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30 Figure S1: (a) Photo of the electrochemical cell, (b) blown up schematic of the cell
- 31 components, (c) Low pressure UV lamp (G23 Odyssea Pool Lamp, 9W, electrical efficiency =
- 32 27%), (d) UV reactor.

Figure S2: Hydrogen peroxide production rate as a function of current density (WWTP: wastewater treatment plant).

40 **Figure S4**: Normalized removal of organic contaminants by UV photolysis (no H₂O₂ present)

41 (WWTP: wastewater treatment plant).

44 **Figure S5**: Production of H_2O_2 in the cathode, residual H_2O_2 after the UV cell and residual 45 H₂O₂ after the anode for the four types of source waters at applied current densities from 0 to

46 $25 A m⁻²$ (WWTP: wastewater treatment plant).

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49 **Figure S6:** Normalized H₂O₂ removal in the anode as a function of current density in the 50 presence and absence of chloride or natural organic matter (HRT = 1.5 min, $[H_2O_2]_0 = 10$ mg 51 L^{-1} (0.294mM)) (WWTP: wastewater treatment plant).

53 **Figure S7:** HOCl produced as a function of anodic pH at an applied current density of 25 A 54 m^2 ([Cl⁻]₀ = 10 mM). pH was buffered using 20 mM carbonate buffer (6) and borate buffer 55 (7-10) (WWTP: wastewater treatment plant).

Figure S8: Direct oxidation of trace organic contaminants at 25 A m⁻² for the 3 representative source waters (HRT = 1.5 min, $[H_2O_2]_0 = 10$ mg L⁻¹ (0.294mM)). In the presence of H_2O_2 all 59 HOCl/OCl⁻ is scavenged and removal of the trace organic contaminants is due to direct anodic

60 oxidation (WWTP: wastewater treatment plant).

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66 **Figure S9:** Anodic removal of carbamazepine, propranolol, and sulfamethoxazole in (a) the 67 presence of $H_2O_2(10 \text{ mg } L^{-1}$, chlorine scavenged) and in (b) the absence of H_2O_2 (no chlorine 68 scavenged) at 25 A m⁻² (HRT = 1.5 min). In the presence of H₂O₂, removal of the trace 69 organic contaminants was due to direct anodic oxidation. In the absence of H_2O_2 , removal was 70 due to a combination of direct oxidation and reaction with chlorine. The three compounds 71 were selected because they exhibit varying reactivities with chlorine $(k_{\text{HOCL carbamazening}})$ 72 k_{HOCl,propranolol<} k_{HOCl,sulfamethoxazole}; see Table S3) (WWTP: wastewater treatment plant).

Figure S10: Measured long term cathode performance at 15 A $m²$ (Catholyte/Anolyte = Tap 76 water + 5mM Na₂SO₄, alkalinity = 0.34 mM, $[Ca^{2+}] = 0.2$ mM, $Q = 120$ L d⁻¹). Predicted

 77 H₂O₂ production was 0.29 mM (WWTP: wastewater treatment plant).

79 **Determination of the photon fluence rate, W254.**

80 Photon fluence rates at 254 nm were determined using 10 μ M atrazine as an actinometer at pH 8^1 . The following constants were employed: ε_{254} =3860 M⁻¹ cm⁻¹, ϕ_{254} = 0.046 mol Ei⁻¹. The fluence was calculated from the near surface specific rate of light absorbance for an organic pollutant at a single wavelength:

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\frac{-d[C]}{dt} = \frac{E_{254}^{\circ} \epsilon_{254} \varphi_{254} [1 - 10^{-\alpha z}]}{\alpha z} [C]
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84 where \vec{E}_{254} is the incident photon fluence rate (Ei m⁻² s⁻¹) at 254 nm, ϵ_{254} is the decadic molar 85 extinction coefficient at 254 nm (M⁻¹ cm⁻¹), $φ_{254}$ is the quantum yield at 254 nm (mol Ei⁻¹), α is the solution absorbance (cm^{-1}) , and z is the light path length (cm). Because the experiments 87 were performed in Milli-Q water, we can assume very little light absorbance (i.e., $\alpha \cdot z \leq 0.02$) 88 and the following approximation can be made:

