

Supplementary information

Toxicity assessment of coal ash after 50 years of weathering: integration of multielement analysis and biological endpoints

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Table S1. pH of eluates before and after pH adjustment.

Landfill	Sample	Type	Initial pH	pH after correction
Plaški (LP)	LP3	Bare	8.3	6.8
	LP10	Bare	7.3	6.9
	LP1	Veg.	6.5	-
	LP5	Veg.	6.5	-
	LP8	Soil	7.7	6.8
	LP9	Soil	6.8	-
Štrmac (LŠ)	LŠ8	Bare	13.5	6.8
	LŠ11	Bare	13.2	6.7
	LŠ5	Veg.	8.1	6.9
	LŠ4	Veg.	7.4	6.7
	LŠ1	Soil	8.1	6.9
	LŠ7	Soil	6.7	-
Unweathered CCR	FA	Fly ash	11.9	6.5
	BA	Bottom ash	13.1	6.9

Table S2. Total concentration of major oxides measured in weathered coal ash and soil samples from the Štrmac locality (wt%).

	Al ₂ O ₃	CaO	Fe ₂ O ₃	K ₂ O	MgO	MnO	Na ₂ O	P ₂ O ₅	SO ₃	TiO ₂
Soil samples										
LŠ1 ₁	9.68	13.6	4.17	1.40	1.41	0.17	0.50	0.14	0.25	0.61
LŠ1 ₂	8.35	18.1	4.95	1.31	1.23	0.16	0.45	0.11	0.42	0.52
LŠ1 ₃	8.82	16.8	5.51	1.15	1.08	0.15	0.39	0.11	0.30	0.53
LŠ2 ₁	8.07	8.00	3.19	0.84	0.70	0.13	0.27	0.13	0.50	0.56
LŠ2 ₂	8.60	6.66	3.41	0.77	0.68	0.13	0.25	0.12	0.39	0.61
LŠ7	7.23	19.6	10.8	0.07	1.89	0.03	0.10	0.06	32.2	0.35
Bare weathered ash										
LŠ8 ₁	3.86	33.5	2.25	0.06	2.55	0.01	0.07	0.03	10.4	0.21
LŠ8 ₂	3.17	32.4	1.60	0.07	2.01	0.01	0.06	0.02	11.6	0.18
LŠ8 ₃	3.01	33.3	1.65	0.07	1.96	0.01	0.06	0.02	13.0	0.16
LŠ9 ₁	3.01	28.6	2.22	0.06	1.79	0.01	0.06	0.02	15.3	0.16
LŠ9 ₂	2.84	33.7	1.86	0.05	1.75	0.01	0.04	0.02	15.6	0.16
LŠ9 ₃	2.80	30.7	1.80	0.04	2.07	0.01	0.03	0.02	12.2	0.15
LŠ10 ₁	3.24	34.8	1.89	0.05	2.06	0.01	0.05	0.02	12.9	0.17
LŠ10 ₂	3.27	32.7	1.96	0.06	2.03	0.01	0.07	0.02	14.6	0.18
LŠ10 ₃	3.63	33.7	2.14	0.06	2.04	0.01	0.07	0.02	14.4	0.19
LŠ11 ₁	4.61	30.5	3.00	0.06	5.31	0.01	0.09	0.03	11.0	0.26
LŠ11 ₂	3.30	33.9	2.17	0.05	2.84	0.01	0.07	0.03	14.2	0.19
LŠ11 ₃	3.37	36.4	2.22	0.07	2.56	0.01	0.08	0.03	10.7	0.21
Weathered ash with vegetation										
LŠ3 ₁	2.70	43.4	1.36	0.06	0.68	0.01	0.04	0.03	2.74	0.15
LŠ3 ₂	3.46	43.5	1.75	0.04	0.93	0.01	0.01	0.02	1.60	0.21
LŠ3 ₃	3.34	44.4	1.72	0.04	0.99	0.01	0.01	0.03	1.38	0.21
LŠ4 ₁	2.61	40.7	1.70	0.07	0.91	0.01	0.02	0.03	4.03	0.15
LŠ4 ₂	2.05	45.9	1.40	0.04	0.93	0.01	0.02	0.02	1.87	0.12
LŠ4 ₃	2.73	44.8	1.67	0.06	1.16	0.01	0.03	0.03	1.36	0.15
LŠ5 ₁	3.90	30.7	2.29	0.38	1.29	0.05	0.29	0.22	2.86	0.20
LŠ5 ₂	3.55	33.6	2.14	0.33	1.23	0.06	0.26	0.20	2.40	0.20
LŠ5 ₃	4.13	31.2	4.00	0.33	1.45	0.06	0.26	0.22	2.91	0.22
LŠ6 ₁	2.22	42.3	1.70	0.05	1.83	0.01	0.05	0.06	3.54	0.12
LŠ6 ₂	2.38	39.1	1.76	0.06	1.82	0.01	0.05	0.05	3.93	0.13
LŠ6 ₃	2.30	40.7	1.64	0.06	1.67	0.01	0.05	0.04	3.48	0.12

Table S3. Total concentration of major oxides measured in weathered coal ash and soil samples from the Plaški locality (wt%).

