



Table S2 One-way ANOVA comparison of selected HM pollution for different geographical directions in the target area.

| Metals |                | Sum of Squares | df  | Mean Square      | F     | Sig.  |
|--------|----------------|----------------|-----|------------------|-------|-------|
| As     | Between Groups | 311.32         | 3   | 103.77           | 0.953 | 0.417 |
|        | Within Groups  | 15905.89       | 146 | 108.94           |       |       |
|        | Total          | 16217.22       | 149 |                  |       |       |
| Cr     | Between Groups | 7.041          | 3   | 2.34             | 2.003 | 0.116 |
|        | Within Groups  | 171.09         | 146 | 1.174            |       |       |
|        | Total          | 178.13         | 149 |                  |       |       |
| Co     | Between Groups | 3.103          | 3   | 1.034            | 1.03  | 0.197 |
|        | Within Groups  | 95.52          | 146 | 0.654            |       |       |
|        | Total          | 98.62          | 149 |                  |       |       |
| Fe     | Between Groups | 16939.54       | 3   | 5646.51          | 0.187 | 0.905 |
|        | Within Groups  | 4407446.42     | 146 | 30187.98         |       |       |
|        | Total          | 4424385.96     | 149 |                  |       |       |
| Mn     | Between Groups | 39.62          | 3   | 13.20            | 0.293 | 0.830 |
|        | Within Groups  | 6573.87        | 146 | 45.02            |       |       |
|        | Total          | 6613.49        | 149 |                  |       |       |
| Mo     | Between Groups | 51.90          | 3   | 17.30            | 0.195 | 0.900 |
|        | Within Groups  | 12944.6        | 146 | 88.6616438355479 |       |       |
|        | Total          | 12996.5        | 149 |                  |       |       |

Table S3 Correlation matrix of selected HM in ground water samples (n=150).

| n=150 | As     | Cr    | Co    | Fe | Mn | Mo | Zn | Ni | Hg |
|-------|--------|-------|-------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| As    | 1.000  |       |       |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Cr    | -0.042 | 1.000 |       |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Co    | 0.199  |       | 1.000 |    |    |    |    |    |    |

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Table S4 Correlation matrix of selected HMs in well water samples (n= 33).

| Well | As      | Cr     | Co     | Fe     | Mn     | Mo     | Zn      | Ni     | Hg    |
|------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|-------|
| As   | 1.000   |        |        |        |        |        |         |        |       |
| Cr   | 0.058   | 1.000  |        |        |        |        |         |        |       |
| Co   | 0.045   | -0.001 | 1.000  |        |        |        |         |        |       |
| Fe   | 0.000   | 0.270  | -0.156 | 1.000  |        |        |         |        |       |
| Mn   | 0.955** | 0.121  | 0.110  | 0.080  | 1.000  |        |         |        |       |
| Mo   | -0.015  | -0.100 | -0.240 | 0.067  | 0.000  | 1.000  |         |        |       |
| Zn   | 0.074   | -0.196 | -0.213 | 0.102  | 0.120  | 0.813  | 1.000   |        |       |
| Ni   | 0.157   | -0.091 | -0.110 | 0.050  | 0.204  | 0.885  | 0.762** | 1.000  |       |
| Hg   | -0.204  | -0.149 | 0.085  | -0.034 | -0.131 | -0.037 | 0.027   | -0.039 | 1.000 |

\*\* correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed); \* correlation is significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed)

Table S5 Correlation matrix of selected HMs in spring water samples (n=15).

| Spring | As              | Cr     | Co     | Fe     | Mn    | Mo     | Zn     | Ni    | Hg    |
|--------|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| As     | 1.000           |        |        |        |       |        |        |       |       |
| Cr     | -0.123          | 1.000  |        |        |       |        |        |       |       |
| Co     | 0.714**         | 0.132  | 1.000  |        |       |        |        |       |       |
| Fe     | 0.441           | 0.224  | 0.333  | 1.000  |       |        |        |       |       |
| Mn     | CN <sup>a</sup> | CN     | CN     | CN     | 1.000 |        |        |       |       |
| Mo     | 0.314           | -0.168 | 0.438  | -0.151 | CN    | 1.000  |        |       |       |
| Zn     | 0.078           | 0.360  | 0.109  | 0.807* | CN    | -0.426 | 1.000  |       |       |
| Ni     | 0.541†          | -0.033 | 0.311  | 0.227  | CN    | 0.099  | 0.356  | 1.000 |       |
| Hg     | 0.046           | -0.215 | -0.115 | 0.052  | CN    | -0.317 | -0.051 | 0.159 | 1.000 |

\*\* correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed); \* correlation is significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed); † cannot be computed because at least one of the variables is not constant

Table S6 Correlation matrix of selected HMs in tank water samples (n=102).

