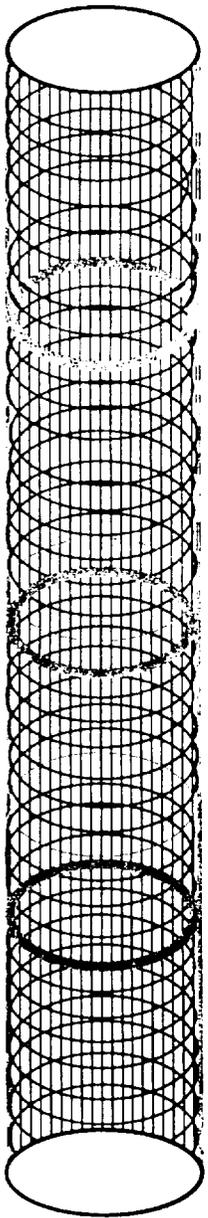


Ice Condenser Technical Specification Improvement Initiative

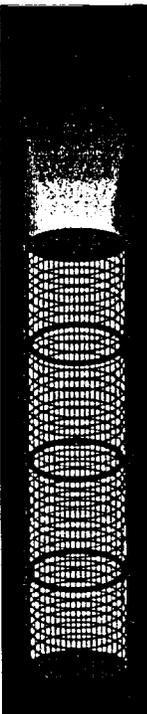


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NRC Meeting

November 13, 2000

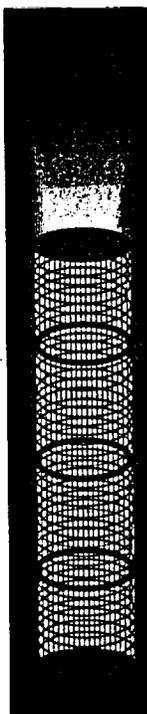
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Purpose

- ❖ Status activities of the Ice Condenser Mini-Group (ICMG)
- ❖ Outline approach for remaining submittals
- ❖ Provide schedule for remaining Technical Specification work
- ❖ Receive NRC Staff feedback

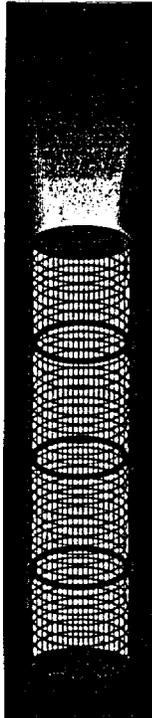
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Initiative Focus

- ❖ Revise I/C Technical Specifications as necessary to
 - ❖ Consistently and more directly support safety analysis and operability determination
 - ❖ Incorporate Operating Experience to increase effectiveness and relevance of SRs

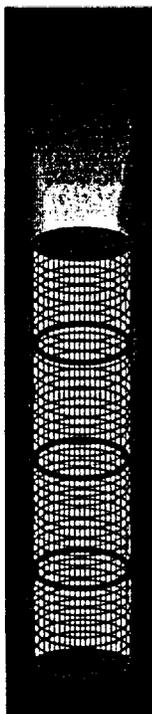
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NRC Meetings

- ✦ Initial meeting February 25, 1999
- ✦ First Update August 11, 1999
- ✦ Second Update November 13, 2000
- ✦ Final Project Summary Fall 2001

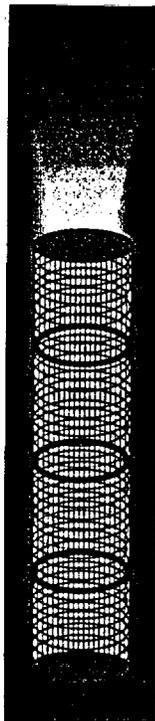
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Technical Specification Issues

- ✦ Ice Weight and Distribution
- ✦ Flow Channel Inspection
- ✦ Boron and pH Sampling
- ✦ Ice Condenser Doors
- ✦ Ice Basket Structural Integrity
- ✦ Other I/C-Related TSs

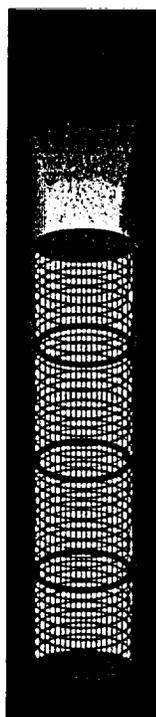
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Project Status

- ❖ **Ice Weight and Distribution (previously TSTF-335)**
 - ❖ ICMG submitted proposed TSTF to NEI on 5/4/99
 - ❖ ICMG “lead plant” amendment proposal submitted by Sequoyah to NRC on 6/24/99
 - ❖ NRC rejected ICMG / TVA proposed TSTF and amendment on 12/9/99
 - ❖ ICMG / TVA withdrew amendment proposal on 6/9/2000

