

Supporting Information (SI)

How does zinc oxide and zero valent iron nanoparticles impact the occurrence of antibiotic resistance genes in landfill leachate?

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Table S1 Characteristics of leachate used in NPs exposure studies

	Leachate	
	M	O
PH	8.7(0.08)	9.0 (0.12)
EC (ms/cm)	28.3(0.6)	15.1(0.2)
DOC	9667(447)	1417(57)
TN (mg/L)	5805(145)	4943(206)
NH₄⁺-N (mg/L)	3040(158)	1304(49)
TP(mg/L)	43.9 (9.6)	20.6 (6.7)
Zn²⁺(mg/L)	0.13(0.01)	0.04(0.01)
Fe²⁺(mg/L)	0.68(0.05)	0.64(0.04)

The letters “M” and “O” represented the middle-aged and old-aged leachate, respectively. Values in the brackets represent standard deviations of triplicate tests.

Table S2 Primers and PCR conditions for ARG analyses

Targeted genes	Amplicon length (bp)	Primer sequences (5' – 3')	Linearity (R ²) Efficiency (%)
<i>sul1</i>	172	FW CACCGGAAACATCGCTGCA	0.99
		RV AAGTTCCGCCCAAGGCT	94
<i>sul2</i>	165	FW CTCCGATGGAGGCCGGTAT	0.99
		RV GGAATGCCATCTGCCTTGA	92
<i>aadA1</i>	195	FW AGCTAAGCGGAACTGCAAT	0.99
		RV TGGCTCGAAGATACCTGCAA	96
<i>strB</i>	185	FW GCTCGGTCGTGAGAACAATCT	0.99
		RV CAATTCGGTCGCCTGGTAGT	99
<i>ermB</i>	139	FW AAAACTTACCCGCCATAC CA	0.99
		RV TTTGGCGTGTTCATTGC TT	97
<i>mefA</i>	186	FW ATACCCCAG CACTCAATTCG	0.99
		RV CAATCACAGCACCCA ATACG	95
<i>tetM</i>	205	FW CCGTTGGGAAGTGGAATGC	0.99
		RV TCCGAAAATCTGCTGGGGTA	91
<i>tetQ</i>	196	FW AGAATCTGCTGTTTGCCAGTG	0.99
		RV CGGAGTGTCAATGATATTGCA	95
<i>bla_{CTX-M}</i>	211	FW ATGTGCAGYACCAGTAARGTKATGGC	0.99
		RV ATCACKCGGRTCGCCNNGGRAT	105
<i>bla_{OXA}</i>	195	FW CGGATGGTTTGAAGGGTTTATTAT	0.99
		RV TCTTGGCTTTTATGCTTGATGTAA	95
<i>Int1</i>	190	FW GGCTTCGTGATGCCTGCTT	0.99
		RV CATTCTGGCCGTGGTTCT	105
<i>Int2</i>	143	FW GTTATTTTATTGCTGGGATTAGGC	0.99
		RV TTTTACGCTGCTGTATGGTGC	97

