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Heavy metals and organic compound contamination in soil from an e-waste region in South China

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Table S1 Heavy metal concentrations in soil samples from e-waste recycling activities area

Location	Type of soil or dust	Abbr	n	mg kg ⁻¹ dry weigh									Ref	
				Cu	Cd	Pb	Hg	Zn	Cr	Ni	As	Co		V
Guiyu, China	Reservoir area	RS	6	29.5-42.7	ND	79.4-93.1		44.2-106	84.1-150	5.47-20.3				1
	Rice field	RF	30	29.9-240	ND	56.9-155		7.9-114	81.9-509	3.37-434				1
	Area near an open-burning site	NOBS	8	59.4-114	ND	97.8-123		6.01-42.4	70.2-155	4.04-68.7				1
	At the open-burning site	OBS	5	1374-14253	5.51-42.9	856-7038		546-5298	137-477	85.2-722				1
Guiyu, China	Burnt plastic dump site			496	1.7	104		258	28.6	155				2
	Printer roller dump site			712	3.1	190		-	74.9	87.4				2
	Reservoir			9.2	ND	55.4		78.0	3.4	8.4				2
Guiyu, China	Paddy field near e-waste recycling workshop	S1		48	0.37	93	0.052	90	51	22	6.11			3
	Street in residential area	S2		54	0.11	62	0.10	67	12	6.5	7.21			3
	Adjacent street near scrap printed circuit board dismantling	S3		8.4	0.16	18	0.097	69	16	9.2	17.01			3
	Field of an abandoned workshop	S4		4800	1.21	150	0.21	330	2600	480	26.03			3
	Residue from municipal solid waste open burning site	S5		12700	10.02	480	0.19	3500	320	1100	52.10			3
	Paddy field near open-burning site	S6		140	1.60	62	0.27	130	48	30	23.09			3
	Paddy field near open-burning site	S7		27	0.16	54	0.12	96	42	25	5.02			3
	Field closed to storage of e-waste	S8		82	6.01	56	0.26	770	7.20	21	60.03			3
	Soils from the banks of a river	S9		66	0.10	32	0.27	230	45	20	22.06			3
Taizhou, China	Large-scale e-waste recycling plants	A-G	7	77.9-296.3	1.7-7.4	81.3-177.2	0.2-1.0	210.4-660.8	16.4-269.1	11.7-83.8				4
	Large-scale gold recovering plants	H	1	576.7	9.6	184.4	3.2	263.0	91.3	120.4				4
	Large-scale gold recovering plants	I	1	272.3	0.6	102.8	0.4	143.8	88.6	107.4				4
	Simple household e-waste recycling workshops	J	1	222.5	2.8	200.1	1.7	221.2	125.9	71.0				4
		K	1	361.7	7.9	295.2	654.1	437.3	65.9	53.3				4
Taizhou, China	Simple household e-waste recycling workshops	L	1	1641.3	12.5	2374.1	9.3	518.7	40.5	68.6				4
	Reference site	M	1	32.3	0.04	33.0	ND	157.8	56.5	ND				4