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1-10^{-\alpha z}\cong 2.3\alpha z
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89 Therefore, the expression for the near surface specific rate of light absorbance simplifies to

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\frac{-d[C]}{dt} = 2.303E_{254}^{\circ}\epsilon_{254}\varphi_{254}[C]
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\ln\left(\frac{C}{C_0}\right) = 2.303E_{254}^{\circ}\epsilon_{254}\varphi_{254}t
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90 By plotting the natural logarithm of the contaminant removal with time we can obtain an

91 estimate of the incident photon fluence, E_{254}° :

94 normalized atrazine concentration versus time. The solution contained 10 μ M atrazine at pH 95 8.

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E_{254}^{\circ} = \frac{k}{2.303 \epsilon_{254} \varphi_{254}}
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E_{254}^{\circ} = 106.8 \,\mu \text{Ei} \, \text{m}^2 \, \text{s}^{-1}
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96 **Calculations for the half life of H2O2 and NOM with HOCl**

97 In accordance with Zhai et al. (2014), the reaction between HOCl with NOM depends on the 98 number of reactive sites on the NOM, with certain moieties having greater electron donating 99 capacity and therefore higher rates of reaction with HOCl (e.g., phenolic groups). Fast 100 reaction sites are defined as NOM_{fast} , slow reaction sites are defined as NOM_{slow} , and sites that 101 do not produce halogenated byproducts are defined as NOM_{dec} . Using data for SWHA, fast 102 sites comprise about 3% of the aromatic carbon, slow sites comprise 35%, and dec sites 103 comprise 62%². Assuming a [H₂O₂] = 0.5×10^{-4} M (H₂O₂ produced at 25 A m⁻²) and [NOM] $104 = 5$ mg C L⁻¹ (0.42 mM), we can calculate the half life of H₂O₂ given the following rate 105 constants: $k_{H2O2,HOC} = 10^3 M^{-1} s^{-1}$, $k_{HOCI,NOMfast} = 10^3 M^{-1} s^{-1}$, $k_{HOCI,NOMslow} = 1$, $k_{HOCI,NOMdec} =$ 106 $5 M^{-1} s^{-1}$

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t_{\frac{1}{2},H202} = \frac{\ln(2)}{k_{H0C},H202[H_2O_2]} = \frac{\ln(2)}{(10^{-3} M)(0.5 \times 10^{-4} M^{-1} s^{-1})} = 1.39 s
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t_{\frac{1}{2},H2O2} = \frac{\ln(2)}{k_{H0CL,NOMfast}[NOM_{fast}] + k_{H0CL,NOMslow}[NOM_{slow}] + k_{H0CL,NOMdec}[NOM_{dec}]}
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=
$$
\frac{\ln(2)}{[(0.03)(10^3 M^{-1} s^{-1}) + (0.35)(1 M^{-1} s^{-1}) + (0.62)(5 M^{-1} s^{-1})](4.2 * 10^{-4} M)} = 49.3 s
$$

107 **Branching ratio of HOCl with Trace Organics and H2O²**

- 108 Reaction rate constants of HOCl with the trace organic compounds used in this study ranged
- 109 from 1.7×10^{-2} M⁻¹ s⁻¹(atenolol) to 6.17×10^{2} M⁻¹ s⁻¹(sulfamethoxazole) (Table S3). Assuming
- 110 a concentration of trace organics equal to 10^{-6} M (10 compounds at 10 µg L⁻¹, average MW =
- 250 g mol⁻¹). Using the higher bound on the rate constant with chlorine, the branching ratio of
- 112 HOCl with trace organics in the presence of H_2O_2 is:

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\frac{k_{HOL,organic}[Organic]}{k_{HOL, H2O2}[H_2O_2]} = \frac{(6.17 \times 10^2 \, \text{M}^{-1} \, \text{s}^{-1})(10^{-6} \, \text{M})}{(10^{-3} \, \text{M})(10^{-3} \, \text{M}^{-1} \, \text{s}^{-1})} = 0.0007
$$

113 Therefore, virtually all the HOCl reacts with H_2O_2 .

Determination of bimolecular rate constant for HO● 114 **and NOM**

- 115 In accordance with Appiani et al. (2014), Suwannee River Humic Acids (average molecular
- 116 weight of 300 g mol⁻¹, %C = 52.55) have a bimolecular rate constant with HO[•] of 5.7 \times 10⁸
- 117 $(M_C^{-1} s^{-1})$ or $5.6 \times 10^9 (M^{-1} s^{-1})^3$. This equates to a bimolecular rate constant on a per carbon
- 118 basis of 9.8×10^3 (L mgC⁻¹ s⁻¹).

