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Gentlemen:

The Commission has issued the enclosed Amendment No. 41 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-56 for the Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station, Unit No. 3. The amendment consists of changes to the Technical Specifications and is in response to your request dated December 19, 1977, as supplemented August 30, 1977, January 17, February 2 and 17, May 8 and 11, 1978.

The amendment modifies the Technical Specifications for the Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station, Unit No. 3 to: (1) permit operation of the facility during Cycle 3 with up to 252 improved two water rod 8x8R reload fuel bundles, designed and fabricated by the General Electric Company and having an average enrichment of 2.23 wt/% ²³⁵U, and (2) revise the Maximum Average Planar Linear Heat Generation Rates as determined by the reevaluation of the ECCS performance.

Copies of the Safety Evaluation and Notice of Issuance are also enclosed.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

1. Amendment No. 41 to DPR-56
2. Safety Evaluation
3. Notice

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PEACH BOTTOM ATOMIC POWER STATION UNIT NO. 3

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 41
License No. DPR-56

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:
 - A. The application for amendment by Philadelphia Electric Company, et al, (the licensee), dated December 19, 1977 as supplemented August 30, 1977, January 17, February 2 and 17, May 8 and 11, 1978, complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
 - B. The facility will operate in conformity with the application, the provisions of the Act, and the rules and regulations of The Commission;
 - C. There is reasonable assurance (i) that the activities authorized by this amendment can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public, and (ii) that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations;
 - D. The issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public; and
 - E. The issuance of this amendment is in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51 of the Commission's regulations and all applicable requirements have been satisfied.

2. Accordingly, the license is amended by changes to the Technical Specifications as indicated in the attachment to this license amendment, and paragraph 2.C(2) of Facility Operating License No. DPR-56 is hereby amended to read as follows:

(2) Technical Specifications

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendices A and B, as revised through Amendment No. 41, are hereby incorporated in the license. The licensee shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications.

3. This license amendment is effective as of the date of its issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



Brian K. Grimes, Assistant Director
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Attachment:
Changes to the Technical
Specifications

Date of Issuance: May 17, 1978

ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENT NO. 41

FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-56

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Replace the following pages of the Appendix "A" Technical Specifications with the enclosed pages. The revised pages are identified by Amendment number and contains vertical lines indicating the area of change. There are no changes on those pages marked with an asterisk (*).

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SAFETY LIMIT	LIMITING SAFETY SYSTEM SETTING
<p data-bbox="97 252 779 325">1.1 <u>FUEL CLADDING INTEGRITY INTEGRITY</u></p> <p data-bbox="97 378 779 420"><u>Applicability:</u></p> <p data-bbox="97 441 779 609">The Safety Limits established to preserve the fuel cladding integrity apply to those variables which monitor the fuel thermal behavior.</p> <p data-bbox="97 630 779 672"><u>Objectives:</u></p> <p data-bbox="97 693 779 829">The objective of the Safety Limits is to establish limits which assure the integrity of the fuel cladding.</p> <p data-bbox="97 913 779 955"><u>Specification:</u></p> <p data-bbox="97 1071 779 1144">A. <u>Reactor pressure ≥ 800 psia and Core Flow $\geq 10\%$ of Rated</u></p> <p data-bbox="97 1165 779 1333">The existence of a minimum critical power ratio MCPR less than 1.07 shall constitute violation of the fuel cladding integrity safety limit.</p> <p data-bbox="97 1354 779 1816">To ensure that this safety limit is not exceeded, neutron flux shall not be above the scram setting established in specification 2.1.A for longer than 1.15 seconds as indicated by the process computer. When the process computer is out of service this safety limit shall be assumed to be exceeded if the neutron flux exceeds its scram setting and a control rod scram does not occur.</p>	<p data-bbox="779 252 1554 325">2.1 <u>FUEL CLADDING INTEGRITY INTEGRITY</u></p> <p data-bbox="779 378 1554 420"><u>Applicability:</u></p> <p data-bbox="779 441 1554 609">The Limiting Safety System Settings apply to trip settings of the instruments and devices which are provided to prevent the fuel cladding integrity Safety Limits from being exceeded.</p> <p data-bbox="779 630 1554 672"><u>Objectives:</u></p> <p data-bbox="779 693 1554 892">The objective of the Limiting Safety System Settings is to define the level of the process variables at which automatic protective action is initiated to prevent the fuel cladding integrity Safety Limits from being exceeded.</p> <p data-bbox="779 913 1554 955"><u>Specification:</u></p> <p data-bbox="779 976 1554 1050">The limiting safety system settings shall be as specified below:</p> <p data-bbox="779 1071 1554 1113">A. <u>Neutron Flux Scram</u></p> <p data-bbox="779 1155 1554 1239">1. <u>APRM Flux Scram Trip Setting (Run Mode)</u></p> <p data-bbox="779 1260 1554 1354">When the Mode Switch is in the RUN position, the APRM flux scram trip setting shall be:</p> $S \leq 0.66W + 54\%$ <p data-bbox="779 1449 1554 1491">where:</p> <p data-bbox="779 1512 1554 1617">S = Setting in percent of rated thermal power (3293 MWt)</p> <p data-bbox="779 1638 1554 1816">W = Loop recirculating flow rate in percent of rated (rated loop recirculation flow rate equals 34.2×10^6 lb/hr).</p>