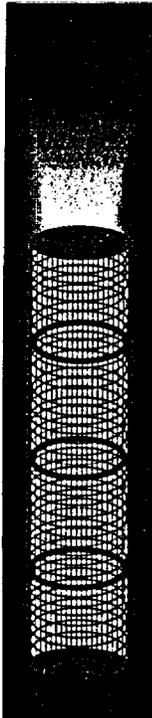
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Ice Weight / Distribution Current State

- ❖ **Surveillance Requirement (SR) focused on as-left conditions of each basket**
- ❖ **Ice replenishment is determined based on historical and as-found data to achieve proper as-left condition**
- ❖ **Ice Bed operating characteristics challenge the provisions of the SR**
 - **Unliftable (stuck) baskets is the predominant challenge**

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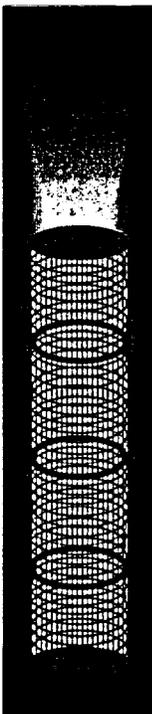


Ice Weight / Distribution Proposed Future State

- ❖ **SR becomes as-found validation of operability for ice bed**
 - **Sampling plan is designed to effectively address unliftable baskets**

- ❖ **Ice Management plan dictates outage ice replenishment activities**

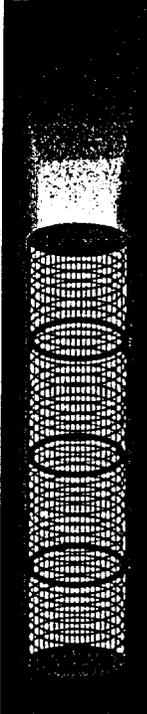
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Ice Weight / Distribution Proposed Future State (continued)

- ❖ **Surveillance Requirement Scope**
 - ❖ **Ice bed divided into radial "zones"**
 - ❖ **Zones defined to segregate ice bed physical behaviors**
 - ❖ **Required total ice weight and distribution assured by zone/group surveillances**

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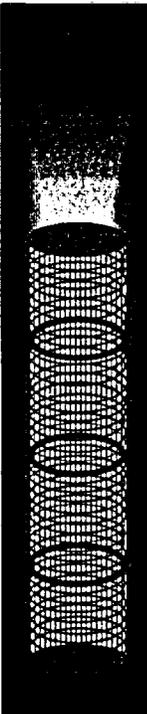


Ice Weight / Distribution

Proposed Future State (continued)

- ❖ **Surveillance Requirement Basis**
 - ❖ Each zone has specific sampling plan
 - ❖ Sampling plan methodology incorporates strengthened statistical practices
 - ❖ Uniform or Asymmetric ice bed configurations would be supported
 - ❖ Alternative weight determination techniques are under development

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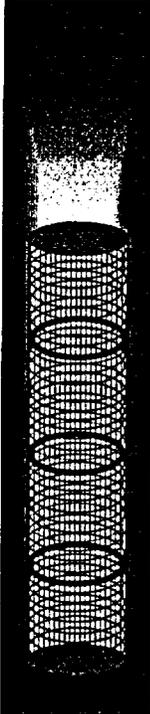


Ice Weight / Distribution

Proposed Future State (continued)

- ❖ **Ice Management Plan Scope**
 - ❖ Projection based
 - Base-lined by historical sublimation rates
 - Evaluating relevance / application of ICMG consolidated data to individual ice beds
 - Validated by recent, accurate weight data
 - Verified by visual inspection for confirmation of ice bed conditions (i.e., no anomalies)
 - ❖ Accurately projects beginning of fuel cycle ice bed sublimation allowance

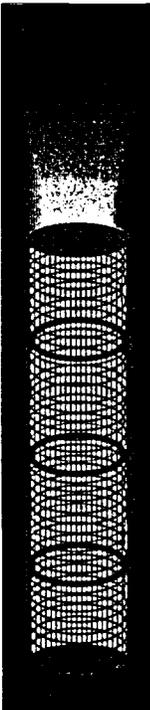
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Ice Weight / Distribution Proposed Future State (continued)

- ❖ **Ice Management Plan Scope (cont'd)**
 - ❖ **ICEMAN™**
 - ICE Condenser MANagement system designed by Duke Energy Corporation and written by Framatome Technologies
 - Provides for scheduling and managing ice basket replenishment activities
 - Provides database management for ice weight data and ice basket configurations

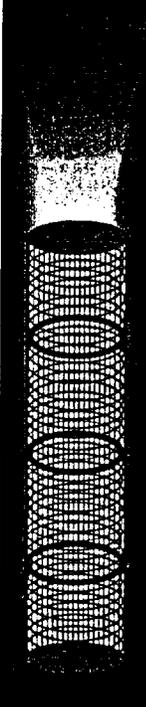
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Ice Weight / Distribution Proposed Future State (continued)

