
Motivation

- Ex-plant materials may be valuable because they have been exposed to actual in-service plant operating conditions
 - Can reduce the uncertainty associated with the applicability of the aging conditions
- Insights from research on harvested materials can address technical data needs identified for extended plant operation
- With plants shutting down both in the U.S. and internationally, there are increasing opportunities to harvest components from decommissioning plants
 - Past harvesting efforts generally more reactive as opportunities arose, rather than proactively planned
- Lessons learned from past harvesting programs can help improve future harvesting efforts
 - Challenges encountered in previous programs can be shared and mitigated or avoided in future programs