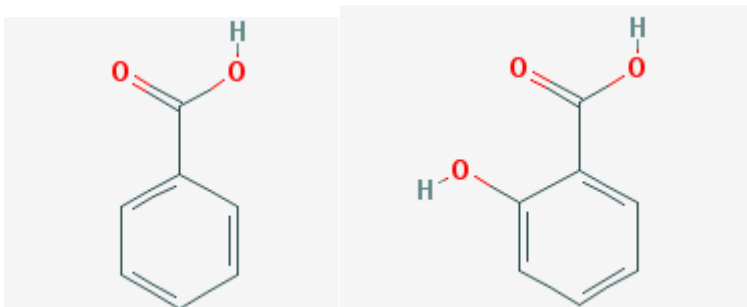
Di-n-octyl phthalate (DOP)    Dinonyl phthalate (DNP)



Butyl benzyl phthalate (BBP)    Di-n-heptyl phthalate (DHPP)



Didecyl phthalate (DDP)    Phthalate acid (PA)



Benzoic acid (BA)

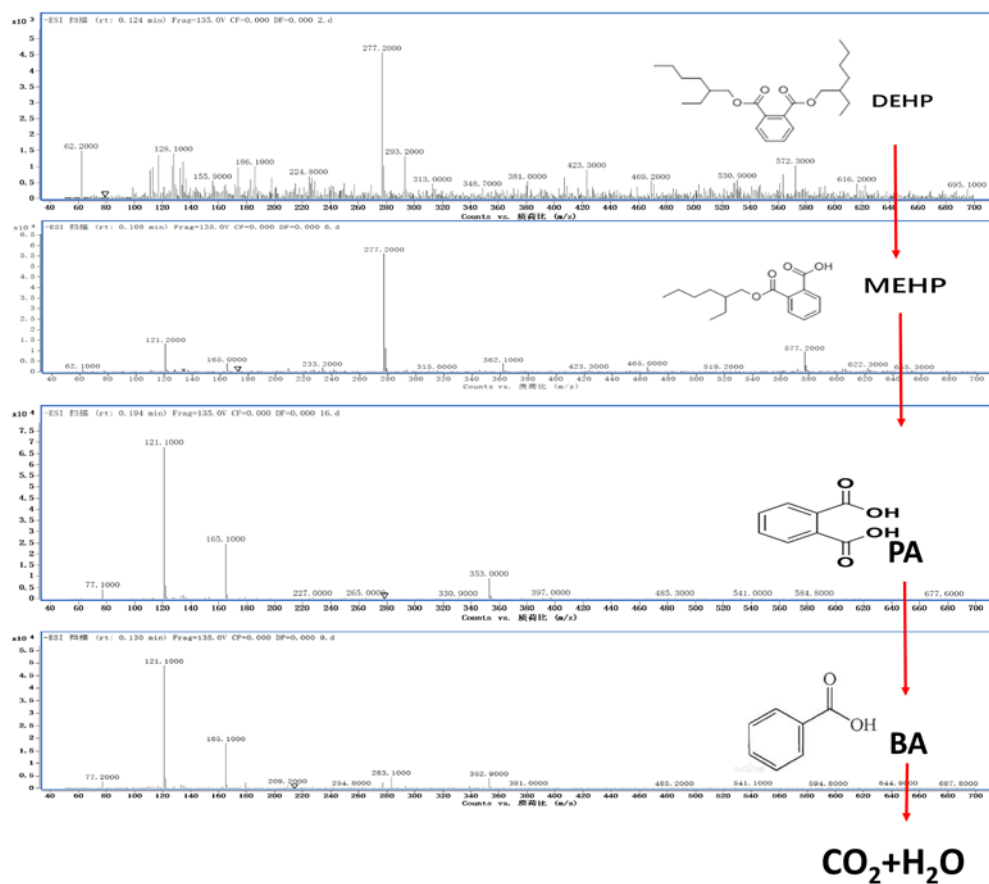
Salicylic acid (SA)



**Figure. S2.** Partial photos of the bioprocess with environmental samples. (A, natural soils with light after 5 days incubation; B, river water with light after 5 days incubation; C, Sediments with light after 5 days incubation; D, Seawater with light after 5 days incubation.) Sterilized water was supplemented when necessary.



**Figure. S3.** HPLC-MS analysis results of DEHP degradation intermediates. The chemical structure of potential intermediates was presented in each figure.



**Figure. S4.** The sediment samples in intertidal zone from the Dameisha coastline.



**Table S1.** Physicochemical properties of soils

| Soil type  | Source      | Location          | pH <sup>1</sup> | OM (g/kg) | TN (g/kg) | TP (g/kg) | DEHP concentration (mg/kg) |
|------------|-------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------------------|
| Cultivated | Wheat field | 45°40'N, 126°35'E | 6.39            | 27.26     | 1.20      | 0.22      | 0.31                       |
| Natural    | Garden Soil | 39°57'N, 116°19'E | 7.23            | 37.27     | 1.37      | 0.14      | ND                         |

OM means organic matter. TN means total nitrogen. TP means total phosphorus. DEHP means di-(2-ethyl hexyl) phthalate. ND means not detected.

**Table S2.** Physicochemical properties of water.

| Water type  | Location          | pH <sup>1</sup> | SS (mg/kg) | COD (mg/L) | Conductivity ( $\mu\text{S cm}^{-1}$ ) | DEHP concentration (mg/L) |
|-------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------|------------|--|---------------------------|
| River water | 40°02'N, 126°29'E | 7.42            | 12.37      | 23.7       | 103.9                                  | 0.24                      |

SS means suspended solid. COD means chemical oxygen demand and it was determined by the potassium chromate method. DEHP means di-(2-ethyl hexyl) phthalate.

**Table S3.** Physicochemical properties of coastal sediment and seawater.

| Sediment                   |                   | Seawater                               |                   |
|----------------------------|-------------------|--|-------------------|
| Location                   | 22°59'N, 114°31'E | Location                               | 22°59'N, 114°31'E |
| pH <sup>1</sup>            | 7.7               | pH <sup>1</sup>                        | 7.6               |
| Salinity(%)                | 3.22              | Salinity(%)                            | 3.61              |
| ORP (mV)                   | -240              | ORP (mV)                               | 50                |
| Moisture content (%)       | 58.8              | Optical density                        | 0.86              |
| TOC (ng/g)                 | 7905              | Conductivity ( $\mu\text{S cm}^{-1}$ ) | 523               |
| TN (g/kg)                  | 2.2               | SS (mg/kg)                             | 15.62             |
| TP (g/kg)                  | 1.3               | COD (mg/L)                             | 25.1              |
| DEHP concentration (mg/kg) | 7.1               | DEHP concentration (mg/L)              | 3.8               |

TN means total nitrogen. TP means total phosphorus. ORP means oxidation-reduction potential. TOC means total organic carbon. SS means suspended solid. COD means chemical oxygen demand and it was determined by the potassium chromate method. DEHP means di-(2-ethyl hexyl) phthalate.