- ❖ **Licensing Basis Framework**
 - ❖ **Surveillance Requirement**
 - Contains as-found ice weight and distribution operability requirement
 - SR Bases describes Sampling Plan
 - Sampling plan supported by Topical Report
 - Includes acceptable statistical practices
 - Includes validated alternate weighing techniques

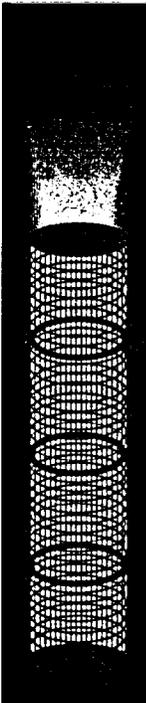
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Ice Weight / Distribution Proposed Future State (continued)

- ❖ **Licensing Basis Framework (cont'd)**
 - ❖ **Ice Management Plan**
 - **Contains commitments for dictating ice basket replenishment activities**
 - **Contained in licensee controlled document (e.g., UFSAR, Technical Requirements Manual)**
 - **Utilizes software (*ICEMAN™*) qualified per Licensee's Quality Assurance Program (10 CFR 50 Appendix B)**

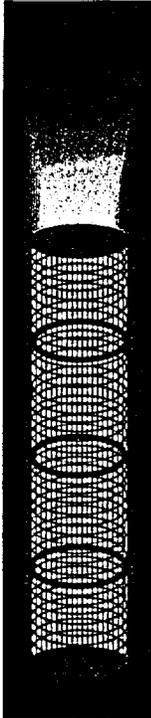
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Ice Weight / Distribution Proposed Future State (continued)

- ❖ **Continued ICMG progress will benefit from early NRC staff feedback**
 - ❖ **Questions ???**
 - ❖ **Comment !!!**

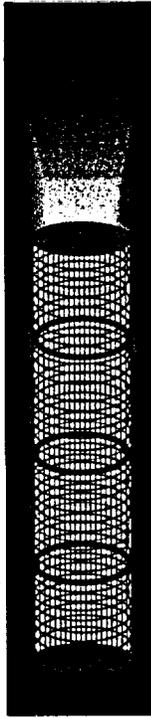
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Project Status (continued)

- ❖ **Flow Channel Inspection (TSTF-336)**
 - ❖ ICMG submitted proposed TSTF to NEI on 4/30/99
 - ❖ Watts Bar proposed amendment submitted to NRC on 7/19/99
 - ❖ NRC approved Watts Bar proposal on 7/18/2000
 - ❖ NRC approved TSTF-336, Revision 1 on 7/28/2000

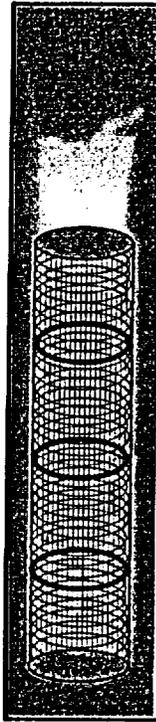
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Project Status (continued)

- ❖ **Boron & pH Sampling (TSTF-356)**
 - ❖ ICMG submitted proposed TSTF to NEI on 7/30/99
 - ❖ Watts Bar proposed amendment submitted to NRC on 11/15/99
 - ❖ NRC approved TSTF-356, Revision 1 on 3/7/2000
 - ❖ NRC approved Watts Bar proposal on 3/21/2000

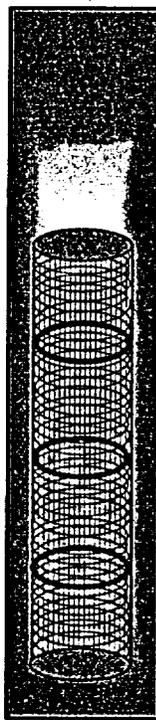
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Project Status (continued)

- ❖ **Ice Condenser Doors**
 - ❖ ICMG determined TS is acceptable as-is; no amendment planned
 - ❖ ICMG has elected not to pursue consolidation of door functional capabilities

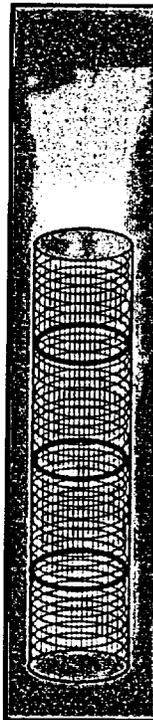
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Project Status (continued)

- ❖ **Ice Basket Structural Integrity**
 - ❖ ICMG determined SR is acceptable as-is; no amendment planned
 - ❖ TS Bases to be changed via TSTF submittal to remove 12-foot lift requirement from Standard TS

