

Anaerobic membrane bioreactors as a next-generation technology to address the food-energy-water nexus

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