	Al ₂ O ₃	CaO	Fe ₂ O ₃	K ₂ O	MgO	MnO	Na ₂ O	P ₂ O ₅	SO ₃	TiO ₂
Soil samples										
LP8 ₁	13.1	10.8	6.53	0.87	1.71	0.04	0.18	0.09	1.51	0.50
LP8 ₂	12.6	10.8	7.14	0.87	1.31	0.12	0.24	0.10	1.46	0.49
LP8 ₃	14.0	10.7	6.90	1.01	1.64	0.06	0.25	0.12	1.32	0.53
LP9	16.1	8.76	7.50	1.07	1.69	0.04	0.20	0.09	1.57	0.58
Bare weathered ash										
LP10 ₁	9.99	25.9	5.39	0.45	1.72	0.03	0.26	0.16	1.33	0.37
LP11	12.0	20.1	5.34	0.51	1.55	0.02	0.10	0.15	1.63	0.45
LP3 ₁	11.4	18.7	8.29	0.68	2.57	0.05	0.40	0.12	3.83	0.43
LP3 ₂	8.18	18.0	5.90	0.47	1.82	0.03	0.25	0.09	4.24	0.33
LP3 ₃	10.8	17.5	7.39	0.82	2.31	0.05	0.39	0.10	3.74	0.42
LP3 ₄	9.15	25.4	6.32	0.50	2.18	0.04	0.41	0.11	3.70	0.39
LP7 ₁	8.36	23.4	5.06	0.48	1.51	0.03	0.23	0.10	1.56	0.34
LP7 ₁	9.87	21.4	4.86	0.53	1.76	0.03	0.23	0.08	1.35	0.36
LP7 ₂	9.14	24.9	4.81	0.42	1.58	0.02	0.17	0.08	1.21	0.34
LP7 ₃	9.58	28.7	5.28	0.47	1.79	0.03	0.23	0.10	1.27	0.37
Weathered ash with vegetation (<i>*in between – a bare sample with few pioneer plants</i>)										
LP1 ₂ *	11.7	22.5	7.50	0.66	2.39	0.04	0.25	0.13	1.29	0.47
LP1 ₅ *	11.3	21.6	7.37	0.63	2.25	0.04	0.25	0.12	1.13	0.45
LP1 ₆ *	12.6	21.1	7.18	0.72	2.32	0.04	0.27	0.13	1.14	0.48
LP4 ₁	12.3	17.8	7.14	0.71	1.86	0.03	0.17	0.13	1.01	0.46
LP4 ₂	10.8	23.5	5.20	0.48	1.52	0.03	0.13	0.09	1.24	0.38
LP4 ₃	11.0	20.5	5.86	0.52	1.64	0.02	0.19	0.09	1.15	0.42
LP4 ₄	10.9	19.6	6.04	0.51	1.72	0.03	0.17	0.11	1.15	0.43
LP5 ₂	14.1	18.1	6.47	0.65	1.62	0.03	0.13	0.10	1.00	0.50
LP5 ₃	14.2	18.9	7.12	0.64	1.77	0.03	0.13	0.13	1.13	0.50
LP5 ₄	13.2	18.3	6.83	0.66	1.72	0.03	0.12	0.10	1.03	0.49
LP5 ₅	13.6	19.3	6.73	0.62	1.65	0.04	0.11	0.10	1.09	0.49
LP6 ₁	14.1	13.3	6.75	0.85	1.57	0.03	0.15	0.14	0.97	0.52
LP6 ₂	14.1	17.0	6.95	0.75	1.72	0.03	0.14	0.12	0.98	0.51
LP6 ₃	11.3	20.6	6.35	0.51	1.61	0.03	0.12	0.10	1.32	0.45
LP6 ₄	13.5	21.0	6.76	0.59	1.75	0.03	0.14	0.11	1.10	0.51

Table S4. Total concentration of trace elements measured in weathered coal ash and soil samples from the Štrmac locality (mg kg⁻¹).