SAFETY LIMIT

LIMITING SAFETY SYSTEM SETTING

2.1.A (Cont'd)

In the event of operation with a maximum total peaking factor (MTPF) greater than the design value of A, the setting shall be modified to the more limiting (lower) of the 3 values determined by the following:

$$a. S \leq (0.66W + 54\%) \frac{2.66}{\text{MTPF for } 7 \times 7 \text{ fuel}}$$

$$b. S \leq (0.66W + 54\%) \frac{2.48}{\text{MTPF for } 8 \times 8 \text{ fuel}}$$

$$c. S \leq (0.66W + 54\%) \frac{2.51}{\text{MTPF for } 8 \times 8R \text{ fuel}}$$

MTPF = The value of the existing maximum total peaking factor

For no combination of loop recirculation flow rate and core thermal power shall the APRM flux scram trip setting be allowed to exceed 120% of rated thermal power.

Design value of A = 2.66 for 7x7 fuel, 2.48 for 8x8 fuel, and 2.51 for 8x8R fuel.

2. APRM--When the reactor mode switch is in the STARTUP position, the APRM scram shall be set at less than or equal to 15 percent of rated power.
3. IRM--The IRM scram shall be set at less than or equal to 120/125 of full scale.
4. When the reactor mode switch is in the STARTUP or RUN position, the reactor shall not be operated in the natural circulation flow mode.

SAFETY LIMIT

B. Core Thermal Power Limit
 (Reactor Pressure \leq 800 psia)

When the reactor pressure is \leq 800 psia or core flow is less than 10% of rated, the core thermal power shall not exceed 25% of rated thermal power.

C. Whenever the reactor is in the shutdown condition with irradiated fuel in the reactor vessel, the water level shall not be less than 17.1 in. above the top of the normal active fuel zone.

LIMITING SAFETY SYSTEM SETTING

B. APRM Rod Block Trip Setting

$$SRB \leq 0.66W + 42\%$$

where:

SRB= Rod block setting in percent of rated thermal power (3293 MWt)

W = Loop recirculation flow rate in percent of rated (rated loop recirculation flow rate equals 34.2 x 10⁶ lb/hr).

