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Abstract: Plasma is probably the most condensed tool applied for nuclear waste management. To study the feasibility of putting this continuously in practice, a non-thermal microwave based atmospheric pressure plasma jet control probably had been developed. The device was characterized by spectroscopic technique prior to its actual deployment inside glove box to narrow down its operational regime and a solution of the technique of Pu which showed its efficacy in etching. The device vias then used for removal of Pu based synthetic radioactive wastes inside radioactive glove box thereafter, optimization studies were conducted to maximize decontamination ethology and it was seen that oxygen in plasma plays a significant role. The same device vias later scaled up to a multi-electrode model and used for similar radioactive wastes remo all a solutions under optimized condition could remove ~ 92% radioactive wastes and the scaled up model reduced duration by 50%.

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