	Essential micronutrients				Non-essential and beneficial										Non-essential and toxic									
	Cu	Mo	Ni	Zn	Ba	Ce	Co	Cs	Li	Rb	Sc	Se	Sr	V	As	Be	Bi	Cd	Cr	Pb	Sb	Sn	Tl	U
Limit of detection (LOD)																								
	0.5	0.15	0.6	2	0.5	0.002	0.05	0.002	0.15	0.05	0.6	0.05	0.6	0.05	0.5	0.01	0.002	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.15	0.01	0.05	0.05
Soil samples																								
LŠ1 ₁	74.8	1.52	101	108	334	56.4	19.8	6.34	46.4	103	11.2	10.3	251	131	7.38	1.68	1.88	0.22	142	29.1	0.93	3.88	0.61	3.89
LŠ1 ₂	45.4	2.39	94.9	165	320	50.6	18.6	5.39	40.7	87.1	9.48	49.8	260	122	8.50	1.44	0.40	0.30	128	38.3	1.52	3.61	0.55	3.81
LŠ1 ₃	48.8	2.59	92.4	141	303	55.1	18.5	5.98	43.7	89.3	9.60	23.3	282	135	14.6	1.73	0.43	0.51	137	63.0	1.47	3.75	0.71	3.41
LŠ2 ₁	308	3.66	60.4	540	234	67.8	15.1	5.15	37.3	70.6	8.56	64.1	133	147	11.6	1.81	0.49	1.31	110	66.5	1.50	7.38	0.98	4.17
LŠ2 ₂	360	3.53	67.6	510	240	69.7	15.5	5.48	38.9	73.6	8.97	5.44	119	153	12.6	1.95	0.53	1.16	117	70.2	1.78	7.13	1.02	3.67
LŠ7	130	88.7	302	369	158	69.7	40.9	0.43	43.7	7.99	12.5	8.23	850	602	115	4.45	0.18	8.20	156	38.9	17.8	8.26	0.83	107
Bare weathered ash																								
LŠ8 ₁	163	41.8	59.0	15.8	172	25.2	5.95	0.62	21.7	3.54	5.96	10.6	580	216	6.82	1.48	0.05	bdl	121	5.14	0.43	1.59	0.11	36.7
LŠ8 ₂	67.0	30.7	44.8	24.3	97.3	20.4	4.78	0.77	25.	4.00	4.87	10.2	604	154	5.02	1.24	0.03	bdl	98.3	3.52	0.45	1.33	0.11	23.9
LŠ8 ₃	188	33.6	45.8	11.1	105	21.4	4.74	0.74	20.6	3.93	4.86	10.0	558	154	6.21	1.28	0.03	bdl	88.1	3.62	0.42	1.16	0.11	25.9
LŠ9 ₁	47.7	36.3	55.6	21.1	100	20.2	5.54	0.62	20.6	3.53	4.76	16.6	650	231	14.6	1.15	0.10	0.53	91.4	6.61	0.78	1.64	0.75	44.4
LŠ9 ₂	74.9	40.5	50.5	19.7	93.9	20.1	4.87	0.55	16.6	3.34	4.71	14.4	697	223	7.90	1.16	0.03	bdl	88.8	2.95	0.39	1.00	0.14	44.2
LŠ9 ₃	45.3	37.5	50.7	11.0	90.1	17.8	5.02	0.42	13.2	2.58	4.21	9.49	543	190	6.12	1.00	0.02	bdl	76.0	3.72	0.35	0.92	0.11	40.7
LŠ10 ₁	57.0	35.6	45.3	8.92	101	22.2	5.09	0.54	21.0	3.12	5.13	12.0	689	193	7.07	1.08	0.03	bdl	96.5	2.43	0.43	1.02	0.15	30.9
LŠ10 ₂	65.0	32.7	47.8	15.0	129	23.0	5.33	0.59	23.9	3.42	5.14	33.2	778	183	6.60	1.12	0.03	bdl	97.6	4.75	0.51	1.25	0.13	30.7
LŠ10 ₃	44.3	36.9	54.8	16.4	132	25.2	5.85	0.61	25.0	3.55	5.85	13.1	869	217	7.32	1.23	0.04	bdl	101	4.16	0.57	1.24	0.13	34.1
LŠ11 ₁	67.8	56.0	84.3	15.3	105	36.7	7.38	0.58	29.8	3.63	7.99	10.2	964	282	11.0	1.70	0.04	0.30	127	6.40	0.55	1.47	0.19	71.6
LŠ11 ₂	70.2	38.8	65.8	23.9	115	26.9	5.49	0.52	20.5	3.01	6.17	6.09	997	227	7.79	1.31	0.03	0.08	100	6.56	0.40	1.23	0.13	56.4
LŠ11 ₃	69.4	33.0	64.3	16.7	90.3	28.2	5.36	0.54	22.7	3.50	6.38	63.5	1115	220	7.45	1.30	0.03	0.05	98.8	6.48	0.40	1.23	0.12	55.2
Weathered ash with vegetation																								
LŠ3 ₁	63.7	3.25	42.2	49.3	43.8	12.1	4.17	0.45	8.91	2.83	2.87	5.91	732	205	5.22	0.73	0.04	0.45	72.6	12.3	0.53	2.35	0.12	14.8
LŠ3 ₂	67.6	3.10	42.9	41.7	41.4	13.4	4.34	0.51	9.54	3.12	3.02	7.14	710	209	4.87	0.77	0.04	0.42	79.2	10.9	0.55	2.06	0.13	16.6
LŠ3 ₃	63.8	2.88	40.9	37.1	42.6	14.1	4.18	0.51	9.35	3.18	3.06	7.85	725	205	4.97	0.75	0.04	0.37	80.1	10.8	0.50	2.45	0.15	20.0
LŠ4 ₁	511	5.80	48.2	1860	228	24.1	6.80	1.76	17.9	24.5	4.70	5.61	434	105	8.82	0.96	0.35	1.15	76.1	140	2.22	14.9	0.38	9.56
LŠ4 ₂	734	6.14	46.9	1691	215	22.5	6.88	1.55	18.1	22.1	4.33	3.67	426	103	8.30	0.95	0.34	1.25	83.2	98.0	2.35	32.3	0.34	10.4
LŠ4 ₃	1822	8.90	60.8	2012	289	25.6	8.61	1.68	20.8	23.3	5.05	5.38	510	136	15.2	1.17	0.34	1.22	82.7	142	7.11	38.4	0.36	13.1
LŠ5 ₁	25.4	24.1	52.2	48.8	42.3	16.3	5.59	0.45	13.7	4.17	3.33	48.8	363	86.4	18.3	0.80	0.20	1.00	48.0	14.4	1.37	2.08	0.53	14.4
LŠ5 ₂	17.63	19.23	44.4	29.3	38.4	13.7	4.41	0.35	10.6	3.06	2.86	8.04	382	81.9	17.7	0.63	0.14	1.05	35.7	9.65	1.19	1.96	0.58	14.7
LŠ5 ₃	21.19	22.48	53.4	143	46.4	17.0	5.29	0.61	14.2	3.60	3.46	8.33	413	101	21.7	0.72	0.17	2.26	43.0	14.6	1.53	1.67	1.55	18.1
LŠ6 ₁	18.98	29.66	41.8	28.7	29.4	13.8	4.61	0.37	14.5	3.54	2.71	8.64	373	57.3	17.6	0.62	0.19	0.67	44.2	12.8	1.14	1.67	0.37	9.41
LŠ6 ₂	47.53	32.90	50.1	29.0	27.9	17.0	5.92	0.31	17.4	2.29	3.26	8.17	352	62.0	21.6	0.71	0.26	0.68	54.7	14.2	1.45	1.80	0.39	11.7
LŠ6 ₃	27.82	32.98	49.1	29.5	43.8	17.0	5.56	0.31	18.1	2.27	3.21	9.16	349	64.7	20.9	0.68	0.29	0.70	53.9	12.2	1.43	1.96	0.38	12.2

Table S5. Total concentration of trace elements measured in weathered coal ash and soil samples from the Plaški locality (mg kg⁻¹).