Calculation for the fraction of HO● 119 **going to contaminants**

fraction HO[•] to contaminants =
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\frac{\sum k_{\text{HO}^{\bullet}, \text{cont}}[\text{Cont}]}{\sum k_{\text{HO}^{\bullet}, \text{s}}[S]}
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- 120 A sample calculation for the fraction of the HO[•] to trace organic contaminants in the
- 121 groundwater for pH 8 in the presence of 3 mg L^{-1} (0.09 mM) has been provided using the
- 122 bimolecular rate constants in Table 1 and Table S3. At pH 8, of the 3.9 mEq L^{-1} of the TIC in
- 123 the ground water, 3.8 mM is at HCO₃⁻ while 0.02 mM is as CO_3^2 ⁻.

 $\sum k_{\rm HO}$ •_{,cont} [Cont] Σ k_{HO}•_{,cont} [Cont] + k_{HO}•_{,H2O2} [H₂O₂] + k_{HO}•,_{DOC} [DOC] + k_{HO}•,_{HCO3} [HCO₃] + k_{HO}•,_{CO32} - [CO₃⁻]

 $= 6.5\%$ of available HO[•] 124

125 **Calculation for the reduction in direct photolysis from H2O2 light screening**

- 126 The pseudo-first order rate constant for direct photolysis of compounds in the absence of
- 127 H_2O_2 , k'_d , is given by:

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k'_d = \frac{E_{254}^{\circ} \epsilon_{254} \phi_{254} [1 - 10^{-\alpha z}]}{\alpha z}
$$

128 where E_{254}° is the incident photon fluence rate (Ei m⁻² s⁻¹) at 254 nm, ε_{254} is the decadic molar 129 extinction coefficient of the organic compound at 254 nm $(M^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1})$, ϕ_{254} is the quantum yield at 254 nm (mol E_i^{-1}), α is the solution absorbance (cm⁻¹), and z is the light path length (cm). In 131 the presence of H_2O_2 , the direct photolysis rate decreases due to additional absorbance of 132 incident light by H_2O_2 . The pseudo-first order rate constant for direct photolysis of 133 compounds in the presence of H_2O_2 , $k'_{d,H2O2}$, is given by:

$$
k_{d,H202}^{\prime}=\dfrac{E_{254}^{\circ}\epsilon_{254}\phi_{254}[1-10^{-(\alpha+\epsilon_{H202}[H_2O_2])z}]}{(\alpha+\epsilon_{H202}[H_2O_2])z}
$$

where ε_{H2O2} is the decadic molar extinction coefficient of the H₂O₂ at 254 nm (M⁻¹ cm⁻¹).

135 Comparing the two rates, we get:

$$
\frac{k'_{d,H2O2} - k'_d}{k'_d} = \frac{\left(\frac{\left[1 - 10^{-(\alpha + \epsilon_{H2O2}[H_2O_2])z}\right]\alpha}{(\alpha + \epsilon_{H2O2}[H_2O_2])}\right) - \left[1 - 10^{-\alpha z}\right]}{\left[1 - 10^{-\alpha z}\right]}
$$

136 For WWTP effluent at 25 A m⁻²: α = 0.137 cm⁻¹, ε_{H2O2} = 18.6 M⁻¹cm⁻¹, [H₂O₂] = 0.54 mM, z

137 = 0.043 m. As a result, the direct photolysis rate in the presence of H_2O_2 decreased by 3.8%

138 for the suite of trace organic contaminants.

