

## **Supporting Information**

Understanding the Adsorption of PFOA on MIL-101(Cr)-based Anionic-exchange  
Metal-organic Frameworks: Comparing DFT Calculations with Aqueous Sorption  
Experiments

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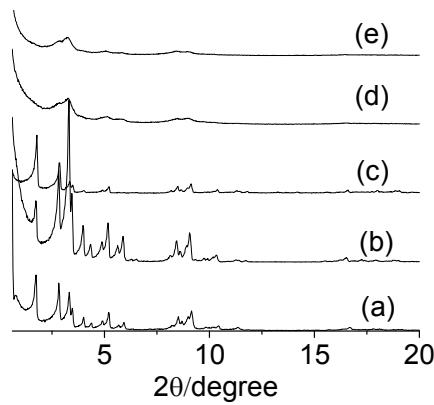
**Figures S1-S13**

**Table S1**

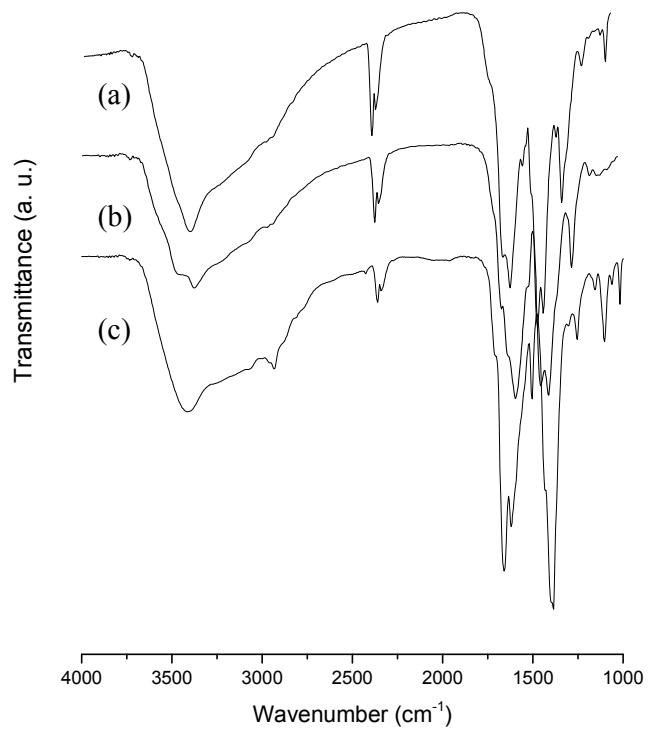
**Table S1** N<sub>2</sub> physisorption results of MIL-101(Cr), amine intermediates, and anionic exchangers MIL-101(Cr)-NMe<sub>3</sub> and MIL-101(Cr)-QDMEN.

| MOFs                         | S <sub>BET</sub> (m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> ) |
|------------------------------|--|
| MIL-101(Cr)                  | 2560   |
| MIL-101(Cr)-DMEN             | 1692   |
| MIL-101(Cr)-QDMEN            | 1530   |
| MIL-101(Cr)-NH <sub>2</sub>  | 1195   |
| MIL-101(Cr)-NMe <sub>3</sub> | 445  |