	Essential micronutrients				Non-essential and beneficial										Non-essential and toxic									
	Cu	Mo	Ni	Zn	Ba	Ce	Co	Cs	Li	Rb	Sc	Se	Sr	V	As	Be	Bi	Cd	Cr	Pb	Sb	Sn	Tl	U
Soil samples																								
LP8 ₁	117	17.2	552	96.1	306	41.8	26.4	13.0	61.3	65.8	17.7	15.58	270	253	89.2	2.02	0.23	0.57	375	17.4	2.48	3.05	0.66	30.1
LP8 ₂	91.5	14.2	410	61.9	322	39.5	23.8	11.1	53.3	61.3	14.8	7.91	253	201	21.1	2.00	0.10	0.28	273	9.29	1.87	1.58	0.33	23.6
LP8 ₃	92.9	12.8	325	60.3	415	41.8	22.7	13.2	58.7	70.1	17.5	2.87	261	218	21.1	2.04	0.09	0.26	296	8.33	2.10	1.66	0.31	20.2
LP9	128	12.4	806	75.1	273	46.9	47.0	19.1	58.3	74.3	19.5	2.22	240	223	37.0	2.38	0.14	0.35	488	13.8	2.10	2.91	0.47	17.3
Bare weathered ash																								
LP10 ₁	84.4	27.2	640	41.4	302	29.5	34.2	10.9	36.9	45.6	15.1	17.05	546	218	22.4	1.65	0.07	0.20	433	4.98	1.17	2.32	0.14	30.5
LP11	120	38.8	334	60.1	223	38.7	20.0	9.74	50.9	49.7	14.2	6.18	446	287	26.8	1.61	0.12	0.39	275	10.7	1.60	1.96	0.42	64.0
LP3 ₁	116	54.8	1074	70.8	450	36.9	40.0	15.6	56.1	48.0	17.6	4.36	573	261	107	1.75	3.19	0.46	633	14.5	2.07	3.15	0.46	64.4
LP3 ₂	77.9	40.4	797	66.0	376	25.2	30.0	6.03	33.7	23.8	13.1	1.73	376	228	64.8	1.15	0.14	0.37	464	10.0	2.01	2.09	0.32	43.2
LP3 ₃	107	30.9	1133	75.3	261	30.0	40.5	9.66	51.5	56.0	17.4	2.47	383	224	81.0	1.37	0.30	0.38	689	14.7	1.97	2.30	0.38	34.0
LP3 ₄	101	51.4	607	53.3	284	26.0	28.7	5.67	39.5	31.1	13.8	1.92	648	254	56.0	1.36	0.11	0.35	434	9.70	1.47	2.24	0.20	41.8
LP7 ₁	79.1	25.1	422	42.9	219	28.5	22.1	7.44	37.3	41.5	10.8	2.84	469	238	23.0	1.19	0.07	0.22	272	8.19	1.53	1.25	0.21	45.1
LP7 ₁	74.3	29.1	407	52.2	228	30.6	22.7	9.33	37.9	46.4	12.7	6.70	439	249	21.0	1.30	0.09	0.26	293	11.0	1.12	1.31	0.21	47.5
LP7 ₂	75.9	30.8	390	49.3	213	28.9	22.5	6.74	31.6	38.1	11.9	2.38	399	247	20.1	1.32	0.17	0.19	285	6.49	1.19	2.55	0.19	49.1
LP7 ₃	79.2	35.2	442	41.3	239	30.9	24.7	7.85	34.4	42.0	13.0	2.17	492	245	20.1	1.33	0.12	0.19	300	15.3	1.31	2.38	0.17	50.8
Weathered ash with vegetation (*in between – a bare sample with few pioneer plants)																								
LP1 ₂ *	112	36.1	786	73.1	332	38.2	34.2	10.2	49.6	48.9	15.8	3.29	506	306	66.5	1.70	0.14	0.43	529	12.9	1.89	1.71	0.38	52.9
LP1 ₅ *	103	37.8	825	59.2	347	36.1	35.3	10.6	47.3	49.4	15.8	3.28	489	288	66.0	1.71	0.26	0.38	551	13.9	1.81	1.71	0.38	51.8
LP1 ₆ *	108	35.4	818	127.8	348	39.9	35.0	11.8	52.6	55.4	16.0	2.39	496	300	64.4	1.75	0.16	0.47	558	15.7	1.98	2.09	0.42	55.4
LP4 ₁	111	31.3	563	69.9	254	38.3	30.1	12.2	45.0	58.3	16.1	3.92	356	275	34.8	1.71	0.13	0.36	393	15.1	1.65	2.86	0.45	56.5
LP4 ₂	92.9	26.0	435	60.1	225	31.7	22.3	9.66	38.4	41.0	13.7	3.39	404	290	31.7	1.35	0.10	0.34	346	15.7	1.54	2.81	0.47	44.8
LP4 ₃	100	29.9	441	97.2	222	33.2	24.2	8.98	38.7	41.9	12.6	3.17	378	313	23.7	1.44	0.10	0.26	330	9.08	1.35	1.51	0.34	48.7
LP4 ₄	91.2	30.1	458	41.8	234	34.2	25.0	10.0	39.7	44.7	12.8	3.55	380	294	26.0	1.58	0.07	0.30	341	9.62	1.52	1.39	0.40	50.8
LP5 ₂	156	24.3	602	60.2	236	43.5	26.5	14.1	52.7	55.9	17.0	1.61	356	284	41.2	2.03	0.11	0.41	384	15.0	1.98	1.92	0.43	37.7
LP5 ₃	115	28.6	579	70.5	317	42.0	31.1	13.0	54.2	53.9	17.9	2.67	373	279	33.4	1.97	0.10	0.33	392	10.8	1.97	2.80	0.35	46.3
LP5 ₄	112	29.0	535	51.6	232	40.4	27.4	13.1	52.3	54.4	15.0	3.16	368	273	36.5	1.93	2.63	0.38	392	10.5	2.03	1.66	0.35	45.3
LP5 ₅	119	24.3	531	62.1	234	40.6	27.7	13.3	51.9	54.3	17.9	2.24	354	279	41.5	1.90	0.14	0.32	392	11.6	2.16	2.22	0.38	41.9
LP6 ₁	125	24.0	535	77.2	261	41.8	28.5	15.5	55.3	69.4	17.0	2.42	300	252	41.0	1.91	0.19	0.55	408	20.7	1.93	2.02	0.57	37.2
LP6 ₂	132	31.3	510	54.0	229	40.9	27.3	14.1	55.4	61.2	16.3	3.77	339	272	37.7	1.92	0.10	0.39	379	13.8	1.83	1.82	0.39	43.4
LP6 ₃	108	31.2	511	46.5	211	36.2	26.4	9.55	42.6	40.9	13.7	4.24	359	274	32.3	1.61	0.10	0.36	362	9.35	1.28	1.45	0.32	49.8
LP6 ₄	137	33.6	500	56.1	239	40.6	26.7	10.8	50.8	49.4	16.9	2.34	378	306	31.5	1.84	0.11	0.35	382	10.2	1.64	2.24	0.33	52.7
Unweathered bottom and fly ash (n.m. = not measured)																								
BA	56.5	29.9	75.9	31.7	47.5	n.m.	4.53	4.53	10.6	151	n.m.	2.73	946	523	7.68	0.52	0.06	0.17	129	2.07	1.48	1.07	0.13	106
FA	48.1	56.7	89.6	51.0	27.4	n.m.	5.20	5.20	18.5	860	n.m.	43.1	1353	727	24.2	0.99	0.24	1.12	162	17.2	2.38	1.99	1.75	137