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\frac{k'_{d,H202} - k'_d}{k'_d} = 0.0378
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139 **Electrical Energy per Order (E**_{**EO**}) calculation

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141 The following sample calculation is for the E_{EO} of carbamazepine in the nitrified wastewater

142 effluent at a current density of 25 A m^2 .

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E_{EO} = \frac{P}{Q \log\left(\frac{C_0}{C}\right)}
$$

143 where P (kW) is the electrical power for the electrochemical cell and UV lamp, Q (m³ h⁻¹) is

144 the system flow rate, and C_0 and $C(M)$ are the initial and final contaminant concentrations.

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Q = \left(\frac{120 \text{ L}}{d}\right) \left(\frac{\text{m}^3}{1000 \text{ L}}\right) \left(\frac{d}{24 \text{ h}}\right) = 0.005 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{h}}
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145 The total system power (P_{total}, W) is a combination of the UV lamp power and the

146 electrochemical cell power, which can be expressed as a product of the current density (I, A

147 m⁻²), cell potential (V_{cell}), and the electrode surface area (A, m²):

$$
P_{\text{total}} = I * A * V_{\text{cell}} + P_{\text{lamp}}
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P_{\text{total}} = \left(\frac{25 \text{ A}}{\text{m}^2}\right) (0.0064 \text{ m}^2)(6.67 \text{ V}) + 9 \text{W} = 10.1 \text{ W} = 0.01 \text{ kW}
$$

148 At 25 A m⁻², carbamazepine was transformed from $10.18 \pm 0.3 \,\mu g \, L^{-1}$ (4.3× 10⁻⁸ M) to 0.63 ± 149 0.03 μ g L⁻¹ (2.7 × 10⁻⁹ M).

$$
E_{E0} = \frac{0.01 \text{ kW}}{\left(0.005 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{h}}\right) \log \left(\frac{4.3 \times 10^{-8} \text{ M}}{2.7 \times 10^{-9} \text{ M}}\right)} = 1.67 \text{ kWh} \log^{-1} \text{m}^{-3}
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151 **Energy and energy per volume treated calculations for the electrochemical cell and UV** 152 **lamp**

153 At a current density of 4.14 A $m²$, the highest cell potential was for the poorly conductive

154 groundwater (2.67 V). Assuming the cell runs continuously for a day:

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\left(\frac{4.14 \text{ A}}{\text{m}^2}\right) (0.0064 \text{ m}^2)(2.67 \text{ V}) = 0.071 \text{ W} = \frac{0.071 \text{ J}}{\text{s}}
$$

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\left(\frac{0.071 \text{ J}}{\text{s}}\right) (86400 \text{ s}) \left(\frac{\text{Wh}}{3600 \text{ J}}\right) = 1.7 \text{ Wh}
$$

155 The energy per volume of water treated was calculated using the power output of the UV

156 lamp (9W) and the flow rate of the system $(120 \text{ L } d^{-1})$

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(0.009 \text{ kW}) \left(\frac{1 \text{d}}{120 \text{L}}\right) \left(\frac{24 \text{h}}{\text{d}}\right) \left(\frac{1000 \text{L}}{\text{m}^3}\right) = 1.8 \text{ kWh m}^{-3}
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157 **pH dependence of H2O2 reaction with HOCl**

158 The primary mechanisms for the reaction of HOCl with H_2O_2 are:

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\text{HOC1} + \text{HO}_2^- \xrightarrow{k_1 = 4.4 \text{E7 M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}} \text{Cl}^- + \text{O}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}
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\text{OCl}^- + \text{H}_2\text{O}_2 \xrightarrow{k_2 = 3.4 \text{E3 M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}} \text{Cl}^- + \text{O}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}
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159 The removal of either $HOCL_{total}$ or H_2O_2 total can be given by

$$
\frac{-d[HOCl_{\text{total}}]}{dt} = (k_1 \alpha_{0, \text{H OCl}} \alpha_{1, \text{H202}} + k_2 \alpha_{1, \text{H OCl}} \alpha_{0, \text{H202}})[\text{H OCl}_{\text{total}}][H_2 O_{2\text{total}}]
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160 Where the pH dependent biomolecular rate constant is just:

$$
k'_{pH} = (k_1 \alpha_{0,HOCl} \alpha_{1, H202} + k_2 \alpha_{1,HOCl} \alpha_{0, H202})
$$

161 Given the $pK_{a,HOCl} = 7.6$ and $pK_{a,H2O2} = 11.6$, we can calculate the alpha speciation values.

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163 **Figure S12:** pH-dependent bimolecular rate constant for the reaction between HOCl and 164 H_2O_2 .

