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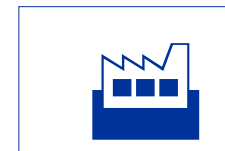
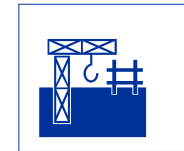
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Plan of Presentation

- ❑ Global Status of Decommissioning
- ❑ IAEA Activities to Support Decommissioning
- ❑ Useful Links

Nuclear Power Reactor: Lifecycle



Return to normal
Regulatory
Framework

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LICENSING

BUILDING PROJECT
ORGANISATION

Transition

ROUTINE OPERATION
ORGANISATION

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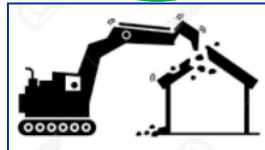
DECOMMISSIONING
PROJECT ORGANISATION

LICENSING
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Operating Nuclear
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Decommissioning Nuclear
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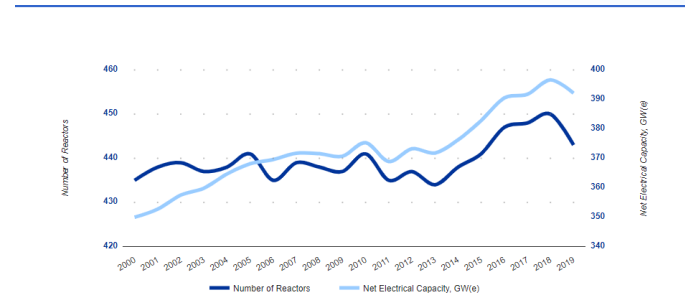
Decommissioning - part of the normal lifecycle of a Nuclear Power Plant

Background: Nuclear Power Reactors

[as of 7 March 2021]

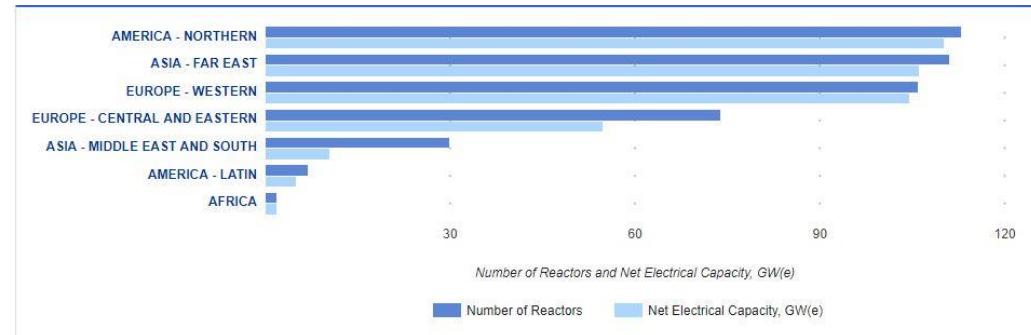
443 in operation

393 GW(e) Capacity



50 under construction (60% in Asia)

Regional Distribution of NPPs



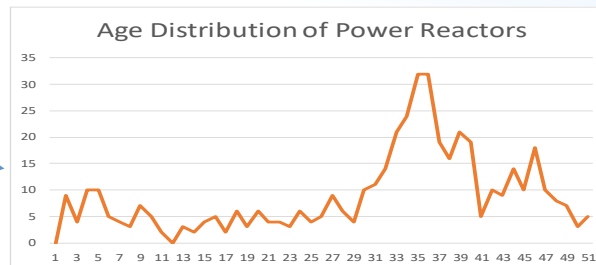
Permanently Shutdown (2020): Duane Arnold-1 [600 MWe BWR]; Indian Point-2 [1000 MWe PWR]; Fessenheim-1&2 [2x880 MWe PWR]; Leningrad-2 [925 MWe RBMK]; Ringhals-1 [881 MWe BWR]

Global Status of Nuclear Facilities

[Sources: IAEA⁰³²¹: PRIS, Research Reactor, and INFCIS databases]

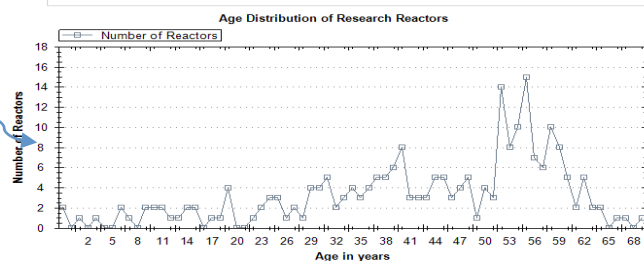
Power Reactors

Under construction	50
in operation	443
Permanent Shutdown, in decommissioning / Decommissioned	174/18
	685