	LOD	Negative control		Štrmac samples						Plaški samples						Unweathered	
		1	2	LŠ1	LŠ7	LŠ8	LŠ11	LŠ5	LŠ4	LP8	LP9	LP3	LP10	LP1	LP5	FA	BA
Essential nutrients																	
Ca*	0.002	96.6	100	40.0	617	443	992	29.8	43.6	30.8	28.9	407	58.2	42.2	27.9	639	1105
Cu	0.02	11.0	3.75	10.3	bdl	11.4	22.1	3.46	54.9	1.39	0.25	2.53	7.40	4.59	5.11	0.93	7.49
Fe	0.02	78.3	0.43	132	65.9	266	27.7	191	119	38.4	17.0	21.2	33.8	35.9	34.4	18.9	25.5
K*	0.002	2.95	3.00	3.82	0.87	7.30	2.17	0.55	86.1	1.43	1.01	14.2	6.30	3.23	4.45	118	13.9
Mg*	0.002	23.4	22.3	2.79	4.55	0.08	0.07	1.37	2.02	0.95	1.44	86.4	5.86	2.41	0.73	0.24	0.18
Mn	0.008	3.27	0.88	6.95	13.1	2.94	2.56	8.48	5.25	0.30	0.10	7.65	0.52	1.61	bdl	bdl	1.29
Mo	0.002	0.27	0.24	8.37	177	58.5	356	6.79	3.45	4.70	3.28	1235	68.5	24.90	6.75	447	481
Ni	0.02	15.2	0.58	42.4	42.2	27.9	32.9	35.8	132	13.7	11.4	36.4	22.3	33.9	15.0	17.1	29.1
Zn	0.03	334	253	40.1	10.9	5.37	176	8.25	97.4	42.8	0.69	11.3	11.3	22.6	10.2	8.70	281
Non-essential and beneficial																	
Ba	0.002	70.2	59.1	23.8	27.5	93.6	150	9.60	40.2	3.32	2.01	20.9	9.72	5.84	1.74	46.8	167
Co	0.002	0.02	0.05	0.18	0.15	0.09	0.11	0.12	0.08	0.07	0.04	0.19	0.05	0.02	0.10	bdl	0.03
Cs	0.002	bdl	bdl	0.01	bdl	0.31	1.21	bdl	1.04	0.46	0.08	3.17	1.58	0.50	0.63	39.2	2.25
Li	0.003	1.39	1.12	bdl	14.6	3.35	24.0	bdl	bdl	4.44	5.76	126	42.7	13.3	4.76	129	76.4
Na*	0.002	24.9	26.1	1.98	1.78	0.265	2.79	0.69	1.54	0.82		61.6	1.18	2.53	0.12	580	93.4
Rb	0.002	0.58	0.54	1.42	2.22	1.51	13.6	0.74	10.9	7.51	3.07	39.7	27.7	10.4	8.20	360	23.6
Se	0.002	0.12	0.52	5.65	5.36	0.09	5.49	4.18	5.18	5.29	bdl	23.4	3.92	2.32	6.28	276	41.5
Sr	0.005	238	229	148	3865	1059	8261	57.5	158	73.8	51.2	1158	252	101	51.3	12780	9730
Ti	0.01	0.82	0.01	3.51	9.20	0.26	2.23	7.15	3.68	2.58	bdl	1.01	0.67	1.13	1.00	bdl	3.56
V	0.003	0.40	0.15	5.71	30.7	1.50	18.6	24.8	29.5	60.6	31.1	54.6	54.1	72.75	98.0	198	49.7
Non-essential and toxic																	
Al*	0.002	4.22	0.002	6.89	13.4	2.10	5.21	16.0	10.5	0.59	0.83	0.04	0.66	4.38	0.81	1.35	0.18
As	0.005	bdl	0.13	0.88	1.02	bdl	0.03	3.98	1.64	19.2	7.74	18.1	5.32	15.2	62.5	0.84	0.38
Be	0.006	0.12	bdl	0.36	0.15	bdl	0.36	bdl	0.11	0.34	0.16	0.25	0.57	0.20	0.32	0.19	0.26
Bi	0.002	0.10	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	0.01	bdl	bdl	bdl
Cd	0.002	0.07	0.01	0.08	1.77	0.49	2.67	0.10	0.16	0.05	0.02	9.83	0.53	0.19	0.06	3.78	4.14
Cr	0.08	0.84	0.19	1.53	2.39	3.05	15.2	4.55	2.91	0.79	0.86	0.21	1.81	2.19	0.79	32.8	642
Pb	0.002	4.63	0.31	3.84	0.12	1.67	2.40	4.79	3.44	3.31	0.20	73.8	1.75	0.06	0.13	2.89	5.36
Sb	0.004	0.06	0.06	0.08	0.93	bdl	bdl	0.22	0.99	0.29	0.54	1.94	0.73	0.78	0.66	0.17	bdl
Sn	0.008	2.52	0.21	0.86	1.11	0.30	0.26	1.38	1.39	1.64	bdl	2.69	0.65	0.89	0.85	1.06	2.95
Tl	0.002	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	2.85	bdl
U	0.002	0.80	0.87	1.41	277	0.15	0.13	3.49	5.68	3.47	3.65	97.3	15.6	23.3	5.13	1.64	0.41

