



## Removal of Nitrogen and Phosphorus from Municipal Wastewater using Microalgae immobilized on Twin-Layer System

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