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## Using lead isotope to assess potential lead leakage from abandoned mine tailing storage ponds to klity creek in Kanchanaburi Province, Thailand

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#### Abstract

Klity Creek is Thailand's first remediation ordered by the court in 2013, 15 years after the spill of lead (Pb)contaminated mine tailing into the creek. As of now, the project is ongoing. Even after 20 years, nature cannot recover the Pb contamination in sediment, arguably due to continuous leakage of Pb from three abandoned tailing storage ponds (TSP) upstream of Klity Creek, which contain 940,000 metric tons of tailing, or the high Pb geological background. In this study, Pb stable isotope ratios (206Pb/207Pb and 208Pb/207Pb) and Pb radionuclide (210Pb) were used to apportion sources between the tailing and geological background. The analysis of 135 soil and 6 sediment samples revealed that the isotope ratios of the tailing were 1.130-1.142 (206Pb/207Pb) and 2.416-2.441 (208Pb/207Pb), while those of the geological background were 1.190-1.239 (206Pb/207Pb) and 2.506-2.605 (208Pb/207Pb). The stable isotopic characteristics of downstream sediments were consistent with the tailing being the dominant source (95.60% $\pm$ 7.80%, n=5). Likewise, by analyzing  $^{210}\text{Pb}$ , the age of Pb-contaminated sediment is relatively new, i.e. 5 years, suggesting that the source of Pb contamination was a recent leakage from the TSP rather than the remaining of spill of tailing in the creek since 15 years ago. In conclusion, all downstream sediments have young age, but high Pb concentration coupled with stable isotope ratios in range of tailing. Thus, leakage of tailing from TSP is a critical source of long-term Klity Creek contamination. These need to be properly managed in order to achieve Klity Creek restoration goal.

**Keywords:** Abandoned tailing storage pond; Pb stable isotope ratios; source apportionment; Klity Creek

## Microbial community analysis of extremely halophilic bacteria from a salt pan and salt damaged soil in Thailand for biohydrogen production from lignocellulosic biomass

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#### **Abstract**

Alkaline pretreatment with NaOH is considered the most cost-effective method for biohydrogen production from lignocellulosic biomass. However, a considerable amount of water is needed to wash Na+ions before continuing to the next process. Extremely halophilic bacteria can help reduce water usage owing to their ability to produce hydrogen under conditions of high NaCl concentrations. The aim of this study was to find out extremely halophilic bacteria genus suitable for biohydrogen production under nearly saturated NaCl condition. Three soil samples from a salt pan and salt damaged soil have been cultivated and acclimatized in 26% (w/w) of NaCl to screen for biohydrogen producing extremely halophilic bacteria. High-throughput sequencing of V3-V4 regions of 16s rRNA amplicons with average length of 428 bp, average total of 113,620 sequence reads, and average OTUs of 115, revealed that Halanaerobium sp. was the predominant genus in two of the samples (97-98%), while Halanaerobacter sp. was predominant in the other (61%). Biohydrogen production experiments with inoculums from those acclimatized samples gave hydrogen molar yields of 1.20 and 1.08 mol H<sub>2</sub>/mol glucose in serum bottles with inoculums predominant with Halanaerobium sp., while the serum bottles with Halanaerobacter sp. predominant inoculum gave a lower yield of 0.78 mol H<sub>2</sub>/mol glucose at 37 °C. The results from this study showed that inoculums predominant with Halanaerobium sp. were able to produce higher biohydrogen yield compared to inoculum predominant with Halanaerobacter sp. under nearly saturated NaCl condition.

**Keywords**: extreme halophiles; Halanaerobium sp.; Halanaerobacter sp.; 16S rRNA; NGS



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