Table S6. Concentration of elements measured in negative control, selected weathered coal ash eluates from the Štrmac and Plaški locality and in unweathered fly and bottom ash samples (in $\mu\text{g/L}$ or * mg/L). Note: *LOD* = limit of detection; *bdl* = below the detection limit

Table S7. Relative Mass Leached (%) of elements calculated for selected weathered coal ash eluates from the Štrmac and Plaški locality and in unweathered fly and bottom ash samples. Note: *bdl* = below the detection limit; *n.m.* = not measured total concentrations.

	Štrmac samples						Plaški samples						Unweathered	
	LŠ1	LŠ7	LŠ8	LŠ11	LŠ5	LŠ4	LP8	LP9	LP3	LP10	LP1	LP5	FA	BA
Essential nutrients														
Ca	0.41	4.39	1.85	4.55	0.10	0.20	0.40	0.46	3.04	0.31	0.26	0.22	n.m.	n.m.
Cu	0.14	bdl	0.07	0.33	0.14	0.11	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.09	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.13
Fe	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
K	0.33	1.60	13.5	4.18	0.97	27.4	0.20	0.12	2.49	1.68	0.59	0.83	n.m.	n.m.
Mg	0.33	0.40	0.01	0.01	0.25	0.26	0.09	0.14	5.57	0.57	0.17	0.08	n.m.	n.m.
Mn	0.01	0.07	0.04	0.03	0.08	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	bdl	0.01	0.04
Mo	5.51	1.99	1.40	6.36	0.28	0.60	0.27	0.26	22.5	2.52	0.69	0.28	7.90	16.1
Ni	0.42	0.14	0.47	0.39	0.69	2.75	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.19	0.38
Zn	0.37	0.03	0.34	11.5	0.17	0.05	0.45	0.01	0.16	0.27	0.31	0.17	0.17	8.87
Non-essential and beneficial														
Ba	0.07	0.17	0.54	1.43	0.23	0.18	0.01	0.01	0.05	0.03	0.02	0.01	1.70	3.51
Co	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.05	0.01	0.01	0.01	bdl	0.07
Cs	0.01	0.01	0.50	2.08	bdl	0.59	0.04	0.01	0.20	0.15	0.05	0.05	n.m.	n.m.
Li	bdl	0.33	0.15	0.81	bdl	bdl	0.07	0.10	2.25	1.16	0.27	0.09	7.03	7.24
Na	0.54	2.46	0.50	4.30	5.07	0.72	0.60	0.02	20.5	0.62	1.37	0.13	n.m.	n.m.
Rb	0.01	0.28	0.43	3.76	0.18	0.44	0.12	0.04	0.83	0.61	0.21	0.15	0.42	0.16
Se	0.55	0.65	0.01	0.54	0.09	0.92	0.34	bdl	5.37	0.23	0.70	3.91	6.42	15.2
Sr	0.59	4.55	1.83	8.57	0.16	0.36	0.27	0.21	2.02	0.46	0.20	0.14	9.45	10.3
Ti	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	bdl	0.01
V	0.04	0.05	0.01	0.07	0.29	0.28	0.24	0.14	0.21	0.25	0.24	0.35	0.27	0.10
Non-essential and toxic														
Al	0.13	0.35	0.10	0.21	1.15	0.51	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.07	0.01	0.10	0.02
As	0.12	0.01	bdl	0.01	0.22	0.19	0.22	0.21	0.17	0.24	0.23	1.52	0.04	0.05
Be	0.21	0.03	bdl	0.21	bdl	0.12	0.17	0.07	0.14	0.35	0.12	0.16	0.19	0.50
Bi	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	0.07	bdl	0.01	bdl
Cd	0.36	0.22	bdl	8.95	0.10	0.14	0.09	0.06	21.6	2.71	0.44	0.15	3.39	24.0
Cr	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.12	0.10	0.04	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.20	5.00
Pb	0.13	0.01	0.33	0.38	0.33	0.02	0.19	0.01	5.08	0.35	0.01	0.01	0.17	2.59
Sb	0.09	0.05	bdl	bdl	0.16	0.45	0.12	0.26	0.94	0.62	0.41	0.33	0.07	bdl
Sn	0.22	0.13	0.19	0.17	0.66	0.09	0.54	bdl	0.85	0.28	0.52	0.44	0.53	2.75
Tl	bdl	0.01	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	bdl	1.63	bdl
U	0.36	2.58	0.01	0.01	0.24	0.60	0.12	0.21	1.51	0.51	0.44	0.14	0.01	0.01