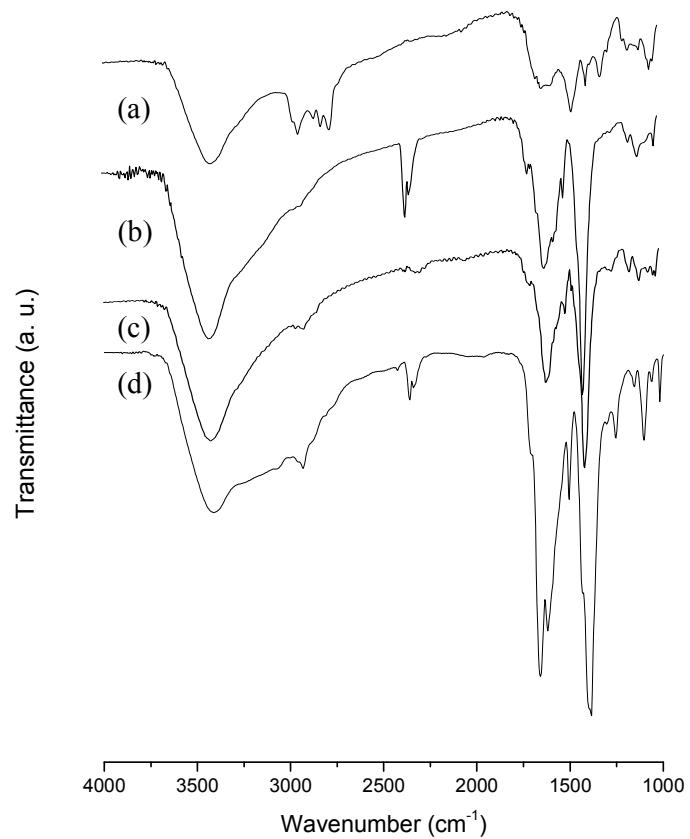
**Figure S1.** PXRD patterns of (a) MIL-101(Cr), (b) MIL-101(Cr)-DMEN, (c) MIL-101(Cr)-QDMEN, (d) MIL-101(Cr)-NH<sub>2</sub>, and (e) MIL-101(Cr)-NMe<sub>3</sub> after vacuum treatment 423 K for 12h.



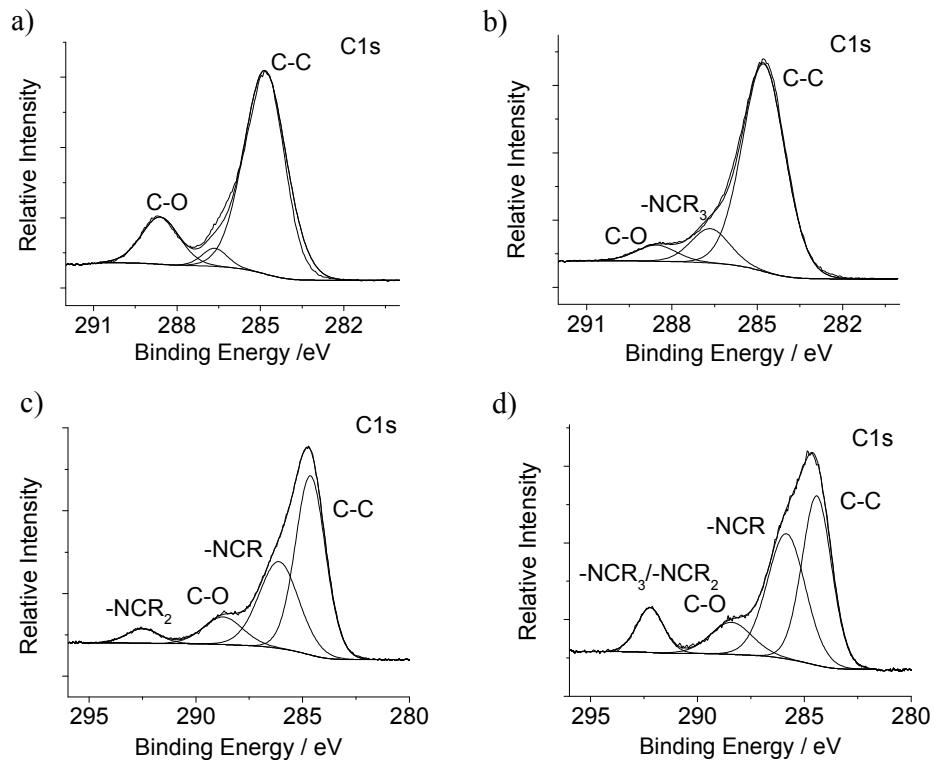
**Figure S2.** Infrared absorption spectra obtained from the samples: (a) MIL-101(Cr)-NMe<sub>3</sub>, (b) MIL-101(Cr)-NH<sub>2</sub>, and (c) MIL-101(Cr)after vacuum treatment 423 K for 12h.