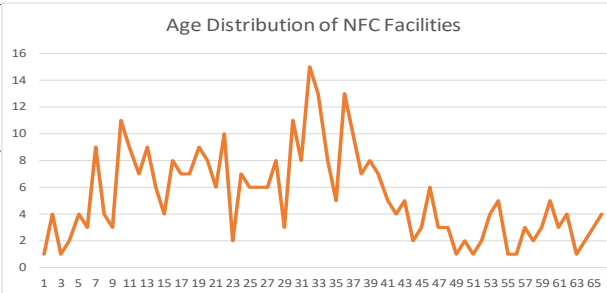
Research Reactors & critical assemblies

Under construction	11
in operation	220
Long-term / temporary Shutdown	28
Permanent Shutdown, in decommissioning / Decommissioned	125/444
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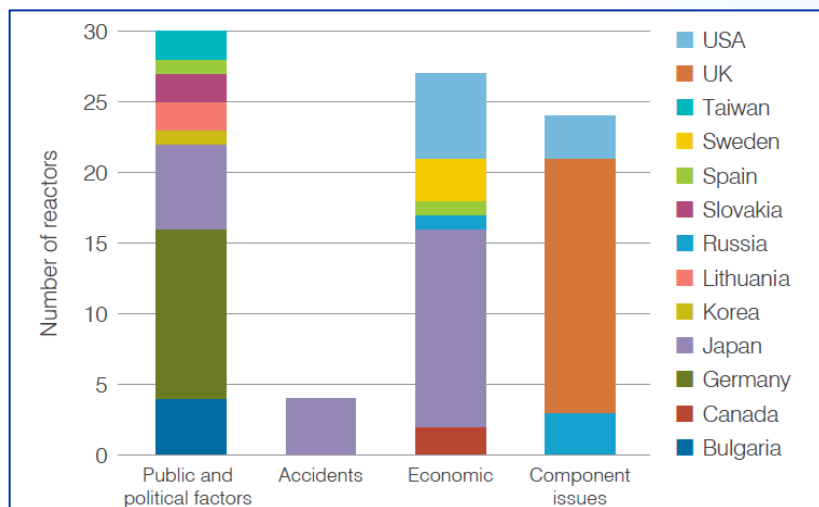
Nuclear Fuel Cycle Facilities

Under construction/commissioning	23/4
in operation	334
Long-term / temporary Shutdown	27
Permanent Shutdown, in decommissioning / Decommissioned	158/131
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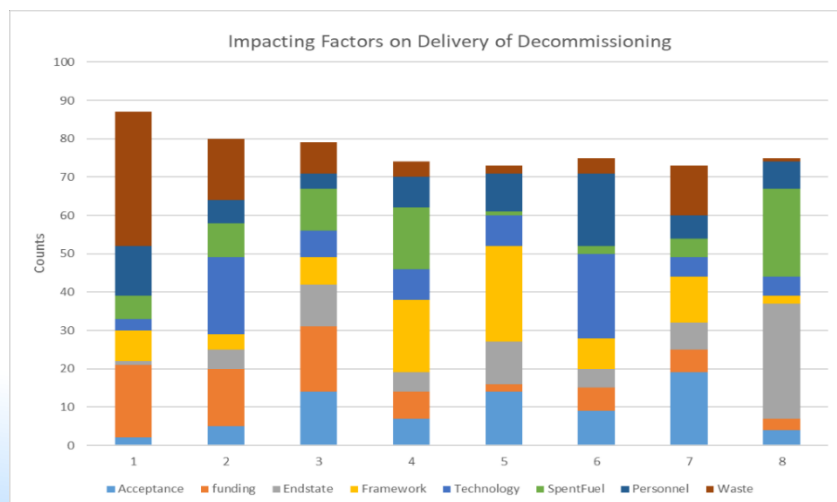
Small industrial facilities using radioactive material: several '000s

Collaborative Project – Global Status of Decommissioning



Source: World Nuclear Association

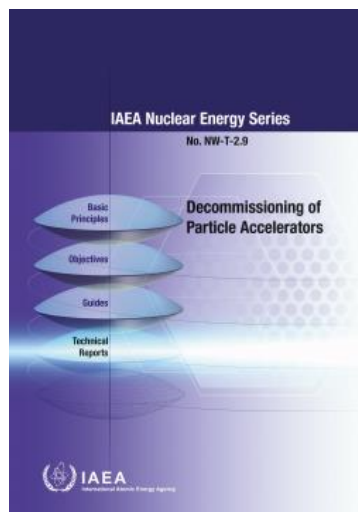
- ❑ Project Timeframe :
 - 2019 – 2021
 - Technical Meeting – October 2020
- ❑ Report Contents:
 - envisaged decommissioning strategies and timeframes
 - current status of programmes and foreseen challenges
 - resource needs, both in terms of human resources and technology.
- ❑ Support ongoing development of the decommissioning modules of IAEA database systems, including:
 - PRIS (Power Reactor Information System),
 - INFCIS (Integrated Nuclear Fuel Cycle Information System) and,
 - RRDB (Research Reactor Database)



IAEA Activities to Support Decommissioning

NES Publications – New & Upcoming

New



Now in final editing (pre-publication draft available):

- Data Analysis and Collection for Costing of Research Reactor Decommissioning (DACCORD Report Phase 2)
- Training and Human Resource Considerations for Nuclear Facility Decommissioning: NG-T-2.3 (Rev.1),
- Integrated Approach to Decommissioning within a Multi-Facility Site



Conference Website:

www.iaea.org/events/international-conference-on-radioactive-waste-management-2021

Abstract Submission Date: **6th April 2021**

International Conference on Nuclear Decommissioning: Addressing the Past and Ensuring the Future

- Objective: sharing information on achievements, challenges and lessons learnt as well as on the strategies and approaches that can enable and enhance safe, secure and cost-effective implementation of national decommissioning programmes
- 15-19 May 2023, VIC, Vienna, Austria
- Joint endeavour of NE and NS departments
- Programme Committee to meet 8-10 December 2021
- **Ideas, inputs and cooperation are much welcome**

