

Overview

The origin of the symposium on Corrosion in Natural Waters occurred with the need for a vehicle to present the three-year interim results of the World-Wide Variability of Seawaters study.

Over the past decade or more many papers have been presented concerning degradation of metallic materials in natural or nearly natural waters. Symposia have been sponsored by groups involved in Off Shore Technology, Pipelines, Petroleum and Natural Gas, Waterworks Associations, Nuclear Waste Storage, and other specialized interest areas. Unfortunately, some worthwhile research tends to slip through the cracks between these areas and not be presented.

This symposium has offered a receptacle for a varied collection of research presentations in a timely fashion and should thus be of value to the corrosion community.

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