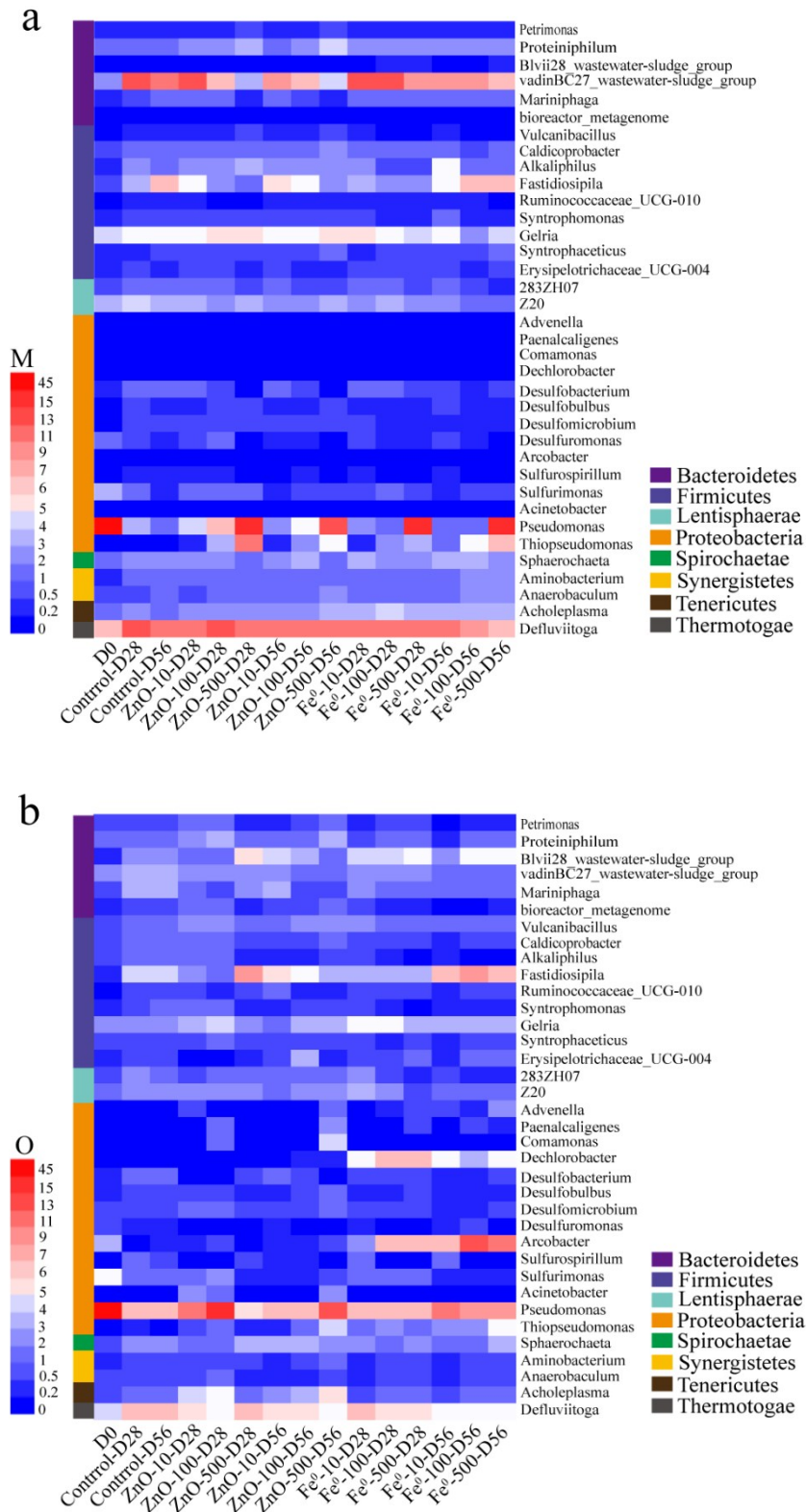


Figure S1 Relative abundance of bacteria at genera level in middle-aged (a) and old-aged (b) leachate with ZnO and Fe⁰ NPs. Genera of any one sample with greater than 1% abundance are listed.

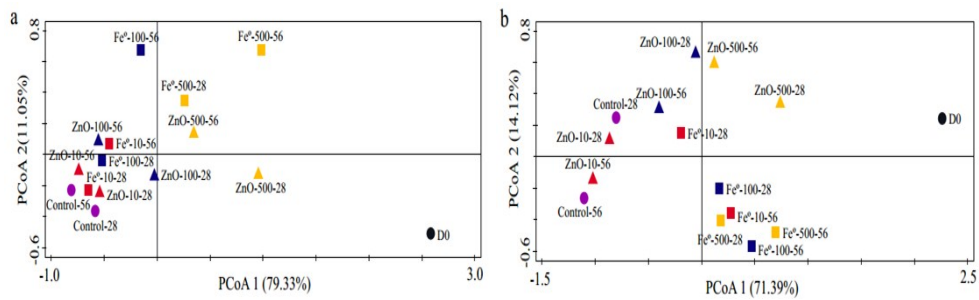


Figure S2 Principal coordinate analysis (PCoA) based on the Bray-Curtis distance showing the overall distribution of bacterial community composition in leachate with ZnO NPs (a) and Fe⁰ NPs (b).

Table S3 Spearman correlations between absolute ARG and MGE abundances in leachate with ZnO and Fe⁰ NPs.

	ZnO NPs		Fe ⁰ NPs	
	<i>intl1</i>	<i>intl2</i>	<i>intl1</i>	<i>intl2</i>
<i>sul1</i>	0.623**	0.626**	0.724**	0.650**
<i>sul2</i>	0.768**	0.359**	0.790**	0.435**
<i>aadA1</i>	0.775**	0.652**	0.781**	0.530**
<i>strB</i>	0.707**	0.498**	0.686**	0.609**
<i>ermB</i>	0.032	0.360**	0.025	0.385**
<i>mefA</i>	-0.027	0.602**	-0.051	0.683**
<i>tetM</i>	0.006	0.258*	0.006	0.594**
<i>tetQ</i>	0.052	0.310*	0.126	0.726**
<i>bla_{OXA}</i>	0.366*	-0.407**	0.417**	-0.533**
<i>bla_{CTX-M}</i>	-0.092	0.235*	-0.172	0.484**

Values represent the correlation coefficient *R*-values derived from the Spearman correlation analysis. Significance levels are indicated: **p* < 0.05, ***p* < 0.01, and ****p* < 0.001.