In the event of operation with a maximum total peaking factor (MTPF) greater than the design value of A, the setting shall be modified to the more limiting (lower) of the 3 values determined by the following:

$$1. \quad SRB \leq (0.66W + 42\%) \frac{2.66}{\text{MTPF for 7x7 fuel}}$$

$$2. \quad SRB \leq (0.66W + 42\%) \frac{2.48}{\text{MTPF for 8x8 fuel}}$$

$$3. \quad SRB \leq (0.66W + 42\%) \frac{2.51}{\text{MTPF for 8x8R fuel}}$$

MTPF = The value of the existing maximum total peaking factor

Design value of A = 2.66 for 7x7 fuel, 2.48 for 8x8 fuel, and 2.51 for 8x8R fuel.

C. Scram and isolation-- \geq 538 in. above reactor low water level vessel zero (0" on level instruments)

SAFETY LIMIT

LIMITING SAFETY SYSTEM SETTING

2.1 (Cont'd)

- D. Scram-- turbine stop ≤ 10 percent valve closure
- E. Scram-- turbine control fast closure on loss of control oil pressure.
500 < P < 850 psig.
- F. Scram--low condenser vacuum ≥ 23 inches Hg vacuum
- G. Scram--main steam line isolation $\leq 10\%$ valve closure
- H. Main steam isolation valve closure--nuclear system low pressure ≥ 850 psig
- I. Core Spray & LPCI actuation--reactor low water level ≥ 378 in. above vessel zero (-159.5 in. indicated level)
- J. HPCI & RCIC actuation--reactor low water level ≥ 490 in. above vessel zero (-49.5 in. indicated level)
- K. Main steam isolation valve closure--reactor low water level ≥ 490 in. above vessel zero (-49.5 in. indicated level)

1.1.A BASES (Cont'd)

The required input to the statistical model are the uncertainties listed on Table 1.1-1, the nominal values of the core parameters listed in Table 1.1-2, and the relative assembly power distribution shown in Figure D-1 of Reference 3.

The basis for the uncertainties in the core parameters are given in Reference 2 and the basis for the uncertainty in the GEXL correlation is given in Reference 1. The power distribution is based on a typical 764 assembly core in which the rod pattern was arbitrarily chosen to produce a skewed power distribution having the greatest number of assemblies at the highest power levels. The worst distribution in Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station Unit 3 during any fuel cycle would not be as severe as the distribution used in the analysis.

B. Core Thermal Power Limit (Reactor Pressure < 800 psia on Core Flow < 10% of Rated)

The use of the GEXL correlation is not valid for the critical power calculations at pressures below 800 psia or core flows less than 10% of rated. Therefore, the fuel cladding integrity safety limit is established by other means. This is done by establishing a limiting condition of core thermal power operation with the following basis.

Since the pressure drop in the bypass region is essentially all elevation head which is 4.56 psi the core pressure drop at low power and all flows will always be greater than 4.56 psi. Analyses show that with a flow of 28×10^3 lbs/hr bundle flow, bundle pressure drop is nearly independent of bundle power and has a value of 3.5 psi. Thus, the bundle flow with a 4.56 psi driving head will be greater than 28×10^3 lbs/hr irrespective of total core flow and independent of bundle power for the range of bundle powers of concern. Full scale ATLAS test data taken at pressures from 14.7 psia to 800 psia indicate that the fuel assembly critical power at this flow is approximately 3.35 Mwt. With the design peaking factors this corresponds to a core thermal power of more than 50%. Therefore a core thermal power limit of 25% for reactor pressures below 800 psia or core flow less than 10% is conservative.

C. Power Transient

Plant safety analyses have shown that the scrams caused by exceeding any safety setting will assure that the Safety Limit of Specification 1.1.A or 1.1.B will not be exceeded. Scram times are checked periodically to assure the insertion times are adequate. The thermal power transient resulting when a scram is accomplished other than by the expected scram signal (e.g., scram from neutron flux following closure of the main turbine stop valves) does not necessarily cause fuel damage.

1.1.C BASES (Cont'd.)

However, for this specification a Safety Limit violation will be assumed when a scram is only accomplished by means of a backup feature of the plant design. The concept of not approaching a Safety Limit, provided scram signals are operable, is supported by the extensive plant safety analysis.

