

Supporting Information
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**Pre-oxidation-induced Change of Physicochemical Characteristics
and Removal Behaviours in Conventional Drinking Water
Treatment Processes for Polyethylene Microplastics**

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Text 1S. The electron paramagnetic resonance (EPR) spin trapping experiments were performed using a Bruker A200 ESP 300E instrument at 300 K. The EPR spectrometer settings in the spin trapping experiments were: center field, 351.194 mT; sweep width, 10.00 mT; modulation amplitude, 0.1 mT; sweep time, 41 s; microwave frequency, 9.858 GHz; microwave power, 2.25 mW; receiver gain, 1.42×10^4 . The sample of ozonation system was draw at the reaction time of 3 min, followed by DMPO addition ($[\text{DMPO}]_0 = 12.5 \text{ mg/L}$) and subsequent filtration. The filtrated sample was absorbed in the capillaries before transferring into the EPR spin trapping apparatus.

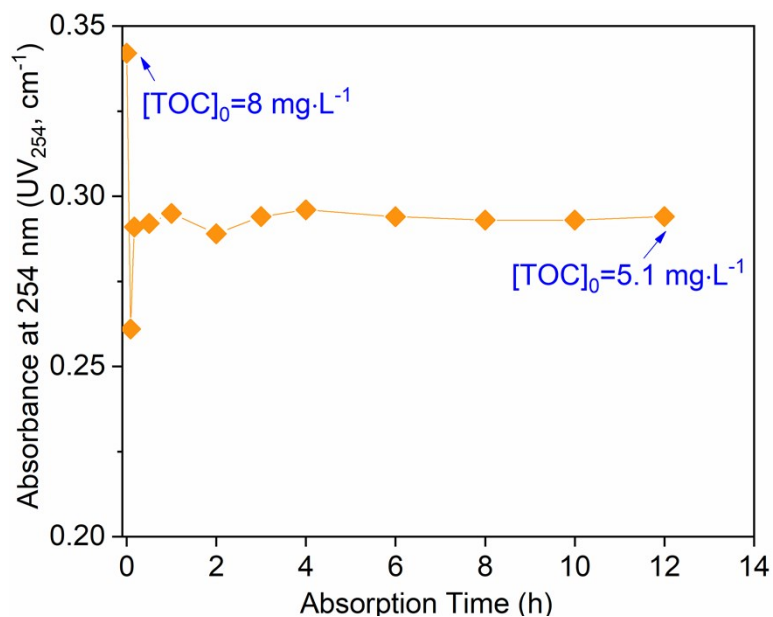


Fig. 1S. Evolution of UV_{254} for mixed solution of HA acid and PE MPs. (Experimental conditions: $[HA]_0 = 8 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$, PE MPs dose = $32 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$, 20 NTU turbidity, $\text{pH}=7.0$, ionic strength 10 mM , $25 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$)

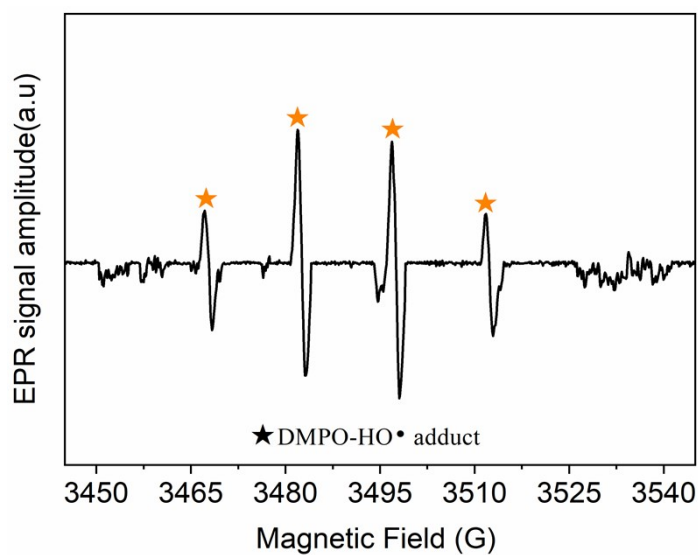


Fig. 2S. The EPR spectra of $\text{DMPO-HO}\cdot$ sample collected from pre-ozonation system in the presence of DMPO. (Experimental conditions: $[O_3]_0 = 2.0 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$, NOM-preloading PE MPs dose = $5 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$, $\text{pH}=7.0$, ionic strength 10 mM , $25 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, $\text{pH} 7.0$.)