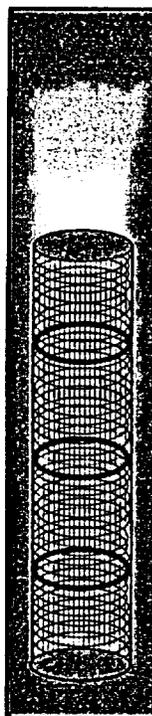
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Project Status (continued)

- ❖ **Other I/C-related TSs**
 - ❖ **ICMG reviewed remaining SRs in scope**
 - Ice Bed Temperature
 - Divider Barrier Seal
 - I/C Floor Drains
 - ❖ **No ICMG consistency concerns identified; no amendments planned**

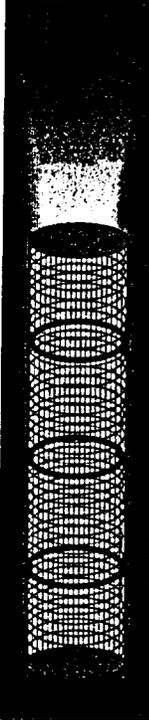
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Remaining Submittals

- ❖ **ICMG TSTFs to NEI**
 - ❖ **Ice Basket Structural Integrity Basis Change**
 - Lead plant: AEP/Cook - Summer 2001
 - ❖ **Ice Weight and Distribution**
 - Lead plant: TVA/Sequoyah - Summer 2001

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Remaining Submittals (continued)

❖ Submittals to adopt approved TSTFs

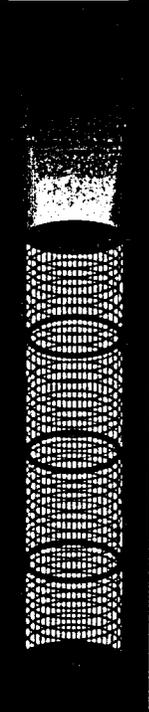
❖ Flow Channel Inspection (TSTF-336)

- Cook - Post Restart
- Catawba & McGuire - Spring 2001
- Sequoyah - Spring 2001
- Watts Bar - Complete

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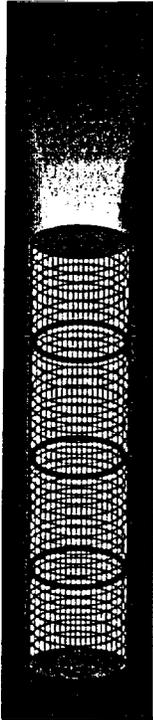
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Project Termination Criteria

- ❖ All TSTFs Approved by NEI/NRC
- ❖ Each utility docket's commitment for individual submittal schedules to implement approved TSTFs
- ❖ Close-out Meeting with NRC
- ❖ EOY 2001 expected termination

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Conclusion

- ❖ Progress continues in obtaining consistent I/C TSs
- ❖ Project completion plans are in place
- ❖ Goal of consistent demonstration of ice condenser operability will be achieved at completion of project