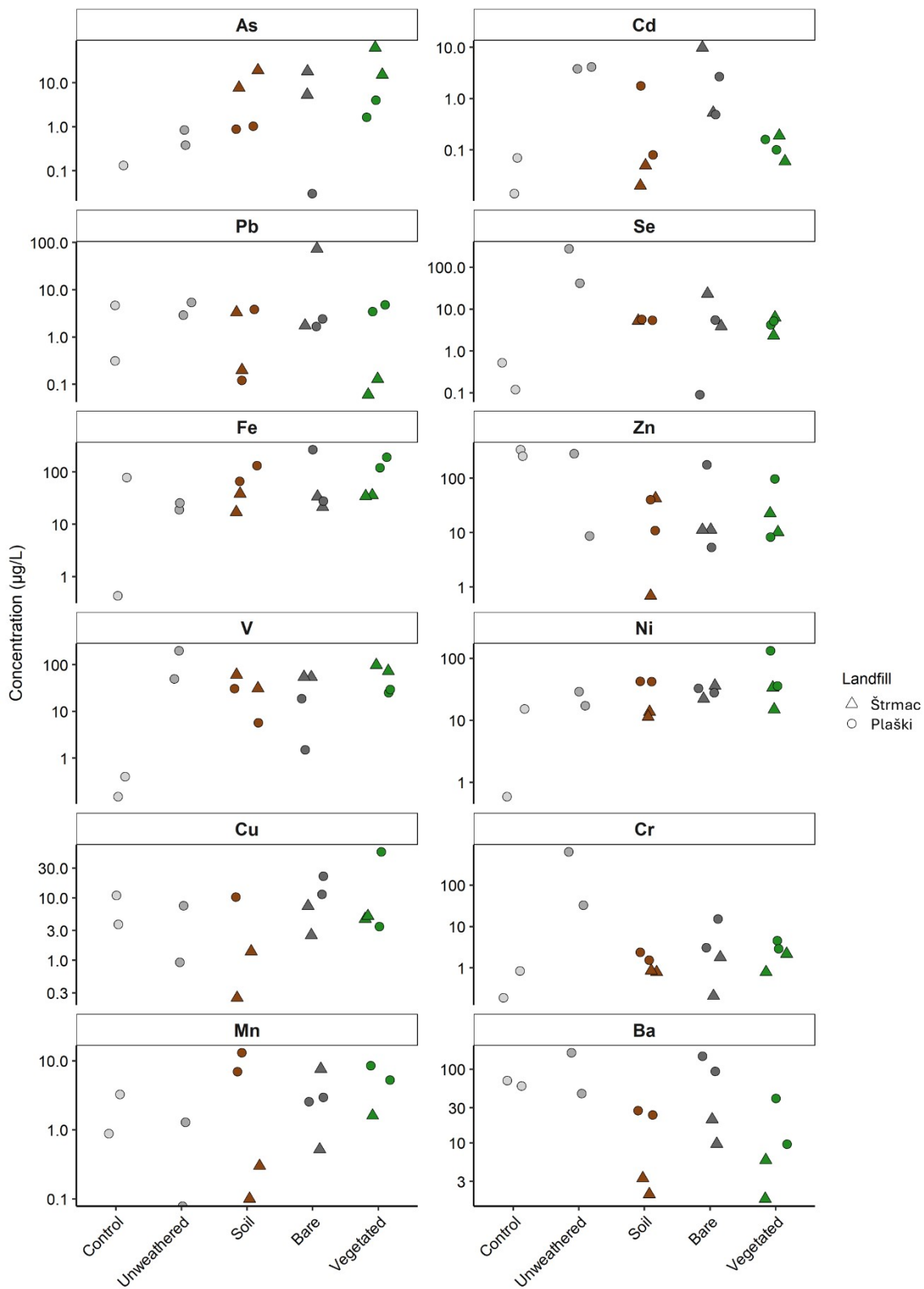


Figure S1. Concentration (log-scale) of selected elements in control, unweathered, soil, bare, and vegetated samples. Concentrations of all measured elements are in Supplementary material (Tab. S2 and 3).

Table S8. One-way ANOVA results for seed germination (SG), mitotic index (MI), and chromosomal aberrations (CA) in samples from the Štrmac and Plaški landfills. Degrees of freedom (df), F values, and p values are shown. Tukey's HSD test was applied when ANOVA indicated significant differences ($p < 0.05$).

Endpoint	Site	Phase	Treatments included	df_between	df_within	F	p-value
SG	Štrmac	Exposure	Cneg, LŠ1, LŠ4, LŠ5, LŠ7, LŠ8, LŠ11	6	21	6.38	0.001
	Plaški	Exposure	Cneg, LP1, LP3, LP5, LP8, LP9, LP10	6	21	17.4	<0.001
MI	Štrmac	Exposure	Cneg, LŠ1, LŠ7, LŠ5, LŠ4, LŠ8, LŠ11, FA, BA, Cpos	9	40	8.42	<0.001
	Plaški	Exposure	Cneg, LP8, LP9, LP5, LP1, LP3, LP10, Cpos	7	32	10.8	<0.001
	Štrmac	Recovery	Same as exposure (Štrmac)	9	40	1.60	0.147
	Plaški	Recovery	Same as exposure (Plaški)	7	32	1.69	0.147
CA	Štrmac	Exposure	Cneg, LŠ1, LŠ7, LŠ5, LŠ4, LŠ8, LŠ11, FA, BA, Cpos	9	40	6.74	<0.001
	Plaški	Exposure	Cneg, LP8, LP9, LP5, LP1, LP3, LP10, Cpos	7	32	4.41	0.002
	Štrmac	Recovery	Same as exposure (Štrmac)	9	40	3.01	0.008
	Plaški	Recovery	Same as exposure (Plaški)	7	32	1.27	0.299

