## Supplementary Materials for

## Role of Dissolved Oxygen in Metal(loid)s Removal by Zerovalent Iron at Different pH: Its Dependence on the Removal Mechanisms

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## Summary

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**Figure S1.** Basic properties of pristine ZVI used in this study, including morphological appearances, particle size and mineral on the surface. (a) The scanning electron microscopy image; (b) The particle size distribution; (c) The Raman spectra. Morphological analysis was performed using a Hitachi 4700 microscope (at 15 kV). The size distribution of the Pri-ZVI particles was examined by Bettersize 2000 (Dandong Bettersize instruments Ltd., China). Raman spectra was collected using a DXR Raman Microscope (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Inc., China) with a 532 nm argon ion laser (2.0 mW), scanning from 100 cm<sup>-1</sup> to 1700 cm<sup>-1</sup> at room temperature. It should be noted that though the Raman spectroscopy identified FeOOH (goethite) in unreacted ZVI sample, it can be ignored for the very low quantity.

1 **Table S1.** Half reactions, the corresponding standard reduction potential, and conditional reduction potential for the redox species involved in

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Ou/Ded	Halfragation	Standard reduction potential /V	Conditional reduction potential/V	
Ux/Red	Han reaction		pH 4.0	pH 6.0
Se(IV)/Se(0)	$HSeO_3^+ 5H^+ + 4e^- \rightarrow Se + 3H_2O$	0.74	0.444	0.296
Cr(VI)/Cr(III)	$\mathrm{HCrO_{4}}^{+}+7\mathrm{H}^{+}+3\mathrm{e}^{-} \rightarrow \mathrm{Cr}^{3+}+4\mathrm{H}_{2}\mathrm{O} \text{ (pH 4.0)}$	1 195	0.879	0.844
I	HCrO <sub>4</sub> -+4H <sup>+</sup> +3e <sup>-</sup> → Cr(OH) <sub>3</sub> +H <sub>2</sub> O (pH 6.0)			
Cu(II)/Cu(0)	$Cu^{2+}+2e^{-} \rightarrow Cu$	0.34	0.34	0.34
Pb(II)/Pb(0)	$Pb^{2+}+2e^{-} \rightarrow Pb$	-0.127	-0.127	-0.127
O <sub>2</sub> /O(-II)	$O_2 + 4H^+ + 4e^- \rightarrow 2H_2O$	1.229	0.993	0.875
Fe(III)/Fe(II)	$Fe^{3+}+e^{-} \rightarrow Fe^{2+}$	0.769	0.769	0.769
Fe(II)/Fe(0)	$Fe^{2+}+2e^{-} \rightarrow Fe$	-0.44	-0.44	-0.44
Fe(OH) <sub>3</sub> /Fe <sup>2+</sup>	$Fe(OH)_3 + e^- \rightarrow Fe^{2+} + 3OH^-$	-1.51	0.26	-0.1

this study.

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Figure S2. Eh-pH diagrams for species involved in this study (As(V) = 0.05 mM;
Cr(VI) = 0.05 mM; Cu(II) = 0.2 mM; Pb(II) = 0.2 mM; Se(IV) = 0.2 mM;
Temperature = 298 K; Suppressed iron phases: pyrite, pyrrhotite, and troilite.)

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11 Figure S3. Schematic diagram of the experimental setup used in this study.



13 **Figure S4.** Kinetics of Fe(II) accumulation in the ZVI/H<sub>2</sub>O systems without 14 contaminant at pH 4.0 and 6.0. Reaction conditions:  $[Fe^0]_0 = 0.5 \text{ g/L}$ , [NaCl] = 0.01 M.





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17 **Figure S5.** Fractions of different Fe species in reacted ZVI samples collected in the 18 process of removal by ZVI at pH 6.0, which were derived from the LCF of Fe  $k^3$ -

19 weighted EXAFS spectra (reaction time: 3 h).



22 Figure S6. Concentration of total Fe in the  $ZVI/H_2O$  systems with As(V) at pH 4.0

23 and 6.0 (controlled).