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Ice Bed Weight History

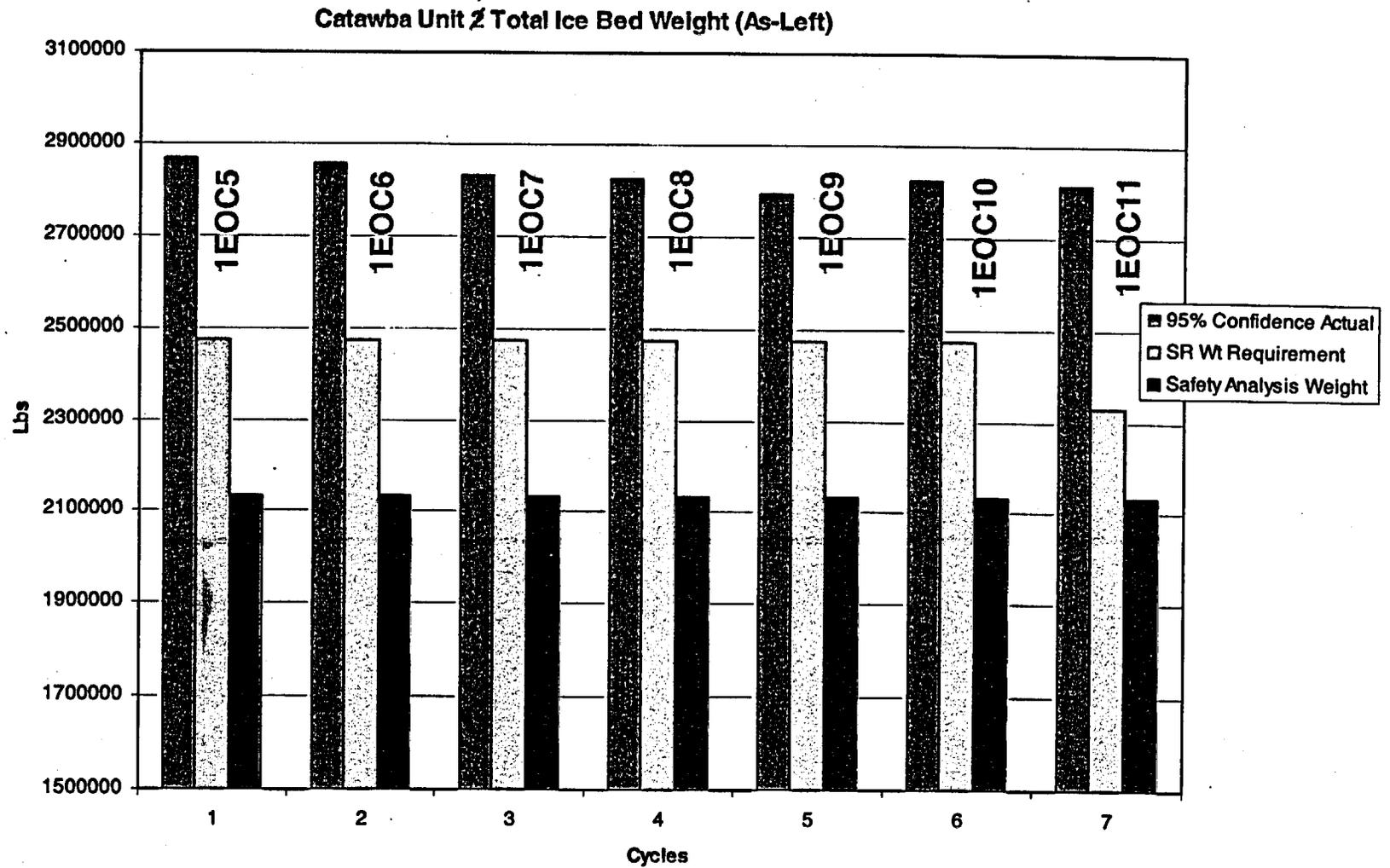
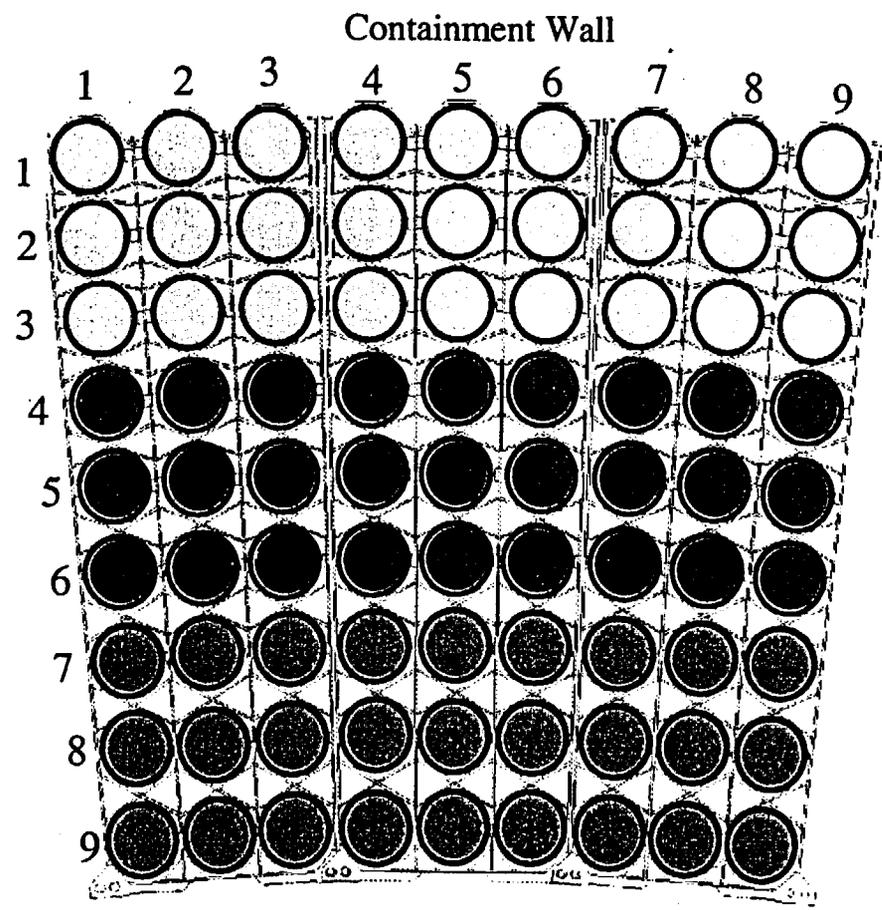


