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## Supplementary Information

2 Depletion rates of O<sub>2</sub>-naphthenic acids from oil sands process-affected water in  
3 wetland microcosms

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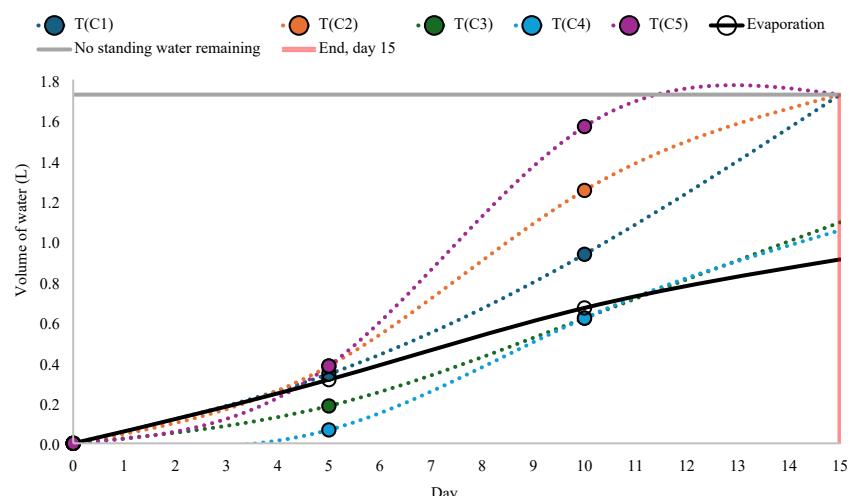
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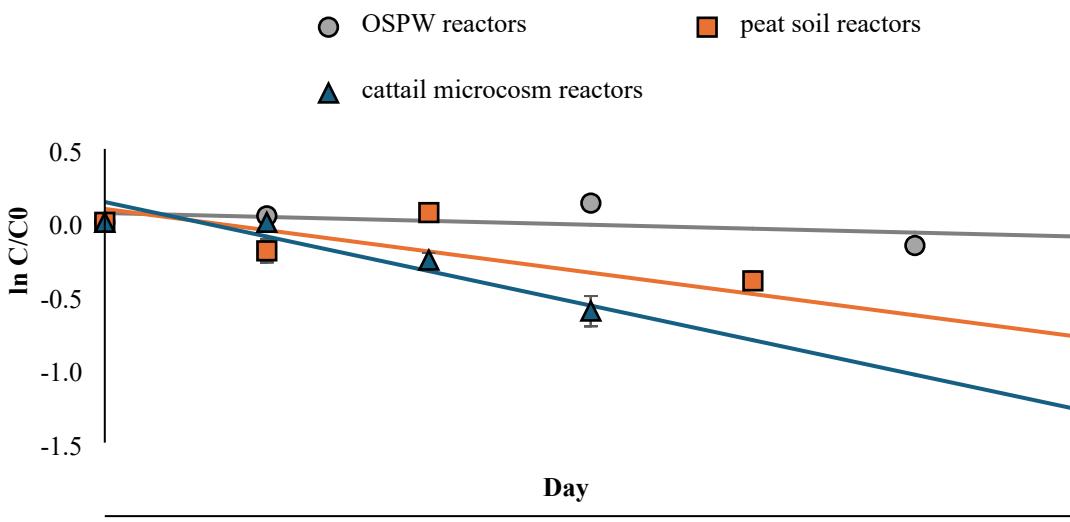
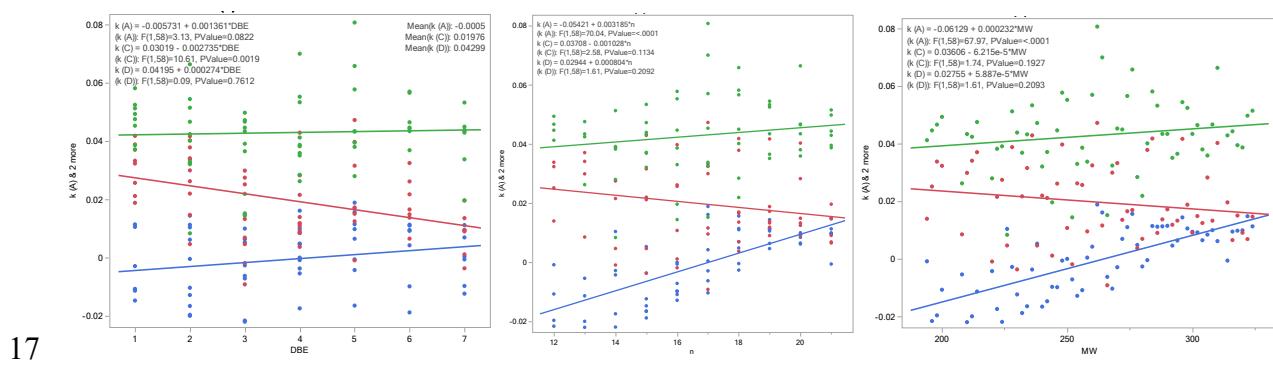
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15 **Figure S1:** Transpiration of OSPW through cattails over time in plant reactors (n = 5).