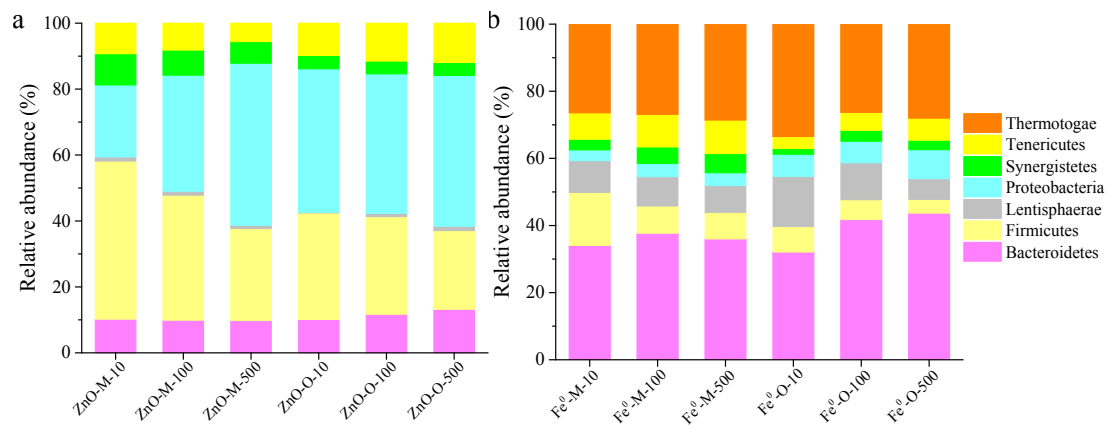


Figure S3 The relative abundances of potential ARG-associated host bacteria at phylum level in middle-aged (M) and old-aged (O) leachate with ZnO NPs (a) and Fe⁰ NPs (b).