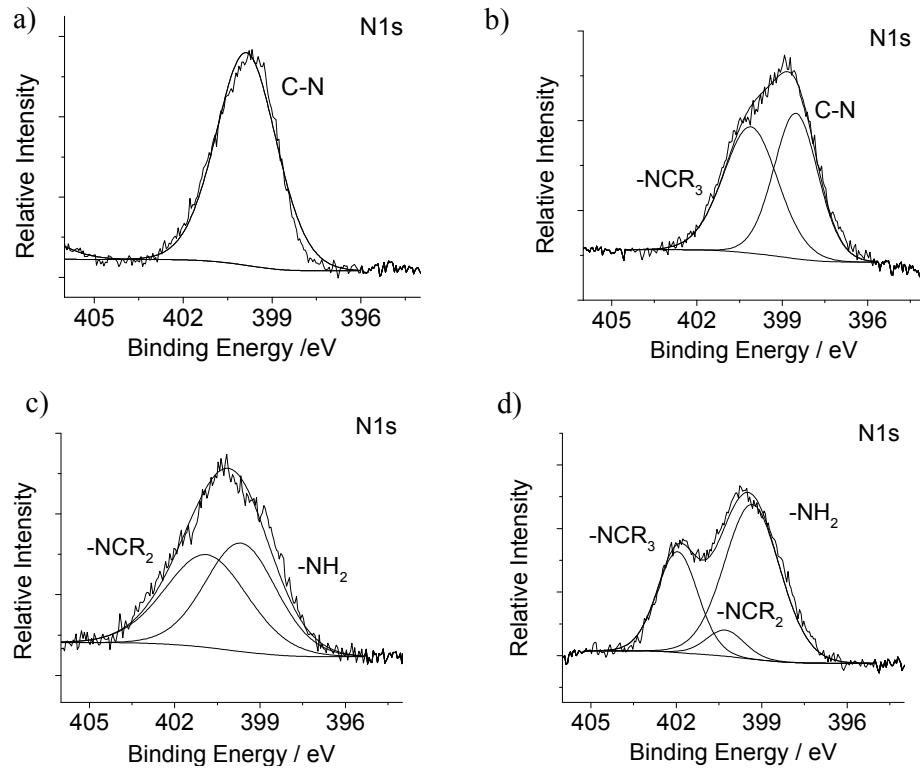
**Figure S3.**Infrared absorption spectra obtained from the samples: (a) liquid DMEN, (b) MIL-101(Cr)-QDMEN, (c) MIL-101(Cr)-DMEN, and (d) MIL-101(Cr)after vacuum treatment 423 K for 1h.