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23 **Figure S3:** Normalized concentration of total (sum) O<sub>2</sub>-naphthenic acids in POCIS (C) to initial concentrations of total (sum) O<sub>2</sub>-naphthenic acids in POCIS on day 0 ( $C_0$ ) from OSPW reactors, peat soil reactors, and cattail microcosm reactors over time. Error bars on data points represent standard error of the mean total (sum) of O<sub>2</sub>-naphthenic acids concentration.

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29 Table S1: Weight of plant reactor components for all experimental units (group C) containing  
 30 cattails.

| rep   | 1      | 2      | 3      | 4      | 5      |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Weight of Soil +<br>belowground<br>biomass (g)                                    | 1513.4 | 1471.0 | 1979.5 | 1599.3 | 1593.2 |
| Weight of<br>aboveground<br>biomass (g)   | 6.9    | 6.5    | 5.0    | 5.8    | 8.6    |
| Weight of<br>belowground<br>biomass (g)   | 22.8   | 13.3   | 12.1   | 27.5   | 19.6   |
| Weight of soil in<br>reactor (g)  | 1490.6 | 1457.6 | 1967.4 | 1571.8 | 1573.6 |
| Weight of above-<br>and below-ground<br>biomass (g)                               | 29.7   | 19.8   | 17.1   | 33.3   | 28.2   |
| Total weight of plant<br>reactor (soil + above-<br>+ below-ground<br>biomass) (g) | 1520.3 | 1477.4 | 1984.5 | 1605.1 | 1601.8 |

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35 **Table S2:** Rate of depuration ( $k_{dep}$ ; day<sup>-1</sup>) from OSPW in microcosm reactors with OSPW,  
 36 OSPW and peat soil, and OSPW with cattail and peat soil by carbon number and double bond  
 37 equivalent. Negative  $k_{dep}$  indicates the concentration of the O2-naphthenic acid was found to  
 38 increase over time.

| n  | DBE | Chemical | OSPW reactors |        | Peat soil reactors |        | Cattail microcosm<br>reactors |        |
|----|-----|----------|---------------|--------|--------------------|--------|-------------------------------|--------|
|    |     |          | $k_{dep}$     | SE (k) | $k_{dep}$          | SE (k) | $k_{dep}$                     | SE (k) |
| 12 | 1   | C12H24O2 | 0.001         | 0.001  | 0.015              | 0.004  | 0.042                         | 0.009  |
| 12 | 2   | C12H22O2 | 0.003         | 0.003  | 0.032              | 0.006  | 0.049                         | 0.011  |
| 12 | 3   | C12H20O2 | -0.005        | 0.004  | 0.034              | 0.007  | 0.047                         | 0.013  |