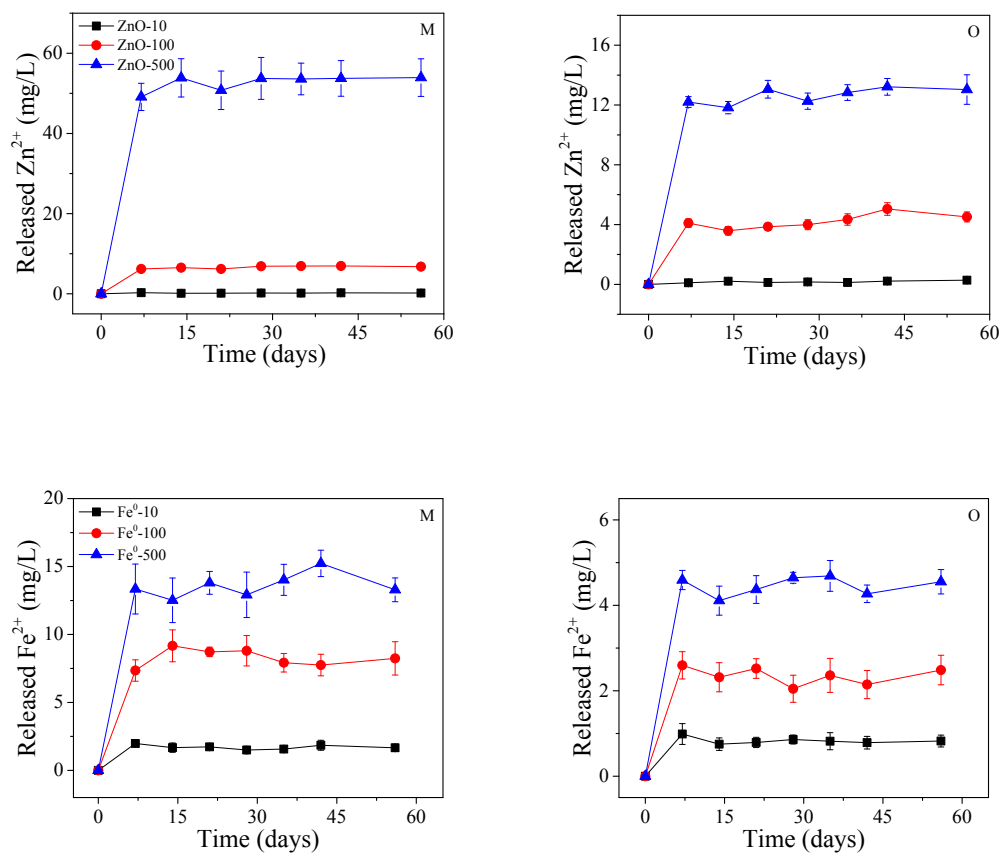
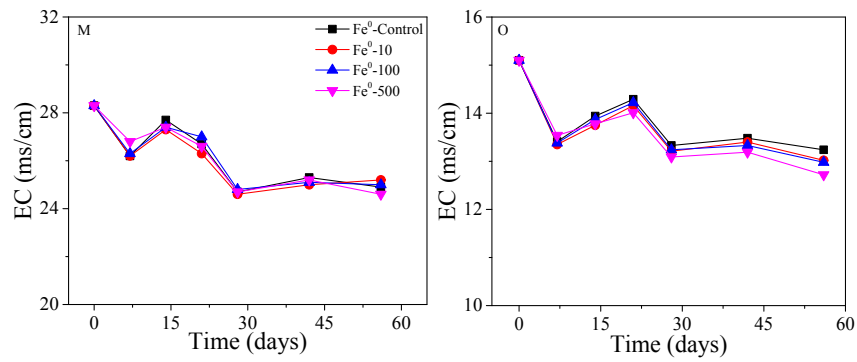
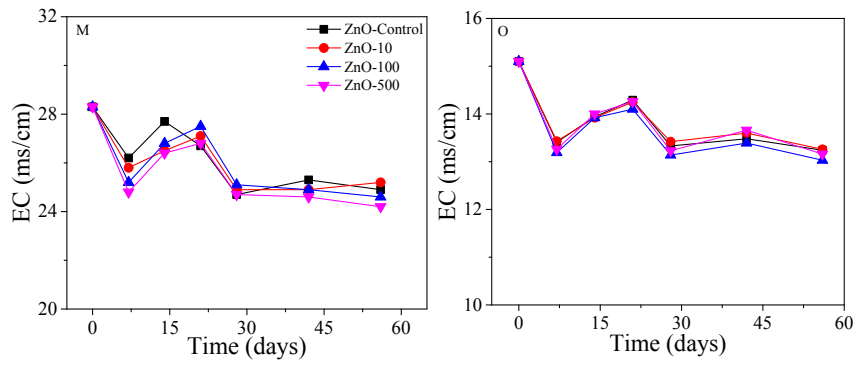
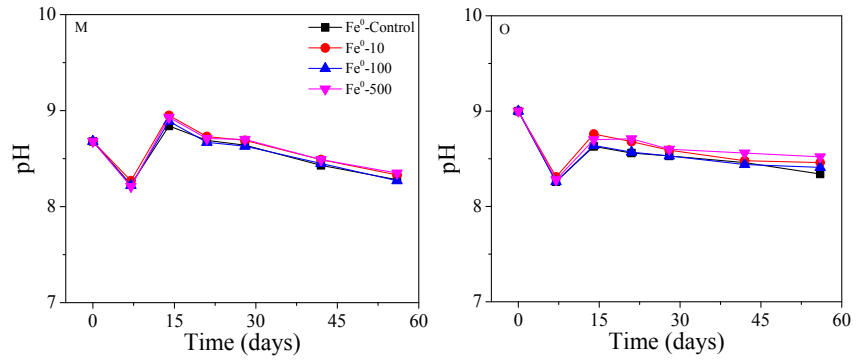
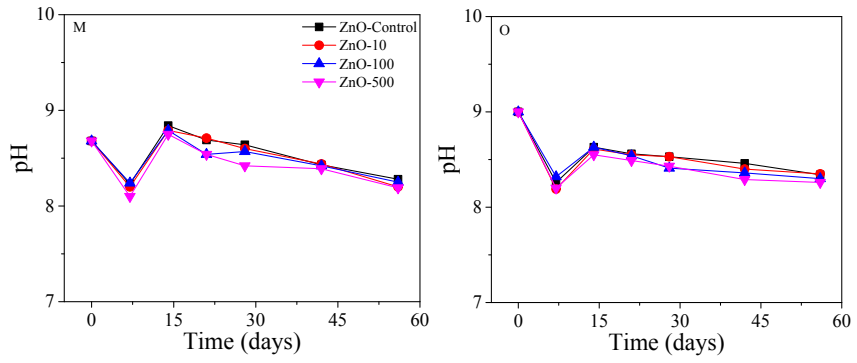


Figure S4 Changes of released ion concentrations from ZnO and Fe⁰ NPs in middle-aged (M) and old-aged (O) leachate. Error bars represent one standard deviation of the mean from triplicate measurements.