| Tank | As     | Cr    | Co     | Fe    | Mn      | Mo     | Zn     | Ni    | Hg    |
|------|--------|-------|--------|-------|---------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| As   | 1.000  |       |        |       |         |        |        |       |       |
| Cr   | -0.039 | 1.000 |        |       |         |        |        |       |       |
| Co   | 0.094  | 0.151 | 1.000  |       |         |        |        |       |       |
| Fe   | -0.065 | 0.176 | 0.060  | 1.000 |         |        |        |       |       |
| Mn   | -0.028 | 0.028 | 0.075  | 0.098 | 1.000   |        |        |       |       |
| Mo   | -0.015 | 0.156 | 0.135  | 0.182 | -0.055  | 1.000  |        |       |       |
| Zn   | -0.045 | 0.101 | 0.111  | 0.480 | 0.376** | -0.028 | 1.000  |       |       |
| Ni   | 0.042  | 0.022 | 0.149  | 0.236 | -0.011  | 0.115  | 0.234  | 1.000 |       |
| Hg   | -0.069 | 0.127 | -0.039 | 0.007 | -0.008  | 0.128  | -0.043 | 0.021 | 1.000 |

\*\* correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed);



Table S10 Correlation matrix of selected HMs in eastern direction

| Eastern | As     | Cr     | Co     | Fe     | Mn     | Mo     | Zn     | Ni     | Hg    |
|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| As      | 1.000  |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |
| Cr      | -0.263 | 1.000  |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |
| Co      | 0.301  | 0.375  | 1.000  |        |        |        |        |        |       |
| Fe      | -0.139 | -0.046 | -0.358 | 1.000  |        |        |        |        |       |
| Mn      | -0.049 | 0.509  | -0.163 | 0.193  | 1.000  |        |        |        |       |
| Mo      | -0.110 | 0.077  | -0.430 | 0.704  | 0.523  | 1.000  |        |        |       |
| Zn      | -0.177 | -0.153 | -0.368 | 0.442  | -0.156 | 0.565  | 1.000  |        |       |
| Ni      | 0.393  | -0.049 | -0.106 | 0.399  | 0.204  | 0.268  | -0.188 | 1.000  |       |
| Hg      | -0.336 | 0.345  | 0.209  | -0.011 | -0.020 | -0.047 | -0.031 | -0.317 | 1.000 |

\* correlation is significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed) \*\* correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed)

Table S11 Correlation matrix of selected HMs in slope 0

|    | As              | Cr      | Co     | Fe     | Mn    | Mo     | Zn     | Ni    | Hg    |
|----|-----------------|---------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| As | 1.000           |         |        |        |       |        |        |       |       |
| Cr | -1.000*         | 1.000   |        |        |       |        |        |       |       |
| Co | 1.000*          | -1.000* | 1.000  |        |       |        |        |       |       |
| Fe | 1.000*          | -1.000* | 1.000* | 1.000  |       |        |        |       |       |
| Mn | NC <sup>a</sup> | NC      | NC     | NC     | 1.000 |        |        |       |       |
| Mo | 1.000*          | -1.000* | 1.000* | 1.000* | NC    | 1.000  |        |       |       |
| Zn | 1.000*          | -1.000* | 1.000* | 1.000* | NC    | 1.000* | 1.000  |       |       |
| Ni | 1.000*          | -1.000* | 1.000* | 1.000* | NC    | 1.000* | 1.000* | 1.000 |       |
| Hg | NC              | NC      | NC     | NC     | NC    | NC     | NC     | NC    | 1.000 |

\*\* correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed) <sup>a</sup> cannot be computed because at least one of the variables is not constant

Table S12 Correlation matrix of selected HMs in slope 0-8

|    | As     | Cr       | Co      | Fe     | Mn     | Mo     | Zn     | Ni     | Hg    |
|----|--------|----------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| As | 1.000  |          |         |        |        |        |        |        |       |
| Cr | 0.196  | 1.000    |         |        |        |        |        |        |       |
| Co | 0.046  | 0.140    | 1.000   |        |        |        |        |        |       |
| Fe | -0.008 | 0.399*   | -0.063  | 1.000  |        |        |        |        |       |
| Mn | 0.818* | 0.157    | 0.076   | 0.055  | 1.000  |        |        |        |       |
| Mo | -0.023 | -0.084   | -0.133  | 0.066  | -0.014 | 1.000  |        |        |       |
| Zn | -0.003 | 0.111    | -0.166  | 0.178  | -0.005 | 0.306  | 1.000  |        |       |
| Ni | 0.197  | 0.071    | -0.082  | 0.084  | 0.126  | 0.841  | 0.469* | 1.000  |       |
| Hg | -0.204 | -0.446** | -0.311† | -0.005 | -0.062 | -0.030 | 0.216  | -0.042 | 1.000 |

\*\* correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed) † correlation is significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed).