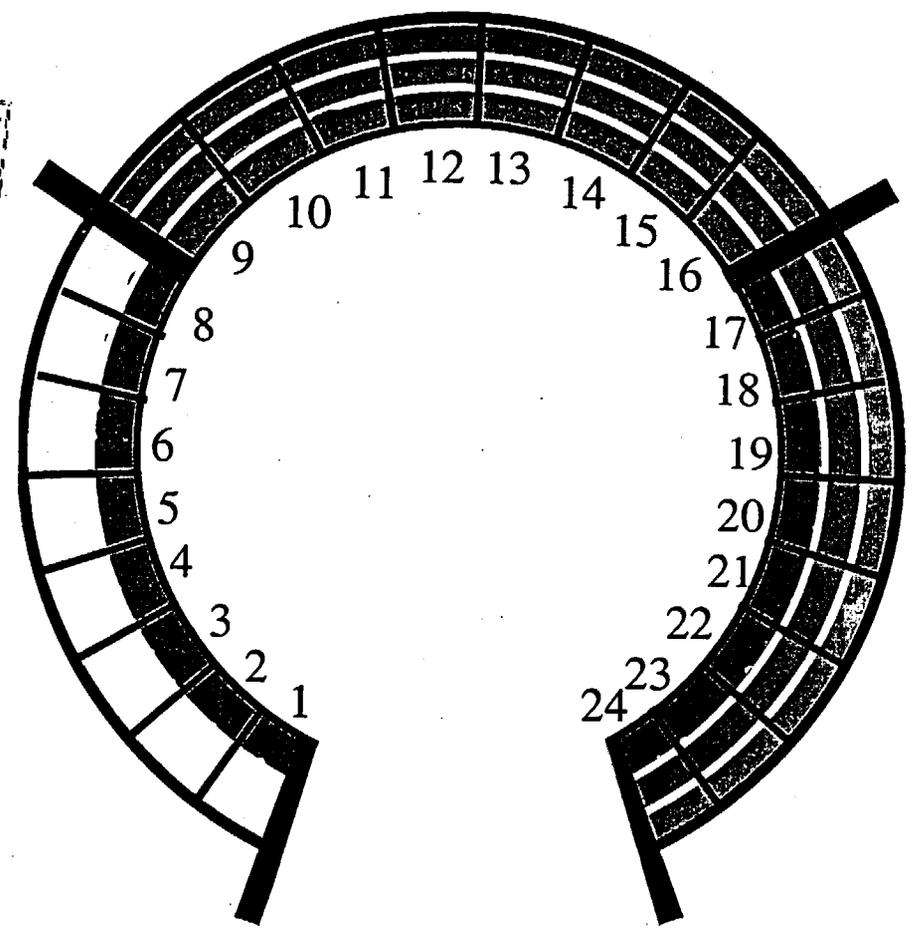
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RADIAL ZONES