Location	Type of soil	Abbr	n	mg kg ⁻¹ dry weigh										Ref
				Cu	Cd	Pb	Hg	Zn	Cr	Ni	As	Co	V	
Qingyuan, China	Vegetable garden		16	210-450	0.26-1.17	73.3-134		92.4-142	9.66-19	7.04-10.3				5
	Paddy field		11	40.1-260	0.04-1.43	48.1-97		62.1-252	10.5-24.1	10.8-66				5
	Incineration		11	1500-21400	3.05-46.8	629-7720		682-8970	23.6-122	12.2-132				5
	Deserted soil		8	49.9-95.4	0.08-0.39	47.2-60.2		44.5-72.3	3.84-11.1	4.58-19.7				5
	Pond area		10	142-12900	0.57-18.3	37.9-7760		123-3800	14-105	18.9-44.9				5
Qingyuan, China	The center of the contamination source, Dingan village in Longtang	LT0	1	287.5	1.343	162.5	0.393	174.9	19.84	12.91	9.615	3.637		6
	Longtang- Yangshan direction	LY	6	6.10-19.08	0.09-2.56	30.6-45.45	0.05-0.22	29.7-95.8	10.8-40.7	6.76-19.7	6.1-31.2	1.65-12		6
	Longtang- Baiyun Mountain	LB	6	9.7-28.9	0.19-0.85	23.1-60.2	0.135-0.33	26.5-63.3	7.2-54.1	4.4-18.9	7.68-16.9	2-7.44		6
	Longtang-Zhaoqing direction	LZ	5	13.4-20	0.08-0.25	19-50	0.05-0.18	7.55-50.6	7.26-44.2	3.6-10.3	3.6-104.6	1.2-4.9		6
	Longtang-Conghua direction	LC	6	3.2-28.9	0.18-0.23	16.3-86	0.06-0.33	16-32.7	2.8-16.1	2.6-7.3	2.8-9.4	1.8-3.7		6
Qingyuan, China	Farmland soils including Paddy field or vegetable garden	FS ^a	27	64.3 (18.7-2903)	0.41 (0.1-3.0)	79.2 (26.7-556)	0.28 (0.08-2.14)	89.8 (35.8-368)	59.1 (27.9-99)	30.9 (9.2-85.9)	10.8 (2.1-65.9)	5.65 (1.7-16.8)	61.7 (19.7-192)	This study
	Dump site	EW1	1	149	0.69	106	0.07	140	79.3	22.4	11.2	5.82	104	This study
	Open burning site	EW2	1	948	2.29	514	0.40	469	61.3	27.3	11.7	6.57	69.3	This study
	From small mountain of soil which within acid leaching workshop, but few people ever visit	EW3	1	47.5	0.23	23.6	0.04	110	91.5	34.3	17.1	6.25	83.2	This study
	Dust from electromotor and water meter dismantling workshop yard	D4	1	16325	61	4808	57.7	5545	333	559	11.9	21	31.5	This study
Dutch standards	Optimum			36	0.8	85		140	100	35				7
	Action			190	12	530		720	380	210				7
China standards	Grade I			35	0.2	35	0.2	100	90	40				8
	Grade II (pH < 6.5)			50	0.3	250	0.3	200	250	40				8
	Grade III			400	1.0	500	1.5	500	500	200				8

^a Data was given as median concentration and rang.

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Table S2 Concentration of PCBs (µg kg⁻¹) and comparisons with those in references associated with e-waste

Location	N ^a	soil type	Abbr	N ^b	Total concentration of PCBs(µg kg ⁻¹)			Ref
					Range	Average	Median	
Qingyuan, China	42	Total PCBs		38	1.2-1958.4	54.1	15.3	Current study
	36	Farmland soils including Paddy field or vegetable garden	FS	38	1.2-608.0	50.1	14.8	
	1	Dump site	EW1	38	135.81	135.81	135.81	
	1	Open burning site	EW2	38	61.58	61.58	61.58	
	1	From small mountain of soil which within acid leaching workshop, but few people ever visit	EW3	38	5.59	5.59	5.59	
	1	Electromotor and air-condition compressor workshop dust	D1	38	151.2	151.2	151.2	
	1	Electromotor, melted aluminum apparatus and chipped wires dismantling workshop dust	D2	38	1958.4	1958.4	1958.4	
	1	Electrical wire and cable dismantling workshop dust	D3	38	1674.68	1674.68	1674.68	
Guiyu, China	49	surface		36	ND-1443	na	na	1
Guiyu, China	12	surface		66	22.7-102	62.4	62.4	2
Southern china	1	surface			739.4	na	na	9
Zhejiang	5	paddy		9	na	42.2	na	10
Taizhou	10	surface		36	11.0-100.0	41	23.5	11
Taizhou	20	agricultural soil		20	11.3-173.2	70.6	na	12
China	52	surface		51	0.14-1.84	0.52	na	13

^a Number of samples or sampling sites

^b PCB congener numbers

⁵ ^{na} Not available

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Table S3 Principal component (PC) loading matrix for PBDEs in Farmland soils and E-waste soils

Component	1	2	3	Extraction
	41.73%	26.74%	20.67%	
BDE17	.179	.844	.320	.847
BDE28	.083	.741	.453	.761
BDE47	.027	.907	.344	.942
BDE66	.130	.644	.681	.896
BDE85	.749	.114	.189	.610
BDE99	.000	.819	.528	.950
BDE100	.050	.914	.129	.855
BDE138	.226	.414	.850	.944
BDE153	.155	.297	.919	.957
BDE154	.616	.599	-.287	.821
BDE183	.152	.288	.811	.763
BDE196	.969	.051	-.004	.942
BDE197	.908	.254	.201	.929
BDE203	.982	-.040	-.028	.967
BDE206	.992	.023	.072	.989
BDE207	.966	.095	.216	.990
BDE208	.984	.053	.083	.977
BDE209	.894	.103	.305	.903