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|----|---|----------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| 12 | 4 | C12H18O2 | -0.009 | 0.003  | 0.025  | 0.007 | 0.045 | 0.011 |
| 13 | 1 | C13H26O2 | 0.003  | 0.001  | 0.014  | 0.003 | 0.041 | 0.008 |
| 13 | 2 | C13H24O2 | 0.006  | 0.004  | 0.037  | 0.007 | 0.048 | 0.013 |
| 13 | 3 | C13H22O2 | -0.003 | 0.004  | 0.034  | 0.008 | 0.042 | 0.014 |
| 13 | 4 | C13H20O2 | -0.008 | 0.004  | 0.030  | 0.007 | 0.043 | 0.014 |
| 14 | 1 | C14H28O2 | 0.000  | 0.002  | 0.009  | 0.004 | 0.026 | 0.010 |
| 14 | 2 | C14H26O2 | 0.014  | 0.004  | 0.039  | 0.008 | 0.051 | 0.016 |
| 14 | 3 | C14H24O2 | 0.004  | 0.020  | 0.005  | 0.009 | 0.008 | 0.016 |
| 14 | 4 | C14H22O2 | -0.004 | 0.004  | 0.028  | 0.008 | 0.039 | 0.015 |
| 14 | 5 | C14H20O2 | -0.006 | 0.003  | 0.022  | 0.006 | 0.038 | 0.012 |
| 15 | 1 | C15H30O2 | -0.010 | 0.003  | -0.001 | 0.005 | 0.028 | 0.006 |
| 15 | 2 | C15H28O2 | -0.002 | 0.003  | 0.021  | 0.006 | 0.037 | 0.014 |
| 15 | 3 | C15H26O2 | -0.003 | 0.004  | 0.022  | 0.006 | 0.032 | 0.015 |
| 15 | 4 | C15H24O2 | 0.002  | 0.002  | 0.005  | 0.004 | 0.047 | 0.007 |
| 15 | 5 | C15H22O2 | 0.017  | 0.005  | 0.043  | 0.010 | 0.053 | 0.020 |
| 15 | 6 | C15H20O2 | 0.004  | 0.005  | 0.032  | 0.009 | 0.043 | 0.017 |
| 15 | 7 | C15H18O2 | -0.003 | 0.004  | 0.022  | 0.007 | 0.037 | 0.015 |
| 16 | 1 | C16H32O2 | -0.015 | 0.002  | -0.004 | 0.007 | 0.044 | 0.013 |
| 16 | 2 | C16H30O2 | 0.005  | 0.004  | 0.026  | 0.006 | 0.039 | 0.016 |
| 16 | 3 | C16H28O2 | 0.003  | 0.004  | 0.026  | 0.006 | 0.033 | 0.016 |
| 16 | 4 | C16H26O2 | -0.014 | 0.003  | -0.002 | 0.007 | 0.014 | 0.010 |
| 16 | 5 | C16H24O2 | 0.001  | 0.001  | 0.011  | 0.004 | 0.055 | 0.008 |
| 16 | 6 | C16H22O2 | 0.020  | 0.005  | 0.040  | 0.011 | 0.058 | 0.023 |
| 16 | 7 | C16H20O2 | 0.007  | 0.004  | 0.026  | 0.008 | 0.045 | 0.018 |
| 17 | 1 | C17H34O2 | -0.009 | 0.002  | 0.001  | 0.006 | 0.020 | 0.007 |
| 17 | 2 | C17H32O2 | 0.014  | 0.004  | 0.033  | 0.007 | 0.045 | 0.020 |
| 17 | 3 | C17H30O2 | 0.008  | 0.004  | 0.030  | 0.007 | 0.032 | 0.018 |
| 17 | 4 | C17H28O2 | -0.010 | 0.002  | -0.009 | 0.008 | 0.015 | 0.010 |
| 17 | 5 | C17H26O2 | 0.012  | 0.002  | 0.012  | 0.006 | 0.070 | 0.010 |
| 17 | 6 | C17H24O2 | 0.035  | 0.0045 | 0.047  | 0.014 | 0.081 | 0.028 |
| 17 | 7 | C17H22O2 | 0.020  | 0.004  | 0.033  | 0.009 | 0.057 | 0.022 |
| 18 | 1 | C18H36O2 | 0.001  | 0.002  | 0.010  | 0.004 | 0.034 | 0.006 |
| 18 | 2 | C18H34O2 | 0.026  | 0.0036 | 0.042  | 0.009 | 0.058 | 0.023 |
| 18 | 3 | C18H32O2 | 0.018  | 0.005  | 0.038  | 0.008 | 0.040 | 0.022 |
| 18 | 4 | C18H30O2 | -0.003 | 0.002  | 0.007  | 0.006 | 0.022 | 0.007 |
| 18 | 5 | C18H28O2 | 0.001  | 0.002  | 0.004  | 0.012 | 0.028 | 0.010 |
| 18 | 6 | C18H26O2 | 0.011  | 0.003  | 0.017  | 0.004 | 0.066 | 0.010 |
| 18 | 7 | C18H24O2 | 0.008  | 0.003  | 0.017  | 0.004 | 0.057 | 0.009 |
| 19 | 1 | C19H38O2 | 0.004  | 0.003  | 0.014  | 0.003 | 0.045 | 0.007 |