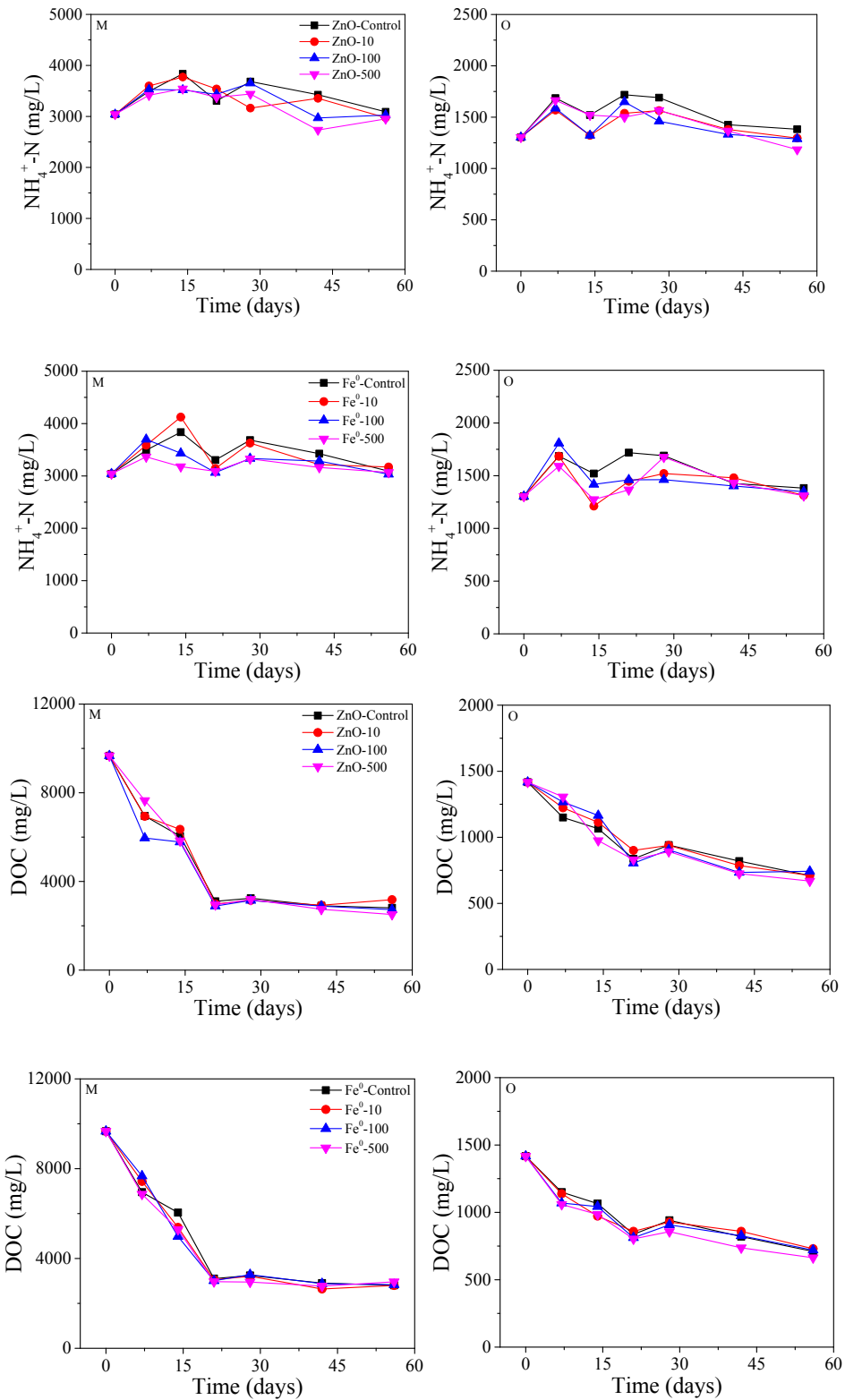


Figure S5 Changes of physicochemical properties (including pH, EC, $\text{NH}_4^+\text{-N}$, and DOC) in middle-aged (M) and old-aged (O) leachate with ZnO and Fe^0 NPs. The values represent average amounts of triplicate tests.