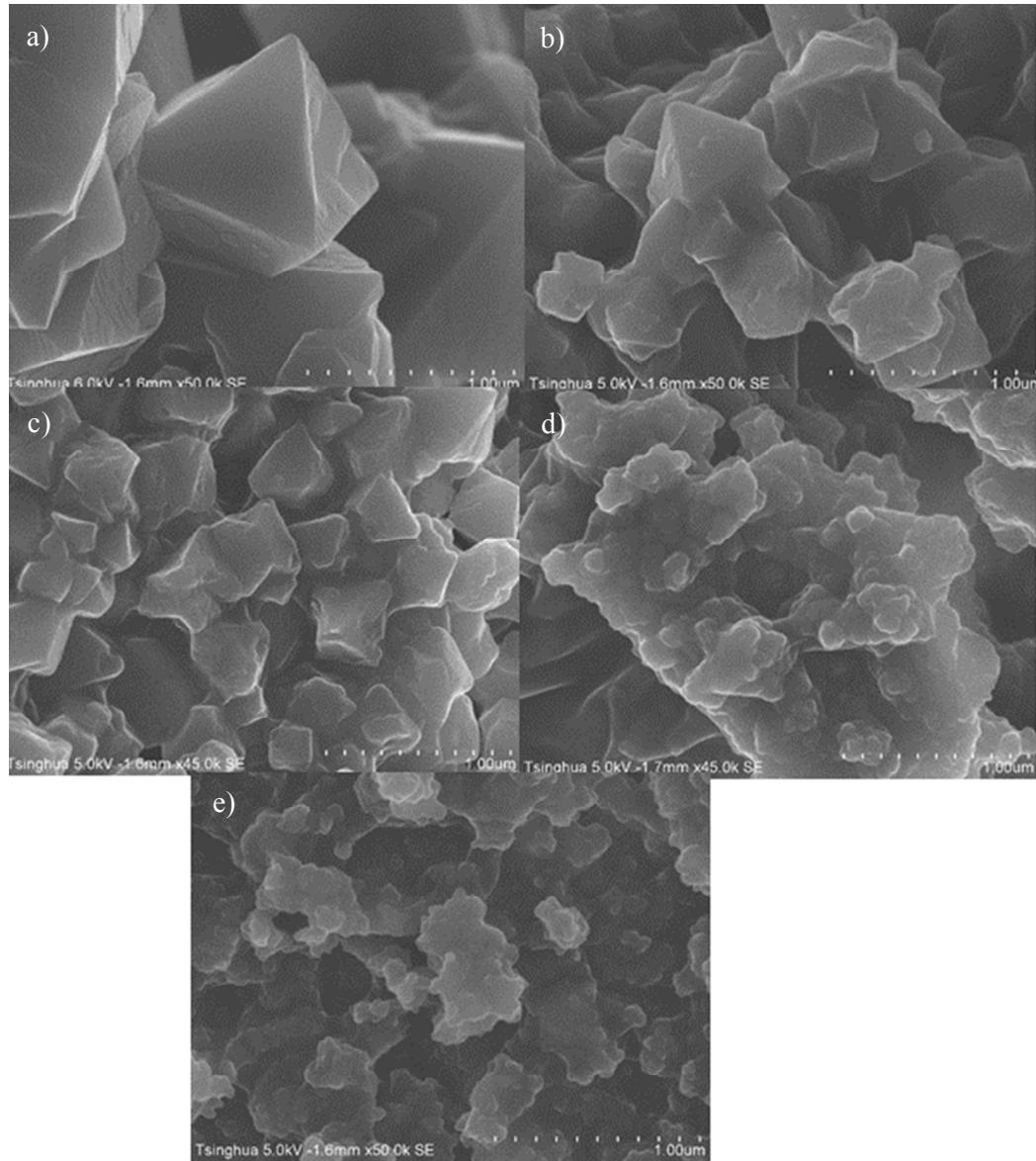
**Figure S4.** High-resolution XPS C1s spectra of: (a) MIL-101(Cr)-NH<sub>2</sub>, (b)MIL-101(Cr)-NMe<sub>3</sub>, (c) MIL-101(Cr)-DMEN, (b)MIL-101(Cr)-QDMEN,



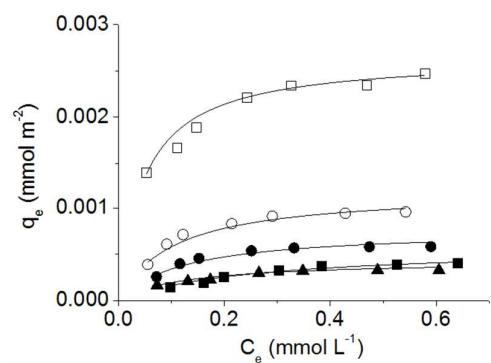
**Figure S5.** High-resolution XPS N1s spectra of: (a) MIL-101(Cr)-NH<sub>2</sub>, (b)MIL-101(Cr)-NMe<sub>3</sub>, (c) MIL-101(Cr)-DMEN, (b)MIL-101(Cr)-QDMEN,



