

### **D3. WESTINGHOUSE UNVEILS WES STRIP**

WES Strip is the first in a family of decontamination coatings developed in a co-operative effort by Westinghouse, JDL Corporation and Energy Services Group. It is a water-based organic-polymer strippable coating for dry surfaces. The polymer matrix of the coating physically bonds with surface contaminations.

Workers at Cystal River, the first plant to use the new product, found several advantages over traditional coatings. It is odorless, so the person applying it does not need a respirator. It produced no overspray, so clean-up was completed with a through rinse of the paint sprayer internals. It compared well with other coatings: after curing and removal the decontamination factor ranged from 45 to 67, and it took 60% less time to remove the WES Strip coating than had been required for some other coatings. WES Strip dries in 4-6 hours.

*For more, "Westinghouse Unveils WES Strip," pp.42, Nuclear Engineering International, Vol.41, No.502, May 1996.*