

Title (en)  
Process for decontaminating surfaces

Title (de)  
Verfahren zur Dekontamination von Oberflächen

Title (fr)  
Procédé pour décontaminer des surfaces

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Abstract (en)  
[origin: WO8903113A1] A process for decontaminating surfaces contaminated with radioactive substances, in particular of components of cooling circuits of nuclear reactors, comprises a first treatment stage with an aqueous decontaminating solution containing chromic acid and permanganic acid in a temperature range between 270 and 350 K, in particular at the usual ambient temperature. The contaminated surface layers are oxidized by the permanganic acid, whereas the chromic acid reduces the adherence of the modified surface layers. During a second treatment stage, the thus modified surface layers are dissolved by a chemical treatment in the same temperature range and/or removed by mechanical or hydraulic abrasion. Aqueous solutions of organic acids, to which reducing and complexing agents, and/or corrosion inhibitors can be added, are appropriate for the second stage of chemical treatment.

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