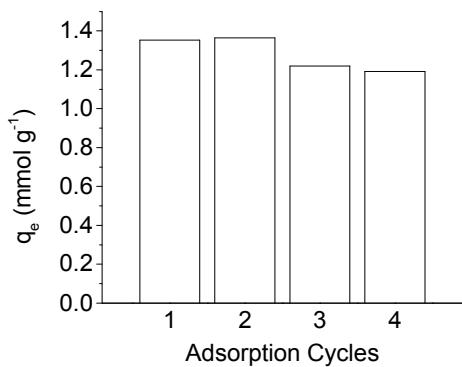
**Figure S6.** SEM images of (a) MIL-101(Cr), (b) MIL-101(Cr)-DMEN, (c) MIL-101(Cr)-QDMEN, (d) MIL-101(Cr)-NH<sub>2</sub>, and (e) MIL-101(Cr)-NMe<sub>3</sub> after vacuum treatment at 423 K for 12 h.



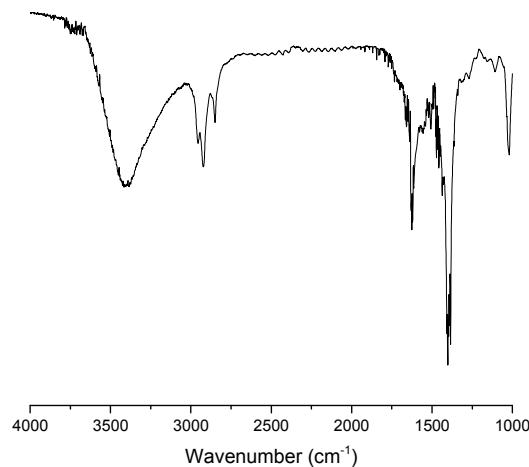
**Figure S7.** Adsorption isotherms of PFOA on MOFs normalized with surface area for MIL-101(Cr) ( $\blacktriangle$ ); MIL-101(Cr)-NH<sub>2</sub> ( $\blacksquare$ ); (d) MIL-101(Cr)-NMe<sub>3</sub> ( $\square$ ); (e) MIL-101(Cr)-DMEN ( $\bullet$ ); and (f) MIL-101(Cr)-QDMEN ( $\circ$ ). Results fitted using Langmuir models.



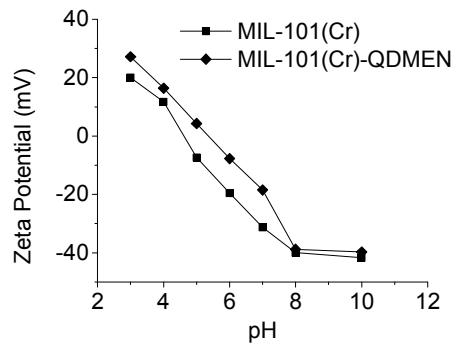
**Figure S8.** Removal of PFOA by MIL-101(Cr)-QDMEN in successive adsorption cycles.



