## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

## pH / temperature dependent selective removal of trace Cr(VI) from aqueous solution by imidazolium ionic liquid functionalized magnetic carbon nanotubes

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C <sub>0</sub> mg L <sup>-1</sup>	$q_e(exp) (mg g^{-1})$	Pseudo first order kinetics			Pseudo second order kinetics		
		k <sub>1</sub>	q <sub>e</sub> , cal	$R_1^2$	k <sub>2</sub>	q <sub>e</sub> , cal	$R_2^2$
1.00	1.250	0.002	0.590	0.879	0.015	1.317	0.998
2.00	2.500	0.004	1.724	0.969	0.004	2.708	0.997
3.00	3.480	0.002	2.021	0.938	0.002	3.737	0.995

Table S1 Kinetic parameters for the pseudo first order and pseudo second order model for Cr(VI) adsorption onto Fe $_3O_4$ /CNT-IL

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	T(℃)	L	Freundlich model					
	1(0)	$K_L (L mg^{-1})$	$q_m(mg g^{-1})$	R <sup>2</sup>	K <sub>F</sub>	n	R <sup>2</sup>	-
-	25	0.052	32.482	0.986	4.462	2.411	0.988	
	40	0.294	41.865	0.999	8.576	2.968	0.926	
	55	0.493	55.433	0.997	15.222	3.144	0.968	

Table S2 Langmuir and Freundlich parameters for Cr(VI) adsorption on  $\label{eq:Fe3O4} Fe_3O_4/CNT\text{-}IL$ 



Figure S1. XRD patterns of (a) CNT-COOH and (b) Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/CNT-IL



Figure S2. The TEM images of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/CNT-IL



**Figure S3.** The TGA curve of (a) CNT-COOH, (b) Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/CNT-COOH, (c) Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/CNT-IL and (d) ionic liquid under the protection of N<sub>2</sub>



Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/CNT-IL



**Figure S5.** Effect of adsorbent dosage on Cr(VI) removal by Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/CNT-IL.  $C_{[Cr(VI)]} = 2.0 \text{ mg L}^{-1}$ , temperature =25 °C, contact time=12 h, pH=3.00 ± 0.05



**Figure S6.** Adsorption-desorption cycle of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/CNT-IL for Cr(VI) Temperature =25  $^{\circ}$ C, contact time =4 h, desorption reagent: 8 % hydrazine hydrate