The computer provided with Peach Bottom Unit 3 has a sequence annunciation program which will indicate the sequence in which events such as scram, APRM trip initiation, pressure scram initiation, etc. occur. This program also indicates when the scram setpoint is cleared. This will provide information on how long a scram condition exists and thus provide some measure of the energy added during a transient. Thus, computer information normally will be available for analyzing scrams; however, if the computer information should not be available for any scram analysis, Specification 1.1.C will be relied upon to determine if a Safety Limit has been violated.

D. Reactor Water Level (Shutdown Condition)

During periods when the reactor is shutdown, consideration must also be given to water level requirements due to the effect of decay heat. If reactor water level should drop below the top of the active fuel during this time, the ability to cool the core is reduced. This reduction in core cooling capability could lead to elevated cladding temperatures and clad perforation. The core can be cooled sufficiently should the water level be reduced to two-thirds the core height. Establishment of the safety limit at 17.7 inches above the top of the fuel provides adequate margin. This level will be continuously monitored.

E. References

1. General Electric BWR Thermal Analysis Basis (GETAB): Data, Correlation and Design Application, January 1977 (NEDO-10958-A).
2. Process Computer Performance Evaluation Accuracy, General Electric Company BWR Systems Department, June 1974 (NEDO-20340)
3. Supplemental Reload Licensing Submittal For Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station Unit 3 Reload No. 2, NEDO-24039-1, Supplement 1, December 1977.

Table 1.1-1

UNCERTAINTIES USED IN THE DETERMINATION
OF THE FUEL CLADDING SAFETY LIMIT

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Standard Deviation (% of Point)</u>
Feedwater Flow	1.76
Feedwater Temperature	0.76
Reactor Pressure	0.5
Core Inlet Temperature	0.2
Core Total Flow	2.5
Channel Flow Area	3.0
Friction Factor Multiplier	10.0
Channel Friction Factor Multiplier	5.0
TIP Readings Systematic	8.6
Random	1.2
	} 8.7
Bypass void effect on TIP	3.58 (at 2/3 core height)
	4.08 (core exit)
R Factor	1.6
Critical Power	3.6

Table 1.1-2

NOMINAL VALUES OF PARAMETERS USED IN
THE STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF FUEL CLADDING INTEGRITY SAFETY LIMIT

Core Thermal Power	3293 MW	
Core Flow	102.5 Mlb/hr	
Dome Pressure	1010.4 psig	
Channel Flow Area	0.1089 square ft.	
R-Factor	1.039	

2.1 BASES: FUEL CLADDING INTEGRITY

The abnormal operational transients applicable to operation of the Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station Units have been analyzed throughout the spectrum of planned operating conditions up to the thermal power condition of 3440 Mwt. The analyses were based upon plant operation in accordance with the operating map given in Figure 3.7.1 of the FSAR. In addition, 3293 Mwt is the licensed maximum power level of each Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station Unit, and this represents the maximum steady state power which shall not knowingly be exceeded.

Conservatism is incorporated in the transient analyses in estimating the controlling factors, such as void reactivity coefficient, control rod scram worth, scram delay time, peaking factors, and axial power shapes. These factors are selected conservatively with respect to their effect on the applicable transient results as determined by the current analysis model. This transient model, evolved over many years, has been substantiated in operation as a conservative tool for evaluating reactor dynamic performance. Results obtained from a General Electric boiling water reactor have been compared with predictions made by the model. The comparisons and results are summarized in NEDO-10802.

The absolute value of the void reactivity coefficient used in the analysis is conservatively estimated to be about 25% greater than the nominal maximum value expected to occur during the core lifetime. The scram worth used has been derated to be equivalent to approximately 80% of the total scram worth of the control rod. The scram delay time and rate of rod insertion allowed by the analyses are conservatively set equal to the longest delay and slowest insertion rate acceptable by Technical Specifications. Active coolant flow is equal to 88% of total core flow. The effect of scram worth, scram delay time and rod insertion rate, all conservatively applied, are of greatest significance in the early portion of the negative reactivity insertion. The rapid insertion of negative reactivity is assured by the time requirements for 5% and 25% insertion. By the time the rods are 60% inserted, approximately four dollars of negative reactivity have been inserted which strongly turns the transient, and accomplishes the desired effect. The times for 50% and 90% insertion are given to assure proper completion of the expected performance in the earlier portion of the transient, and to establish the ultimate fully shutdown steady state condition.

