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12	ABSTRACT: Effect of phosphate on the reduction of U(VI) on nZVI was determined							
13	by batch, XPS, XANES and EXAFS techniques. The batch experiments showed that							
14	nZVI was quite effective for the removal of uranium under the anaerobic conditions,							
15	whereas the addition of phosphate enhanced uranium removal over wide pH range. At							
16	low pH, the reduction of U(VI) to U(IV) significantly decreased with increasing							
17	phosphate concentration by XPS and XANES analysis. According to EXAFS analysis,							
18	the occurrence of U-U shell at 10 mg/L phosphate and pH 4.0 was similar to that of							
19	$U^{(IV)}O_2(s)$, whereas the U-P and U-Fe shells were observed at 50 mg/L phosphate,							
20	revealing that reductive co-precipitate $(U^{(IV)}O_2(s))$ and precipitation of							
21	uranyl-phosphate were observed at low and high phosphate, respectively. The findings							
22	are crucial for the prediction of the effect of phosphate on the speciation and binding							

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