ZONE / GROUP



Top View of Bay Basket Configuration



Top View of Ice Bed Bay Configuration

Figure - 2

Conceptual Ice Weight Sampling Plan Strategy

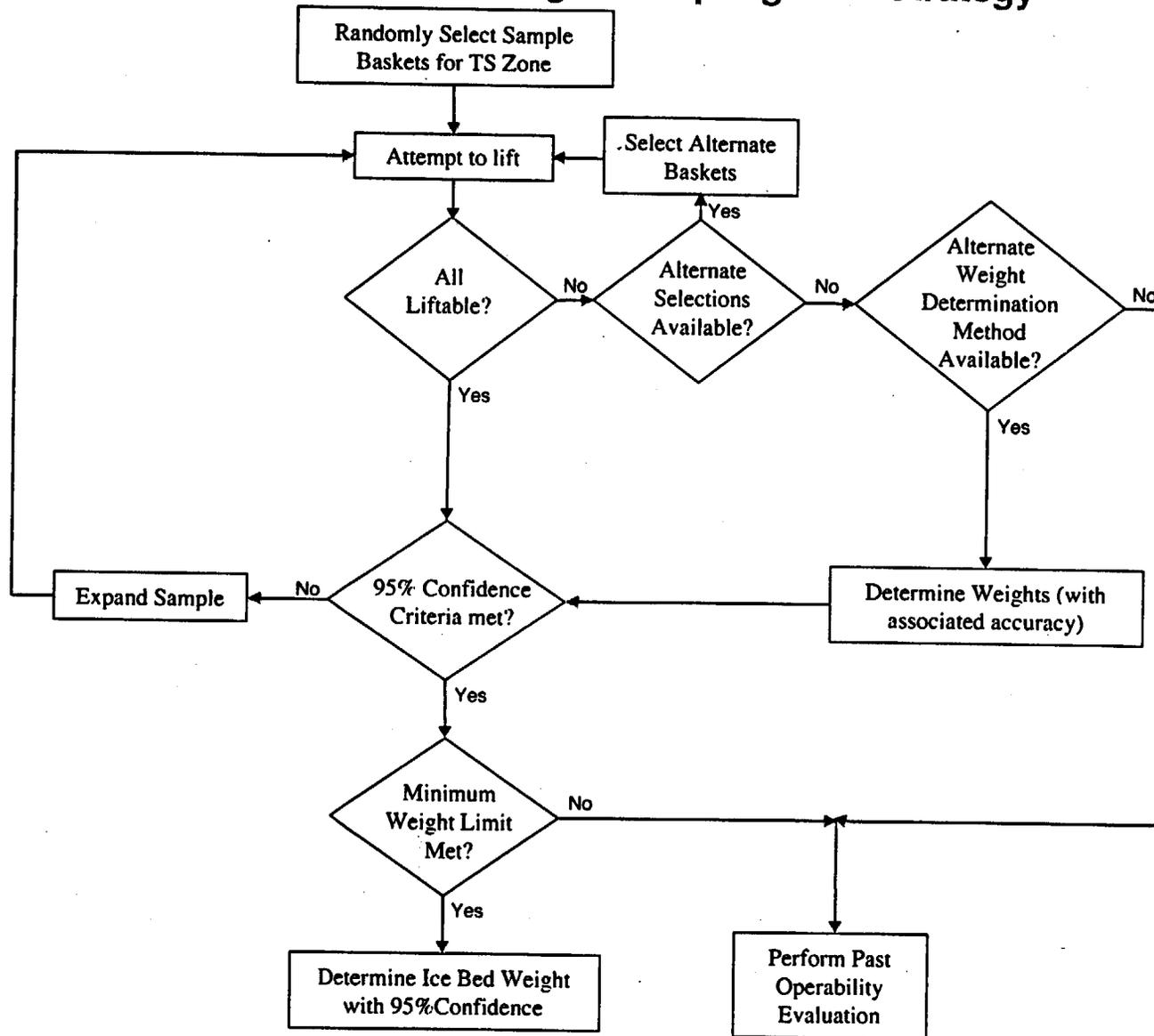


Figure - 3

Individual Basket Ice Weight Projection

McGuire Unit 2, Bay 10, Row 7, Column 6
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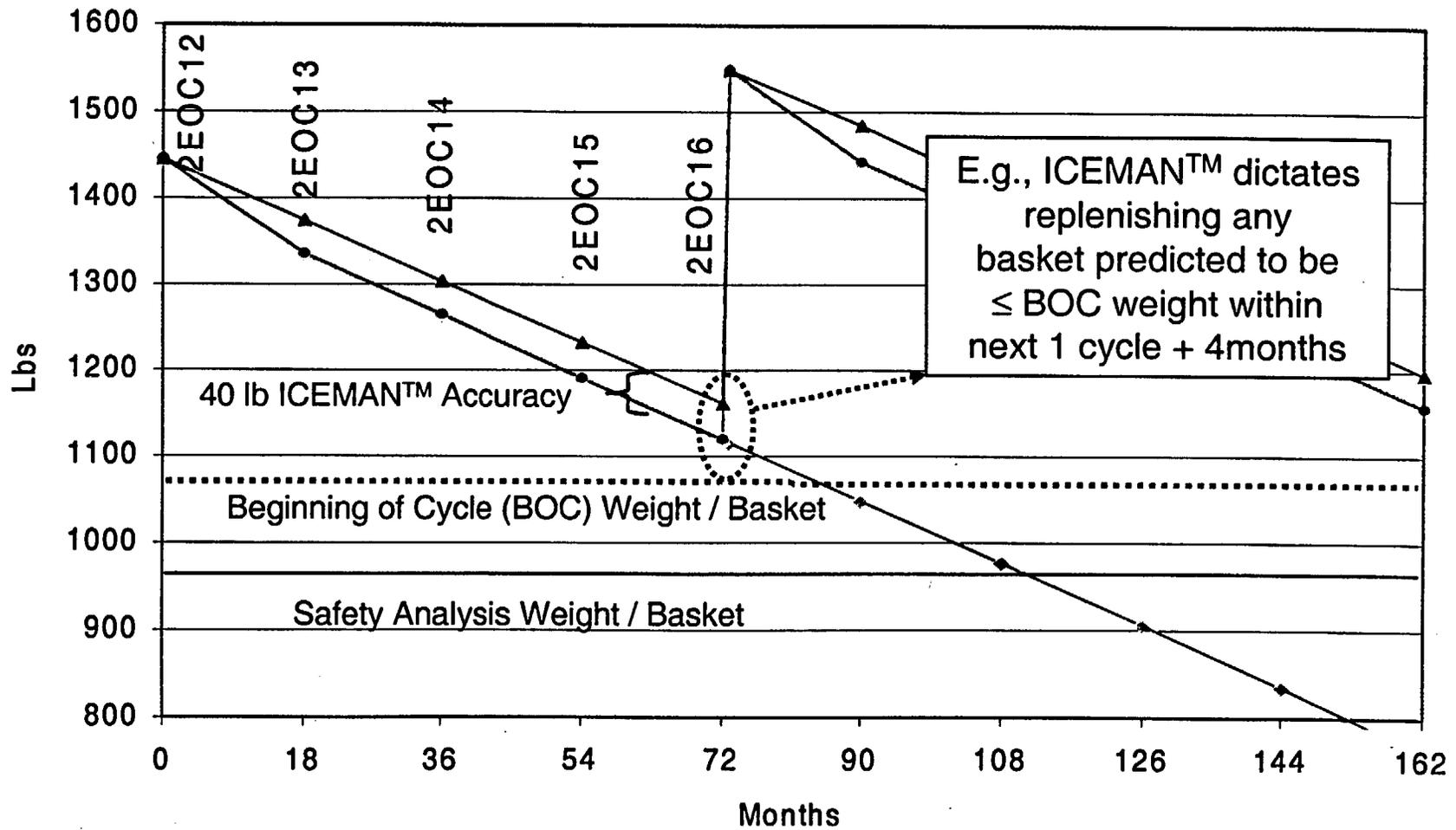