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174 **Table S1.** Composition of the waters

175 ^a Carbonate contribution to ionic strength calculated using speciation the speciation of TIC at the initial pH of the 176 waters. ^{*b*} Nitrified wastewater effluent was obtained from the Discovery Bay municipal wastewater treatment

178 Electrolyte, simulated surface water, and simulated groundwater were prepared in 18 M Ω

179 Milli-Q water. Un-disinfected, nitrified wastewater effluent from the adjacent oxidation ditch

180 treatment plant was obtained from the Discovery Bay municipal wastewater treatment plant

182 Trace organic compounds were separated by an Agilent 1200 HPLC using a 3.0 mm \times 150 mm Phenomenex Synergi Hydro-RP 4 µm column, after a 3.00 mm × 4 mm AQ C18 184 SecurityGuard guard cartridge. The column was eluted with 0.6 mL min⁻¹ methanol and 0.1% acetic acid in water with the following gradient: 0 minutes, 0% methanol; 2 minutes, 0% methanol; 8 minutes, 60% methanol; 11 minutes, 95% methanol; 12 minutes, 95% methanol; 12.1 minutes, 0% methanol; 17 minutes, 0% methanol. Compounds were detected with an Agilent 6460 MS-MS using electrospray ionization (ESI) with a gas temperature of 350°C, a sheath gas temperature of 400°C, a gas flow rate of 11 L/min at 50 psi, and a capillary voltage of 3600 V. Compound-specific parameters are given in Table SI 2.

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¹⁷⁷ plant (Discovery Bay, CA).

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Table S2. Compound-Specific Mass Spectrometry Parameters*^a* 193

compound	precursor ion	fragmentor voltage	product ions	collision energy	cell accelerator	ionization mode
	(amu)	(V)	(amu)	(V)	(V)	
Atenolol	$\overline{267}$	130	$\overline{145}$	24	$\overline{7}$	positive ^b
			190	16		
Atrazine	216.1	100	173.9	$\overline{30}$	$\overline{3}$	positive
			104	15	\mathfrak{Z}	
Carbamazepine	237	$\overline{120}$	179	$\overline{35}$	$\overline{7}$	positive
			194	15		
Gemfibrozil	249	75	121	$\overline{5}$	$\overline{3}$	$negative^c$
Ibuprofen	$\overline{205}$	$\overline{50}$	161	$\overline{0}$	$\overline{3}$	negative
Metoprolol	268	130	159	17	$\overline{7}$	positive
			116	14		
Propranolol	260	98	116	$\overline{13}$	$\overline{7}$	positive
			183	12		
Sulfa-	254	110	92	$\overline{25}$	$\overline{7}$	positive
methoxazole			156	10		
Trimethoprim	291	140	123	20	$\overline{7}$	positive
			261	17		

^{*a*}All compounds were analyzed using a drying gas temperature of 350° C, a gas flow of 12 L min⁻¹, a nebulizer 195 pressure of 60 psi, a sheath gas temperature of 400 \degree C, a sheath gas flow of 12 L min⁻¹, a nozzle voltage of 196 300 V, and a dwell time of 7 ms. ^{*b*}Compounds analyzed by positive ionization used a capillary voltage of

197 3600 V. ^cCompounds analyzed by negative ionization used a capillary voltage of 4500 V.

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200 **Table S3**. Compound Specific Properties

213 **Table S5.** Normalized Total System Pharmaceutical Transformation for Synthetic Groundwater

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219 **Table S6.** Normalized Total System Pharmaceutical Transformation for Wastewater Effluent

221 **Table S7.** Normalized Total System Pharmaceutical Transformation for Surface Water

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