Peer Reviews – ARTEMIS

- Main objectives: to provide independent expert opinion and advice to MS
 - IAEA put together a team of international experts
 - policy, regulatory and implementation experiences are combined
- Intended for facility operators and other implementing organizations, regulators, government agencies, policy makers
- Scope can include facilities and activities related to:
 - SNF and RW management and disposal,
 - **Decommissioning,**
 - Environmental remediation



2021 – ARTEMIS mission to review JAEA Back End Road Map – planned for April

IAEA Collaborating Centres on Decommissioning

Objectives:

- To promote innovation in decommissioning
- To facilitate knowledge sharing on current good practice
- To assist in long-term developing a qualified workforce through supporting a number of fellowships (i.e., secondments of several months' duration).

Starting a network of Collaborating Centres:

- IFE (Institute for Energy Technology), Norway – targeting issues of digitalization of knowledge management for decommissioning
- Sogin, Italy – targeting knowledge management and training for decommissioning
- JAVYS, Slovakia – targeting WWER decommissioning and project management
- EDF/DP2D (Graphite Reactor Decommissioning Demonstrator) – targeting graphite reactor decommissioning



[Photos Courtesy of IFE, Norway]

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New Crowdsourcing Challenge: Decommissioning and Environmental Remediation 2020

Irena Chatzis, IAEA Department of Nuclear Energy

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2020



The IAEA is inviting professionals under age 35 to present technical or non-technical concepts, novel applications under development or prototype techniques in testing phase. (Photo: Institute of Energy Technology (IFE), Norway)

The IAEA is inviting young professionals from around the world to propose an original concept or project outline for advancing the decommissioning of nuclear facilities or environmental remediation of radiologically contaminated sites. The winners will be invited to present their entries at the IAEA General Conference in September.

Professionals under age 35 are invited to present technical or non-technical

Related Stories



[Expanding Partnerships: IAEA Designates 7 New Collaborating Centres](#)



[IAEA and UK's National Nuclear Laboratory to Cooperate on Sustainability of Nuclear Power](#)



[IAEA Showcases Successful Environmental Remediation Initiatives](#)



[IAEA Workshop Highlights Novel Trends in Decommissioning](#)



[IAEA, Florida International University Expand Cooperation on Decommissioning and Environmental Remediation](#)

Related Resources

[IAEA Challenge: Decommissioning and Environmental Remediation 2020](#)

[E-learning on Spent Fuel and Radioactive Waste Management](#)

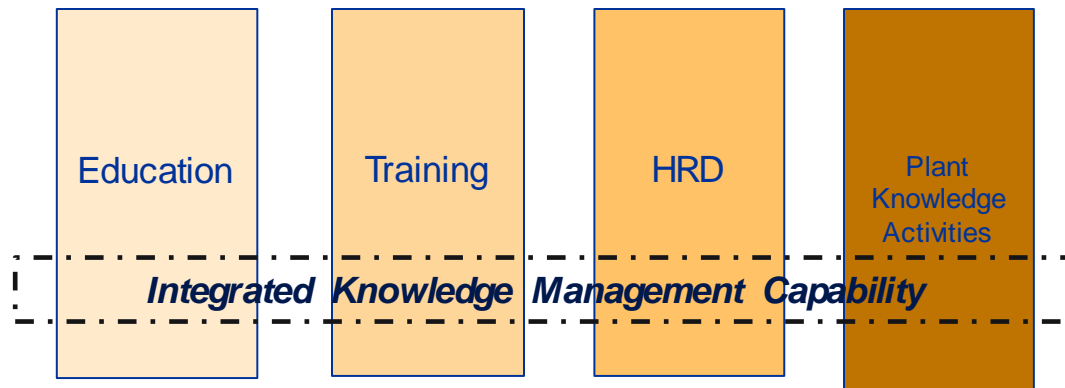
26 submissions from 12 Member States (in America, Europe and Asia) → selected projects promoted via IAEA communication channels

Crowdsourcing Challenge: Finalists

- Characterisation toolkit to enable accelerated decommissioning activities (Ms Erin Holland et al., University of Bristol)
- MAUD project, Portable Alpha/Beta camera for dismantling operations (Mr Sylvain Leblond, GANIL – CNRS, France)
- Development of hybrid approach to identify Fukushima Daiichi fuel debris (Mr Ryo Yokoyama, University of Tokyo)
- Robotics, Artificial Intelligence, Digitalization, Virtual Reality – the next generation of disruptive technologies for D&D of nuclear facilities (Mr Daniel Martin et al., FIU / IFE, Norway/US)
- Robot for mapping and monitoring of contamination areas (Ms Zeni Anggraini et al., BATAN, Indonesia)

Nuclear Knowledge Management for Decommissioning

Current Approach to NKM across the Nuclear World



*Because the nuclear organisations know what to do,
and understand to add value NKM must be integrated
across people and plant activities*

