## Supporting Information for:

## "Theoretical Studies of the Hydroxide-Catalyzed P-O Cleavage Reactions of Neutral Phosphate Triesters and Diesters in Aqueous Solution: Examination of the Changes Induced by H/Me Substitution."

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**Figure S1.** Solution phase optimized structures of reactant and product states involved in the reaction of OH<sup>-</sup> with TMP, DMNPP, DMHP, and DMP<sup>-</sup>.

**Table S1.** Selected Bond Lengths (in Å) and Valence Angles (in degrees) for Some Solution Phase Optimized Reactants and Products Involved in the Reaction of  $OH^-$  with TMP, DMNPP, DMHP, and DMP<sup>-</sup>.

Figures S2a-e. Enthalpy profiles in aqueous solution obtained from MPE geometry optimizations for the reaction shown in Scheme 1. Open symbols indicate fully optimized species.

**Figure S3.** Enthalpy profile in aqueous solution obtained from MPE geometry optimizations for the reaction shown in Scheme 2. Open diamonds indicate fully optimized species.

**Figures S4a-b.** Enthalpy profiles in aqueous solution obtained from MPE geometry optimizations for the reaction shown in Scheme 3. Open diamonds indicate fully optimized species.

**Figure S5.** Enthalpy profile in aqueous solution obtained from MPE geometry optimizations for the reaction shown in Scheme 4. Open symbols indicate fully optimized species.



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Figure S1

	TMP	DMHP	DMNPP	DMP	MHP <sup>-</sup>
P-O1	1.489	1.484	1.485	1.514	1.512
P-O2	1.600	1.594	1.590	1.514	1.514
P-O3	1.600	1.616	1.591	1.653	1.650
P-O4	1.600	1.600	1.629	1.643	1.653
O1-P-O2	115.9	112.5	116.9	120.3	120.6
O2-P-O3	102.4	108.0	103.3	109.9	109.8
O3-P-O4	102.4	106.0	101.3	98.3	97.9
O4-P-O1	115.9	117.6	114.9	111.1	110.1

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<sup>*a*</sup> The corresponding optimized structures are shown in Figure S1.

Table S1



Figure S2a



Figure S2b



Figure S2c



Figure S2d



Figure S2e



Figure S3





Figure S4b



Figure S5