Extraction Method: Principal Component Analysis

Rotation Method: Varimax with Kaiser Normalization

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Table S4 The Spearman correlation between concentrations in soil samples

	Cd	Cu	Hg	Ni	Zn	Pb	Cr	As	Co	V	TriCB	Tetra- CB	Penta- CB	Hexa- CB	Hepta- CB	Octa- CB	Nona- CB	Deca- CB	Tri- BDE	Tetra- BDE	Penta- BDE	Hexa- BDE	Hepta- BDE	Octa- BDE	Nona- BDE
Cu	.809**																								
Hg	.424*	.488**																							
Ni	.266	.367	.436*																						
Zn	.780**	.945**	.426*	.438*																					
Pb	.763**	.873**	.518**	.378*	.863**																				
Cr	.441*	.388*	-.114	.408*	.457*	.418*																			
As	.401*	.195	-.005	.479**	.230	0.251	.687**																		
Co	.325	.222	-.092	.475**	.325	0.29	.551**	.450*																	
V	.369*	.252	-.102	.479**	.293	0.262	.746**	.669**	.777**																
Tri-CB	.654**	.822**	.682**	.470*	.785**	.735**	.241	.121	.160	.227															
Tetra- CB	.634**	.769**	.725**	.423*	.739**	.711**	.140	.021	.054	.123	.963**														
Penta- CB	.617**	.766**	.695**	.363	.733**	.727**	.084	-.025	.038	.086	.936**	.986**													
Hexa- CB	.586**	.755**	.702**	.352	.722**	.721**	.079	-.020	.008	.059	.937**	.977**	.991**												
Hepta- CB	.659**	.812**	.670**	.301	.790**	.761**	.084	-.052	.074	.070	.927**	.952**	.967**	.968**											
Octa- CB	.657**	.872**	.607**	.325	.826**	.786**	.181	.031	.102	.096	.905**	.900**	.900**	.912**	.946**										
Nona- CB	.687**	.891**	.438*	.300	.844**	.760**	.288	.151	.177	.200	.837**	.791**	.787**	.800**	.860**	.928**									
Deca- CB	.684**	.793**	.404*	.080	.684**	.706**	.257	.180	-.048	.100	.726**	.696**	.699**	.736**	.768**	.824**	.844**								
Tri- BDE	.562**	.761**	.186	.215	.738**	.567**	.511**	.206	.215	.438*	.716**	.632**	.616**	.632**	.644**	.690**	.766**	.677**							
Tetra- BDE	.438*	.599**	.297	.317	.590**	.461*	.285	.189	.127	.304	.718**	.726**	.732**	.735**	.665**	.637**	.666**	.524**	.786**						
Penta- BDE	.488**	.652**	.302	.356	.659**	.530**	.315	.209	.200	.342	.789**	.772**	.767**	.769**	.725**	.697**	.743**	.572**	.815**	.972**					
Hexa- BDE	.519**	.714**	.264	.327	.723**	.547**	.451*	.241	.140	.304	.717**	.696**	.691**	.687**	.664**	.691**	.753**	.592**	.800**	.872**	.876**				
Hepta- BDE	.537**	.740**	.198	.171	.698**	.594**	.391*	.046	.063	.185	.684**	.660**	.656**	.643**	.658**	.708**	.770**	.703**	.703**	.639**	.692**	.824**			
Octa- BDE	.517**	.720**	.426*	.393*	.782**	.567**	.273	.080	.034	.110	.737**	.737**	.720**	.702**	.734**	.757**	.694**	.533**	.587**	.519**	.568**	.731**	.664**		

Nona- BDE	.487**	.640**	.396*	.357	.733**	.485**	.255	.100	.040	.105	.603**	.612**	.599**	.579**	.607**	.621**	.569**	.392*	.516**	.453*	.462*	.642**	.466*	.934**	
Deca- BDE	.346	.595**	.373*	.491**	.672**	.471**	.260	.131	.130	.148	.559**	.544**	.515**	.502**	.516**	.590**	.535**	.316	.467*	.407*	.442*	.635**	.450*	.889**	.897**

*. Correlation is significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed)

**. Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed)

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