IAEA Supported Tools

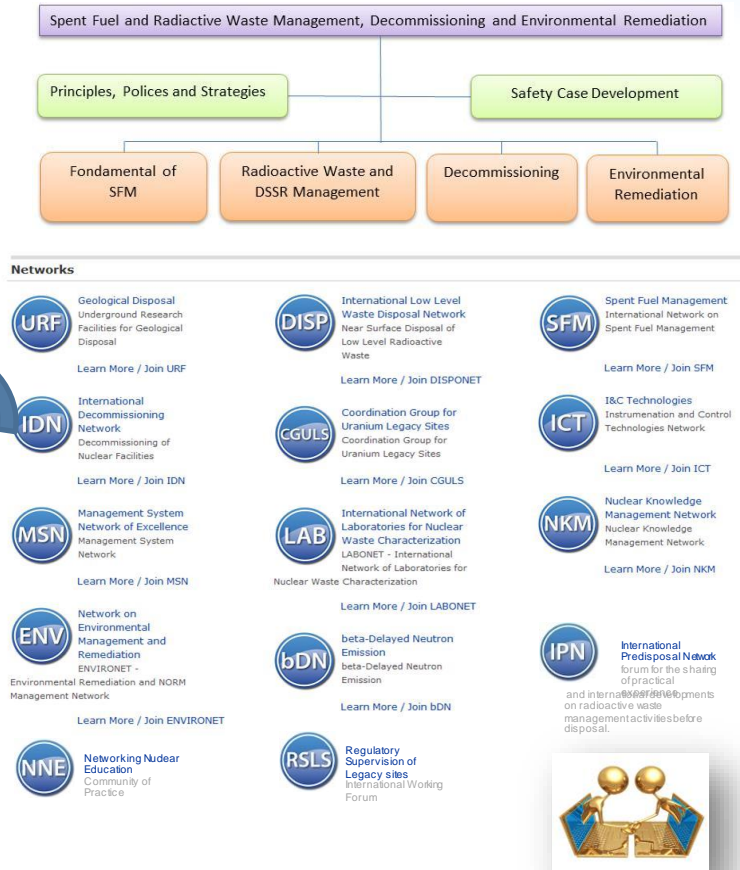
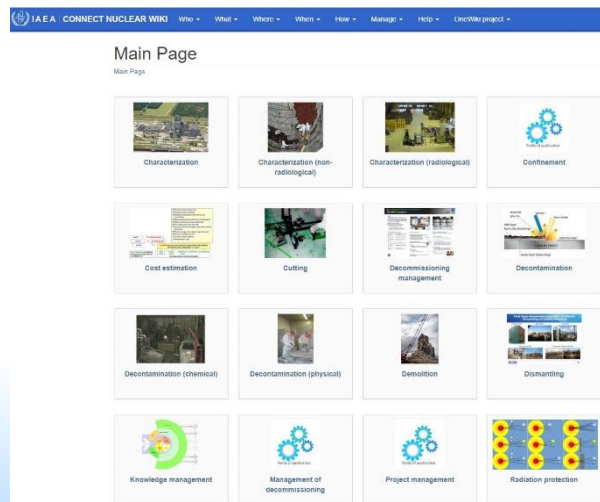
IAEA Support: E-learning for stakeholders and newcomers to the field

<https://nucleus.iaea.org/sites/connect-members/LMS/Pages/Welcome-to-the-learning-materials-section.aspx>

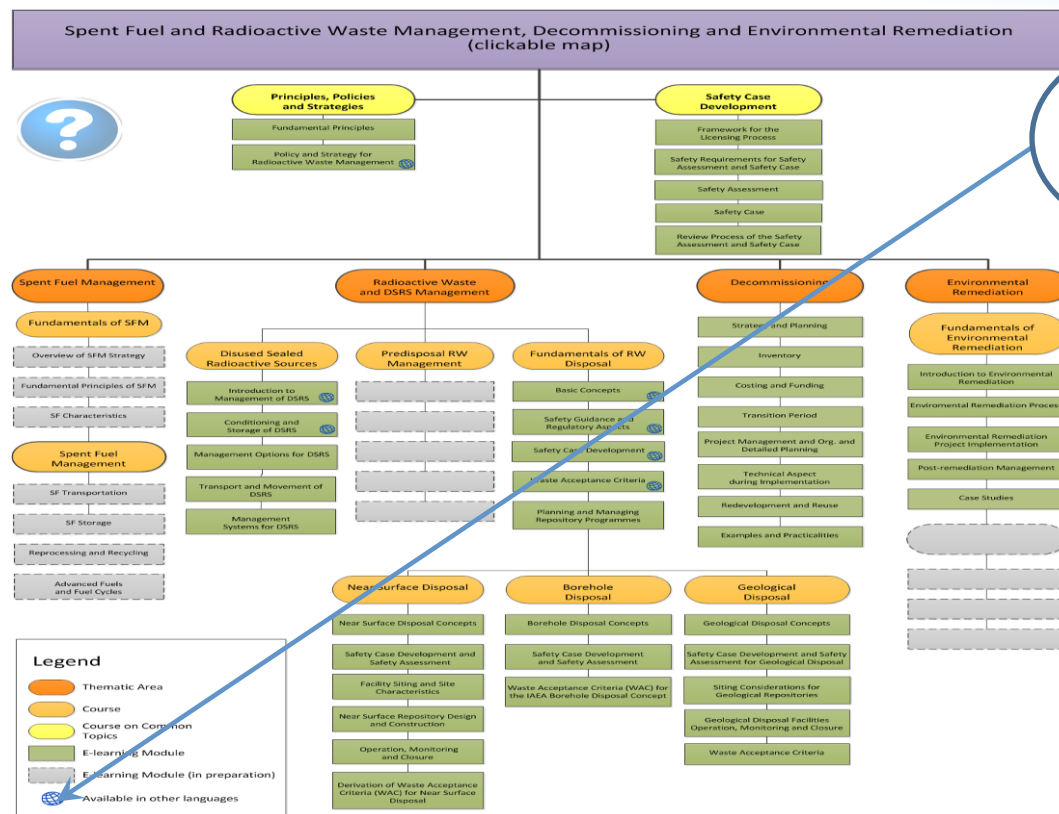
IAEA Support: Networks Web Based Tools to support information sharing