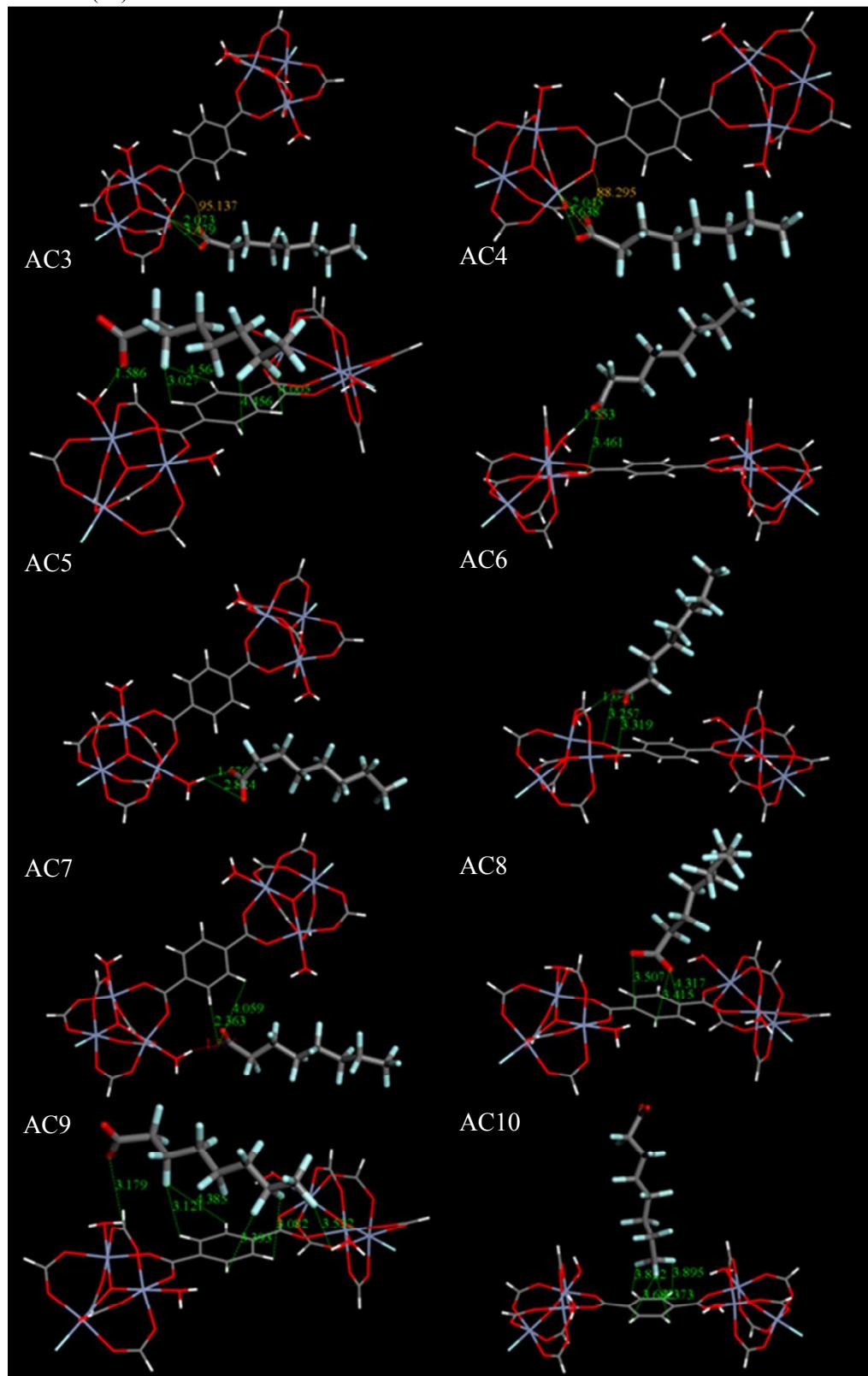
**Figure S9.** Infrared absorption spectra of MIL-101(Cr)-QDMEN after four adsorption cycles.