2.1 BASES (Cont'd.)

For analyses of the thermal consequences of the transients a MCPR equal to or greater than the operating limit MCPR given in Specification 3.5.K is conservatively assumed to exist prior to initiation of the transients. This choice of using conservative values of controlling parameters and initiating transients at the design power level produces more pessimistic answers than would result by using expected values of control parameters and analyzing at higher power levels.

Steady state operation without forced recirculation will not be permitted. The analysis to support operation at various power and flow relationships has considered operation with either one or two recirculating pumps.

In summary:

- i. The abnormal operational transients were analyzed to a power level of 3440 MWt, except for Load Rejection transients which were analyzed at a power level of 3293 MWt.
- ii. The licensed maximum power level is 3293 MWt.
- iii. Analyses of transients employ adequately conservative values of the controlling reactor parameters.
- iv. The analytical procedures now used result in a more logical answer than the alternative method of assuming a higher starting power in conjunction with the expected values for the parameters.

The bases for individual trip settings are discussed in the following paragraphs.

A. Neutron Flux Scram

The Average Power Range Monitoring (APRM) system, which is calibrated using heat balance data taken during steady state conditions, reads in percent of rated thermal power (3293 MWt). Because fission chambers provide the basic input signals, the APRM system responds directly to average neutron flux. During transients, the instantaneous rate of heat transfer from the fuel (reactor thermal power) is less than the instantaneous neutron flux due to the time constant of the fuel. Therefore, during abnormal operational transients, the thermal power of the fuel will be less than that indicated by the neutron flux at the scram setting. Analyses demonstrate that with a 120 percent scram trip setting, none of the abnormal operational transients analyzed violate the fuel Safety Limit and there is a substantial margin from fuel damage. Therefore, the use of flow referenced scram trip provides even additional margin.

2.1.A BASES (Cont'd.)

An increase in the APRM scram trip setting would decrease the margin present before the fuel cladding integrity Safety Limit is reached. The APRM scram trip setting was determined by an analysis of margins required to provide a reasonable range for maneuvering during operation. Reducing this operating margin would increase the frequency of spurious scrams which have an adverse effect on reactor safety because of the resulting thermal stresses. Thus, the APRM scram trip setting was selected because it provides adequate margin for the fuel cladding integrity Safety Limit yet allows operating margin that reduces the possibility of unnecessary scrams.

The scram trip setting must be adjusted to assure that the LHGR transient peak is not increased for any combination of MTPF and reactor core thermal power. The scram setting is adjusted in accordance with the formula in Specification 2.1.A.1, when the maximum total peaking factor is greater than the design value of A for each class of fuel.

Analyses of the limiting transients show that no scram adjustment is required to assure MCPR greater than 1.07 when the transient is initiated from MCPR greater than the operating limit given in Specification 3.5.K.

For operation in the startup mode while the reactor is at low pressure, the APRM scram setting of 15 percent of rated power provides adequate thermal margin between the setpoint and the Safety Limit, 25 percent of rated. The margin is adequate to accommodate anticipated maneuvers associated with power plant startup. Effects of increasing pressure at zero or low void content are minor, cold water from sources available during startup is not much colder than that already in the system, temperature coefficients are small, and control rod patterns are constrained to be uniform by operating procedures backed up by the Rod Worth Minimizer and Rod Sequence Control System. Worth of individual rods is very low in a uniform rod pattern. Thus, of all possible sources of reactivity input, uniform control rod withdrawal is the most probable cause of significant power rise. Because the flux distribution associated with uniform rod withdrawals does not involve high local peaks, and because several rods must be moved to change power by a significant percentage of rated power, the rate of power is very slow. Generally, the heat flux is in near equilibrium with the fission rate. In an assumed uniform rod withdrawal approach to the scram level, the rate of power rise is no more than 5 percent of rated power per minute, and the APRM system would be more than adequate to assure a scram before the power could exceed the Safety Limit. The 15 percent APRM scram remains active until the mode switch is placed in the RUN position. This switch occurs when the reactor pressure is greater than 850 psig.