<https://nucleus.iaea.org/sites/connect/Pages/default.aspx>

Launched in 2016 : WIKI



E-learning / Briefing Material For Stakeholders and Professionals



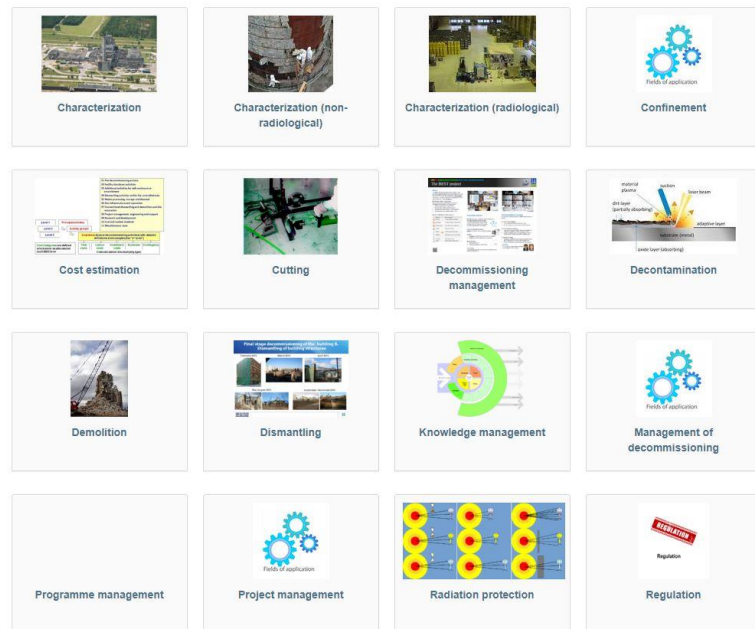
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- Agency wide Learning Management System
- External Users: Regional Education networks and Co-operation partners
- Over 22,000 registered users
- <https://www.iaea.org/resources/databases/cyber-learning-platform-for-network-education-and-training-clp4net>

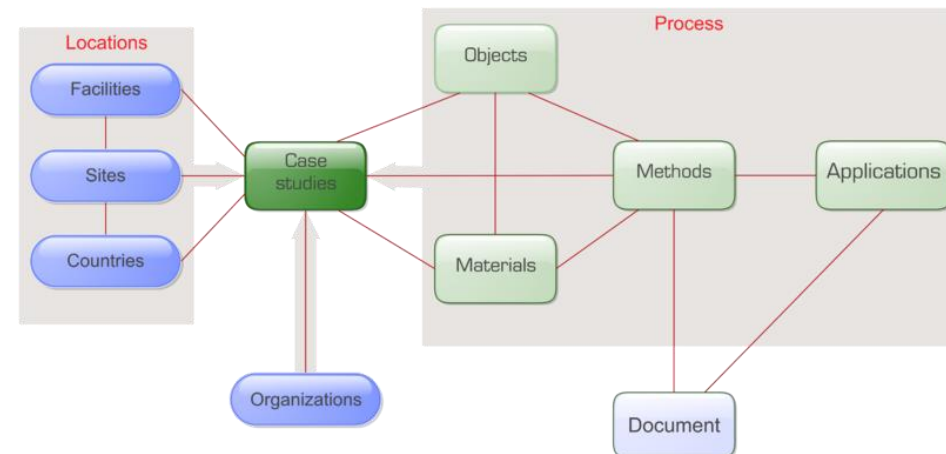


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Chemical bath

A chemical bath is an item of equipment used to chemically clean and decontaminate dismantled (generally metallic) items. Baths can be arranged independently, i.e. used as a single bath, or in series and employ a wide range of cleaning agents that undergo a chemical reaction with the contaminant and/or substrate to dissolve surface material.

See also: [Gel](#), [Technology](#), [Decontamination foam](#) and [Closed loop decontamination](#)

1 Functioning principles [\[edit \]](#) [\[edit source \]](#)

1.1 General principles [\[edit \]](#) [\[edit source \]](#)

Chemical baths have been used for the effective [decontamination](#) of dismantled [PWR](#) reactors (see Figure 1 for a typical setup). There are two basic types, technologies that require several steps and technologies that use a single step.

1.1.1 Processes in several steps [\[edit \]](#) [\[edit source \]](#)

The layer of corrosion products forming the typical crud of [PWR](#) reactors is characterized by a high chromium oxide content. To attack and remove these products, technologies use an oxidation step followed by dissolution of the oxides in complexing of the dissolved [metals](#). Many chemical bath technologies exist and the concentration of the reagents differ. Given that items destined for decontamination have already been detached from their original location, system integrity is no longer a concern (in contrast to [closed loop decontamination](#)). Therefore, unless the item is destined for re-use, the aim is to remove as much contamination as possible for [waste recategorization](#) so aggressive methods are typically favoured. Such methods, which also attack the base metal, provide increased confidence in reaching the target contamination level. However, a drawback of aggressive techniques is that they typically demand the application of several decontamination cycles and consequently, more decontamination baths operated in series. The items to be decontaminated are passed from one bath to another and then returned to the start for a new cycle until target contamination levels reached.