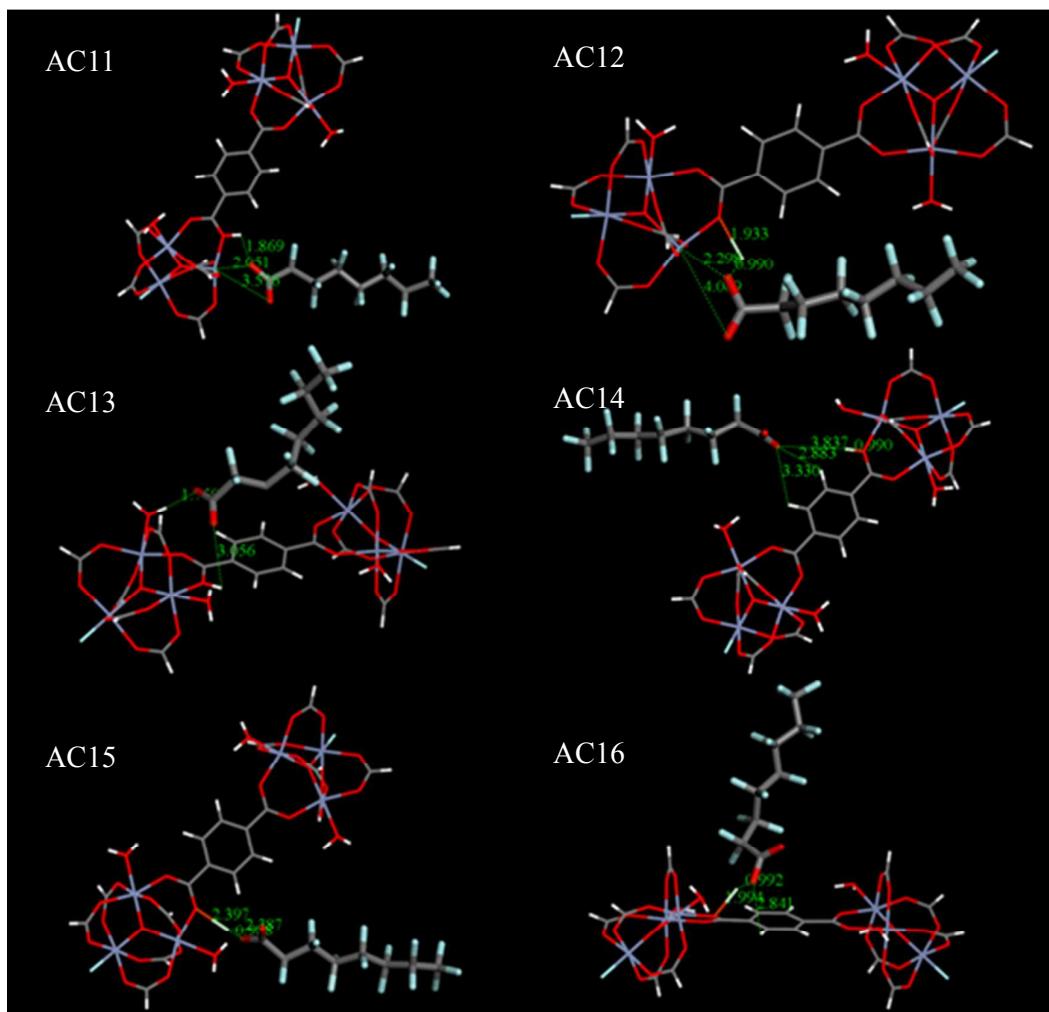
**Figure S10.** Zeta potentials of MIL-101(Cr)-QDMEN and MIL-101(Cr) at the presence of  $\text{NaH}_2\text{PO}_4$  buffer (2 mM).



**Figure S11.** Optimized adsorption complex (AC) configurations for PFOA on pristine MIL-101(Cr).



**Figure S12.** Optimized adsorption complex (AC) configurations for PFOA (stick) on protonated MIL-101(Cr).



**Figure S13.** Optimized adsorption complex (AC) configurations for PFOA (stick) on MIL-101(Cr)-NH<sub>2</sub> (AC17, 18), MIL-101(Cr)-NMe<sub>3</sub> (AC19, 20), MIL-101(Cr)-DMEN (AC21, 22), and MIL-101(Cr)-QDMEN (AC23, 24).