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|----|---|----------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 19 | 2 | C19H36O2 | 0.007 | 0.003  | 0.019 | 0.004 | 0.053 | 0.009 |
| 19 | 3 | C19H34O2 | 0.027 | 0.0036 | 0.042 | 0.009 | 0.055 | 0.025 |
| 19 | 4 | C19H32O2 | 0.004 | 0.003  | 0.013 | 0.004 | 0.037 | 0.007 |
| 19 | 5 | C19H30O2 | 0.002 | 0.003  | 0.012 | 0.005 | 0.035 | 0.007 |
| 19 | 6 | C19H28O2 | 0.007 | 0.004  | 0.017 | 0.004 | 0.043 | 0.007 |
| 19 | 7 | C19H26O2 | 0.007 | 0.004  | 0.014 | 0.004 | 0.043 | 0.007 |
| 20 | 2 | C20H38O2 | 0.007 | 0.004  | 0.009 | 0.004 | 0.053 | 0.008 |
| 20 | 3 | C20H36O2 | 0.020 | 0.005  | 0.040 | 0.010 | 0.066 | 0.020 |
| 20 | 4 | C20H34O2 | 0.007 | 0.003  | 0.013 | 0.004 | 0.047 | 0.007 |
| 20 | 5 | C20H32O2 | 0.005 | 0.003  | 0.028 | 0.004 | 0.036 | 0.009 |
| 20 | 6 | C20H30O2 | 0.004 | 0.003  | 0.013 | 0.005 | 0.038 | 0.009 |
| 20 | 7 | C20H28O2 | 0.005 | 0.004  | 0.015 | 0.004 | 0.047 | 0.007 |
| 21 | 2 | C21H40O2 | 0.005 | 0.004  | 0.009 | 0.003 | 0.043 | 0.008 |
| 21 | 3 | C21H38O2 | 0.007 | 0.004  | 0.015 | 0.003 | 0.052 | 0.008 |
| 21 | 4 | C21H36O2 | 0.008 | 0.004  | 0.007 | 0.004 | 0.050 | 0.006 |
| 21 | 5 | C21H34O2 | 0.009 | 0.003  | 0.009 | 0.004 | 0.039 | 0.008 |
| 21 | 6 | C21H32O2 | 0.007 | 0.004  | 0.015 | 0.004 | 0.040 | 0.008 |
| 21 | 7 | C21H30O2 | 0.005 | 0.004  | 0.007 | 0.004 | 0.044 | 0.008 |

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**Table S3:** Summary of OSPW chemistry on day zero.

| Parameter                                    | units | OSPW (day 0) |
|--|-------|--------------|
| <b>Conductivity</b>                          | uS/cm | 1028         |
| <b>Turbidity</b>                             | NTUs  | 3.7          |
| <b>Total Hardness as CaCO<sub>3</sub></b>    | mg/L  | 250          |
| <b>Total Alkalinity as CaCO<sub>3</sub></b>  | mg/L  | 250          |
| <b>Total Dissolved Solids</b>                | mg/L  | 900          |
| <b>Total Suspended Solids (TSS)</b>          | mg/L  | 4.9          |
| <b>Dissolved Inorganic Carbon (DIC)</b>      | mg/L  | 57           |
| <b>Dissolved Organic Carbon (DOC)</b>        | mg/L  | 22           |
| <b>Total Organic Carbon (TOC)</b>            | mg/L  | 21           |
| <b>Total O<sub>2</sub>-naphthenic acids*</b> | mg/L  | 41           |

42 \*Total O<sub>2</sub>-naphthenic acid concentrations in OSPW were measured by InnoTech Alberta

43 (Edmonton, AB, Canada) and quantitation closely followed Pereira et al. (2013).

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