1.1.2 Processes in a single step [\[edit \]](#) [\[edit source \]](#)

Processes applied in one single step typically use a synthesized chemical processes, with sufficiently aggressive reagents to reach [contamination](#) levels.

1.2 Chemical agents [\[edit \]](#) [\[edit source \]](#)

Main article: [Closed loop decontamination](#)

A variety of agents can be applied in a chemical bath. These can be used either alone, or in various combinations, depending upon the nature of the material to be decontaminated and on how aggressive the decontamination needs to be. The chemistry principles that underpin the chemical bath technologies (and therefore the chemical agents used) share many similarities with [closed loop decontamination](#) technologies; indeed many processes have been successfully adapted to work with both technology types. The sections below summarise key parameters for the various agents used. More detail can be found by consulting [chemical agents](#) section of [closed loop decontamination](#).

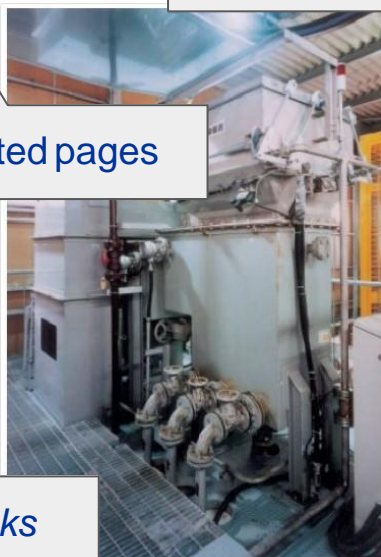


Figure 1 - Chemical decontamination apparatus, Nuclear Power Engineering Corporation, Japan.

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Application

Applied To Object [Surface](#); [Pipe](#); [Vessel](#)

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Case studies

transport for example in tubes.

3. The third step is the effluent treatment. The reaction products from the carrier solution. In some cases the effluent stream can be treated in a way that the agent is recycled, in some cases it is part of the waste stream.

The selected decontamination agent must be able to penetrate the micrometres. Depending on construction materials used and the volume of the waste stream, the Cr content is the determining factor for the decontamination process.

In PWR conditions, the oxide film on stainless steel is enriched in Cr and partly depleted in Fe. In BWR environments the oxide film consists mainly of Fe and Ni and is depleted in Cr. The oxides of these elements can be made more soluble by adding chelating agents to decontamination solutions (e.g. complexing organic acids: oxalic, citric acids, EDTA and NTA). An alternative to chelating agents would be to lower pH, but the risk of base metal corrosion limits exist with the use of this method (except if corrosion inhibitors are added). In most cases the most crucial step for successful chemical decontamination is to remove the Cr enriched layer of oxide. This decontamination process requires oxidation of these Cr ions from trivalent to hexavalent state, which form more easily soluble species.

After removal the protective Cr layer, the next is the decontamination step during which the Fe and Ni rich oxide layers are removed. Figure 2 illustrates the two phases of attack, in this case using Hydrazine oxalic acid [potassium permanganate](#) ([Closed loop decontamination](#)) ([details below](#)) as the example process.

After the oxide removal, the surface needs to be passivated properly in order to prevent the degradation of the base material.

Note that many of the chemical agents described here can be applied to closed loops using [foam](#) (as opposed to using bulk liquids). This has the advantage of greatly reducing the liquid volume used while still allowing the agent to wet all of the internal surfaces. This technology is covered in more detail in [Technology:Decontamination foam](#). Liquids containing abrasives can also be used.

1.2.1 Acids and bases [\[edit | edit source \]](#)

(Mineral acid) and bases remove the surface layer of material. The strength and additional effects such as passivation are determined by the basis material.

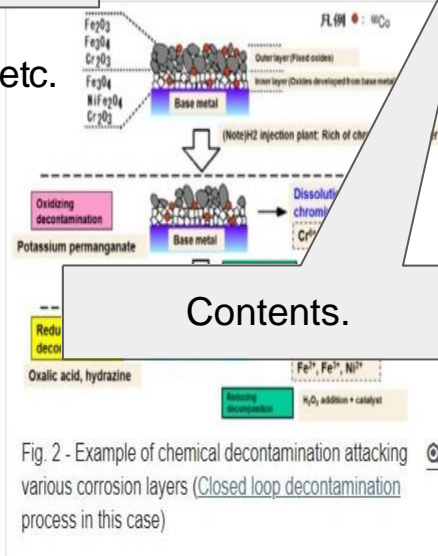
The strong mineral acids used in decontamination are:

- [hydrochloric acid](#): HCl
- [nitric acid](#): HNO₃
- [sulfuric acid](#): H₂SO₄
- [phosphoric acid](#): H₃PO₄

These acids can be used by themselves as dilute solutions, in formulation mixtures with acid salts and other compounds, and in combination with each other -

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Technologies, Applications etc.



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acids and bases, their acidic or basic strength and include or exclude the surface of the basis material.