Table S9. Percentage of observed disturbed phases and most common disturbances in Štrmac samples

	Total cells	Dividing cells	P	M	A	T	MI	Std. Err.	No. of Aberr.	CA	Std. Err.	Micronucl.	Polycentric phase	Lagging/Vagrant	Ana bridge	Spindle disturbance	Not centred phase	Stickiness	Doubled phase	Ring/rope Chrom.
Štrmac - Treatment																				
Cneg	6817	407	235	75	34	63	6.03	0.57	3	0.73	0.48		1		1					1
LŠ1	6204	280	136	62	36	46	4.53	0.51	2	0.78	0.48			1			1			
LŠ7	5651	148	67	40	22	19	2.67	0.19	36	24.2	2.27		1	10	2	12	1	6		4
LŠ8	5136	168	92	37	21	18	3.15	0.87	11	4.32	2.82			3	2	1	1	2		2
LŠ11	7063	208	103	50	32	23	3.06	0.55	30	14.6	4.47	1	2	8	2	9	2	5		1
LŠ5	5291	136	60	33	26	17	2.58	0.53	27	19.6	2.95	3	3	3		6		9		3
LŠ4	6403	224	131	55	18	20	3.65	0.53	26	11.6	1.37		2	5		10	1	5		3
Cpos	5527	20	10	8	0	2	0.35	0.16	1	5.56	5.56					1				
Štrmac – Recovery																				
Cneg	6707	359	215	78	40	26	5.36	0.17	10	3.10	0.44	1	3	4	1	1				
LŠ1	7894	265	158	50	27	30	3.71	0.85	14	3.59	3.05			4		4	1	2	1	2
LŠ7	6852	222	142	45	17	18	3.27	0.75	21	8.66	3.27		1	3	1	9	3		2	2
LŠ8	6977	348	179	86	36	47	5.10	0.35	26	7.82	2.62		3	7	5	6	3		1	1
LŠ11	6187	242	135	55	24	28	3.52	0.89	9	2.90	1.13		1	1				5		2
LŠ5	5971	221	121	52	25	23	3.73	1.00	15	4.58	2.13		1	4	1	5	1		1	2
LŠ4	8807	289	179	51	29	30	3.31	0.66	28	9.12	1.25	3	1	7	3	7	2	3	1	1
Cpos	6101	185	95	42	31	17	2.97	0.86	23	12.0	3.13		3	5	4	4	3	3	1	

Table S10. Percentage of observed disturbed phases and most common disturbances in Plaški samples

	Total cells	Dividing cells	P	M	A	T	MI	Std. Err.	No. of Aberr.	CA	Std. Err.	Micronuclei	Polycentric phase	Lagging/Vagrant	Ana bridge	Spindle disturbance	Not centred phase	Stickiness	Doubled phase	Ring/rope Chrom.
Plaški - Treatment																				
Cneg	5642	186	75	62	24	25	3.29	0.21	5	2.97	1.22	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	2
LP8	6279	225	106	59	36	24	3.59	0.21	55	24.7	4.37	0	3	19	2	14	1	7	0	7
LP9	6566	201	109	54	24	14	3.64	0.79	46	18.1	5.05	0	1	11	0	19	0	10	0	7
LP1	6003	111	42	37	14	18	1.94	0.66	14	13.2	4.07	0	0	2	0	8	0	4	0	0
LP5	6265	216	107	45	43	21	3.39	0.39	48	22.9	1.87	0	4	22	4	13	3	2	1	0
LP10	5678	214	108	50	32	24	3.93	0.48	30	14.4	2.08	0	1	10	1	10	0	1	0	7
LP3	5942	214	121	52	25	16	3.66	0.44	26	14.5	7.11	0	2	8	1	10	0	4	0	0
FA	4521	107	51	23	26	7	2.37	0.32	35	32.6	5.47	0	4	11	5	10	0	3	0	2
BA	5665	156	61	36	31	28	2.56	0.50	39	20.6	5.26	0	7	18	2	9	1	2	0	0
Cpos	5958	41	19	13	2	7	0.69	0.35	3	6.00	4.76	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
Plaški – Recovery																				
Cneg	6256	288	112	92	38	36	4.51	0.08	11	6.17	1.94	0	0	5	2	0	3	1	0	0
LP8	6382	160	90	36	20	14	2.47	0.77	14	8.19	6.96	0	2	3	2	3	0	1	1	2
LP9	5279	221	104	55	25	37	4.16	1.02	40	13.9	3.38	0	3	9	3	15	0	4	1	5
LP1	6282	222	105	61	23	33	3.63	0.87	19	14.3	3.28	0	4	6	2	4	0	0	1	0
LP5	5367	228	113	52	31	32	4.24	1.38	47	15.5	6.43	0	7	12	3	18	2	2	2	1
LP10	5797	247	141	45	24	37	4.20	0.39	29	11.3	3.20	0	0	10	1	13	0	2	2	1
LP3	5884	316	170	67	39	40	5.44	0.38	58	13.5	4.15	0	6	18	2	23	0	0	0	9
FA	6781	287	127	86	41	33	4.24	0.49	57	20.9	4.99	0	5	18	0	27	0	1	2	3
BA	5328	272	120	75	34	43	5.14	0.32	40	14.5	3.61	0	0	3	6	6	0	1	0	2
Cpos	5286	159	81	46	17	15	2.98	0.83	11	4.01	2.43	0	3	3	0	4	0	1	0	0