

Appendix D

Table 1 Pearson correlation between the oxytetracycline (OTC) concentration, organic material transformation and physical-chemical conditions

| | OTC | pH | EC | TOC | TN | NH ₄ ⁺ -N | NO ₃ ⁻ -N |
|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------|-----------------|----------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| OTC | 1 | -0.935 ** | -0.168 | 0.958 ** | 0.771 * | 0.711 * | -0.835 ^a |
| alkyl C | 0.787 * | -0.856 ** | -0.326 | 0.701 * | 0.583 | 0.723 * | -0.715 ^b |
| alkoxy C | -0.784 * | 0.834 ** | 0.170 | -0.660 | -0.565 | -0.411 | 0.586 |
| aromatic C | -0.482 | 0.571 | 0.283 | -0.482 | -0.457 | -0.728 * | 0.491 |
| carboxyl and amides C | 0.500 | -0.575 | 0.056 | 0.397 | 0.452 | 0.014 | -0.201 |
| carbonyl C | 0.038 | -0.094 | 0.379 | 0.048 | 0.019 | -0.511 | 0.292 |

The bold values represent significant correlations between the OTC concentration, organic material transformation and physical-chemical conditions.

* Correlation significant at $P \leq 0.05$.

** Correlation significant at $P \leq 0.01$.