Standard Taxonomy/Ontology for Organization of Knowledge on Decommissioning

- 01 Pre-decommissioning actions**
- 02 Facility shutdown activities**
- 03 Additional activities for safe enclosure or entombment**
- 04 Dismantling activities within the controlled area**
- 05 Waste processing, storage and disposal**
- 06 Site infrastructure and operation**
- 07 Conventional dismantling and demolition and site restoration**
- 08 Project management, engineering and support**
- 09 Research and development**
- 10 Fuel and nuclear material**
- 11 Miscellaneous costs**

International Structure for Decommissioning Costing (ISDC) – List of Principal Activities
[Joint NEA/ IAEA/ EC Initiative - NEA Report 7088 (2012)]

- ☐ Joint Initiative:
 - IAEA
 - OECD Nuclear Energy Agency
 - European Commission
- ☐ Approach:
 - Starting point – ISDC cost structure
 - Focus on knowledge organization - distinguish 'core' activities (e.g. dismantling) and 'cross-cutting' activities (e.g. project management)
- ☐ Timeframe:
 - Concept paper by end of April (Decision milestone)
 - Project completion during 2021
- ✓ Taxonomy: Hierarchical listing of core activities involved in decommissioning, with agreed definitions of each term in the hierarchy
- ✓ Ontology: Definition of main knowledge 'categories' (e.g. concepts, processes or things) and the relationship between each category in the knowledge management system

Useful Links

- Wiki : https://idn-wiki.iaea.org/wiki/Main_Page
- Networks : <https://nucleus.iaea.org/sites/connect/Pages/default.aspx>



- eLearning: <https://nucleus.iaea.org/sites/connect-members/LMS/Pages/Module-Mindmap.aspx>
- INIS information repository: <https://inis.iaea.org/search/>
- Back-End webinars: <https://www.iaea.org/about/organizational-structure/department-of-nuclear-energy/division-of-nuclear-fuel-cycle-and-waste-technology/nuclear-back-end-webinar-series>

Technical Meetings (1/2)



Decommissioning of Small Facilities (MIRDEC)

EVT2100622 2021-05-24 to 2021-05-28 Virtual



Municipalities with Nuclear Facilities

EVT2003211 2021-06-02 to 2021-06-18 Virtual



Completion of Decommissioning (COMDEC)

EVT110852 2021-06-21 to 2021-06-25 Virtual



Advancing Human Resources Development and Competence Building for Decommissioning

