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**ABSTRACT** 

The electrochemical oxidative treatment of landfill leachates (LLs) containing high

amounts of ammonia nitrogen and organic matter was used as a promising method, prior to

biological processes, to achieve the final effluent quality that would be acceptable by current

regulations. The deposited boron-doped diamond electrodes (BDDs) with different boron

doping concentrations (10000, 5000 and 500 ppm of B) were applied as anodes. The results

showed that the boron doping level influences the electrochemical activity and selectivity of

electrode surface due to a decrease in the sp<sup>3</sup>/sp<sup>2</sup> ratio of the BDD material. Special attention

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