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Ice Bed Ice Weight Projection

McGuire Unit 2 Total Ice Bed Weight (for example only)

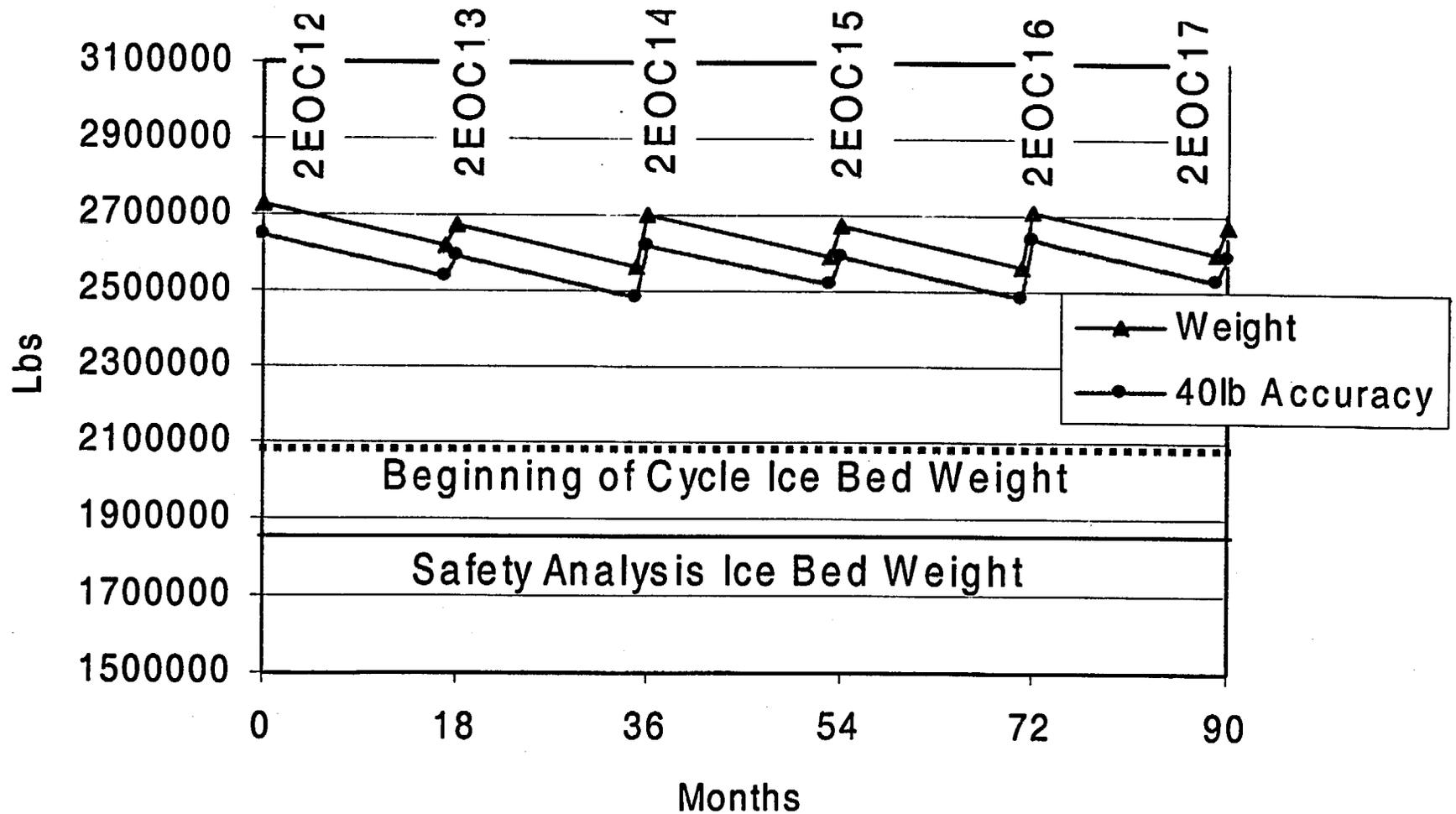


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