EVT2003930 2021-07-05 to 2021-07-09



Achievements & challenges in radioactive waste characterization

EVT1904419 2021-08-02 to 2021-08-06 Vienna, Austria



Addressing Irradiated Graphite in Decommissioning Projects

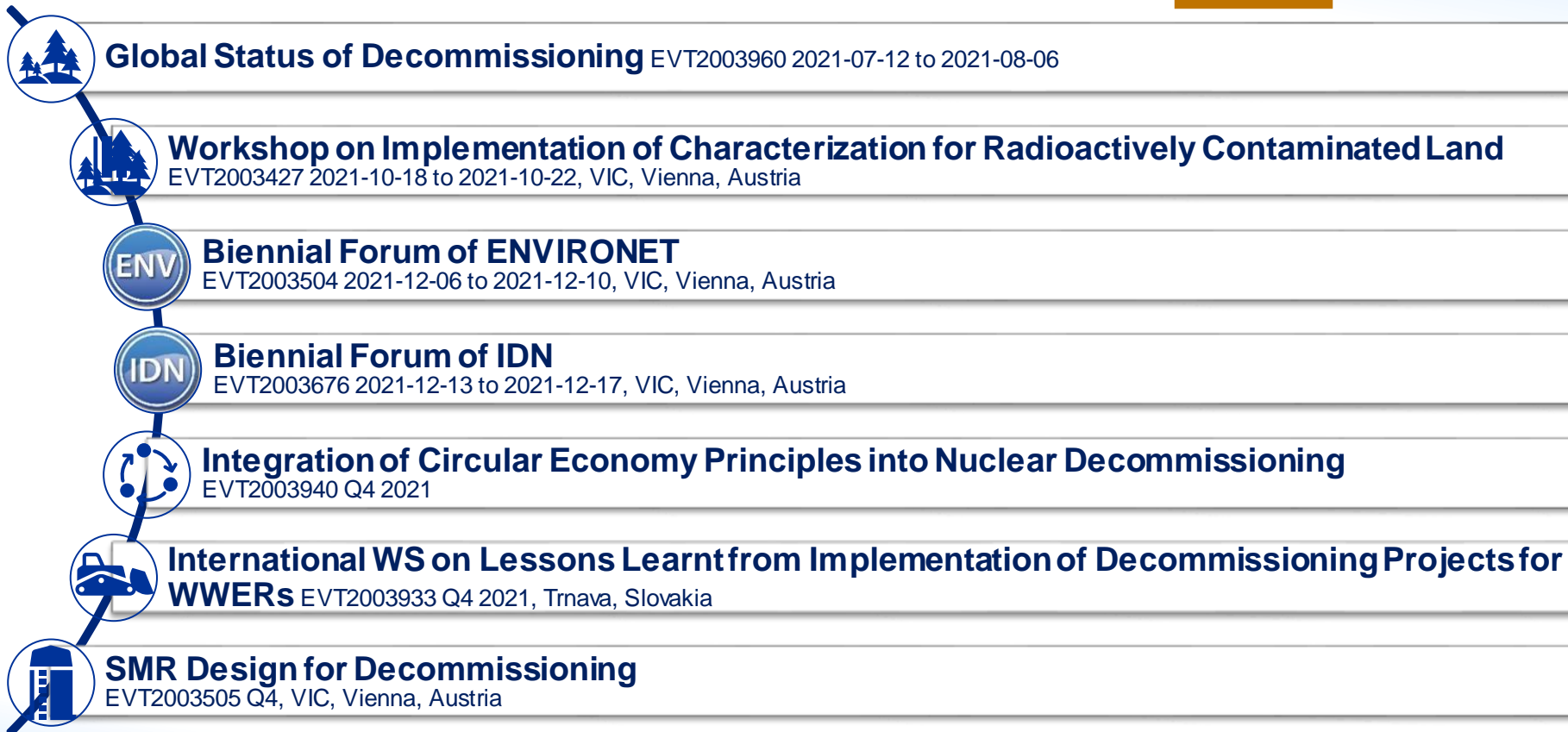
EVT2003938 2021-08-02 to 2021-08-06



Management of Hazardous Waste Arising from the Operation & Decommissioning of Research Reactors & Other Nuclear Installations

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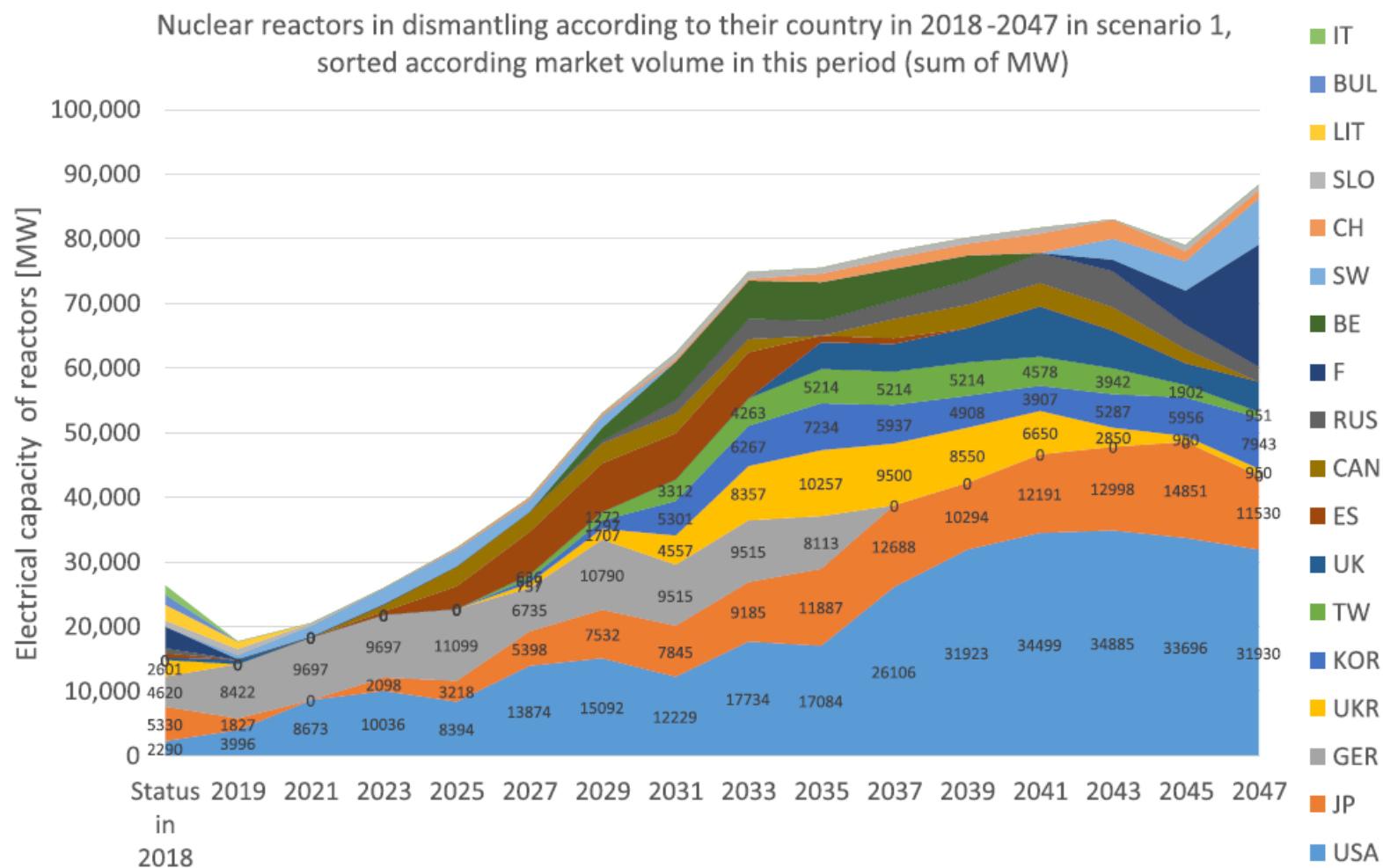
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Global Decommissioning Prognosis



[Source: Volk et al., 'The future of nuclear decommissioning – A worldwide market potential study', Energy Policy 124 (2019)]