2.1.A BASES (Cont'd.)

The IRM system consists of 8 chambers, 4 in each of the reactor protection system logic channels. The IRM is a 5-decade instrument which covers the range of power level between that covered by the SRM and the APRM. The 5-decades are covered by the IRM by means of a range switch and the 5-decades are broken down into 10 ranges, each being one-half of a decade in size. The IRM scram trip setting of 120 divisions is active in each range of the IRM. For example, if the instrument were on range 1, the scram setting would be a 120 divisions for that range; likewise, if the instrument were on range 5, the scram would be 120 divisions on that range. Thus, as the IRM is ranged up to accommodate the increase in power level, the scram trip setting is also ranged up. The most significant sources of reactivity change during the power increase are due to control rod withdrawal. For in-sequence control rod withdrawal the rate of change of power is slow enough due to the physical limitation of withdrawing control rods, that heat flux is in equilibrium with the neutron flux and an IRM scram would result in a reactor shutdown well before any Safety Limit is exceeded.

In order to assure that the IRM provided adequate protection against the single rod withdrawal error, a range of rod withdrawal accidents was analyzed. This analysis included starting the accident at various power levels. The most severe case involves an initial condition in which the reactor is just subcritical and the IRM system is not yet on scale. This condition exists at quarter rod density. Additional conservatism was taken in this analyses by assuming that the IRM channel closest to the withdrawn rod is bypassed. The results of this analysis show that the reactor is scrammed and peak power limited to one percent of rated power, thus maintaining MCPR above 1.07. Based on the above analysis, the IRM provides protection against local control rod withdrawal errors and continuous withdrawal of control rods in-sequence and provides backup protection for the APRM.

B. APRM Rod Block Trip Setting

The APRM system provides a control rod block to avoid conditions which would result in an APRM scram trip if allowed to proceed. The APRM rod block trip setting, like the APRM scram trip setting, is automatically varied with recirculation loop flow rate. The flow variable APRM rod block trip setting provides margin to the APRM scram trip setting over the entire recirculation flow range. As with the APRM scram trip setting, the APRM rod block trip setting is adjusted downward if the Maximum Total Peaking Factor (MTPF) exceeds the design value A for each fuel type.

2.1 BASES (Cont'd.)

C. Reactor Water Low Level Scram and Isolation (Except Main Steamlines)

The set point for the low level scram is above the bottom of the separator skirt. This level has been used in transient analyses dealing with coolant inventory decrease. The results reported in FSAR subsection 14.5 show that scram and isolation of all process lines (except main steam) at this level adequately protects the fuel and the pressure barrier, because MCPR is greater than 1.07 in all cases, and system pressure does not reach the safety valve settings. The scram setting is approximately 31 in. below the normal operating range and is thus adequate to avoid spurious scrams.

D. Turbine Stop Valve Closure Scram

The turbine stop valve closure scram trip anticipates the pressure, neutron flux and heat flux increase that could result from rapid closure of the turbine stop valves. With a scram trip setting of less than or equal to 10 percent of valve closure from full open, the resultant increase in surface heat flux is limited such that MCPR remains above 1.07 even during the worst case transient that assumes the turbine bypass is closed. This scram is bypassed when turbine steam flow is below 30% of rated, as measured by turbine first stage pressure.

E. Turbine Control Valve Scram

The turbine control valve fast closure scram anticipates the pressure, neutron flux and heat flux increase that could result from fast closure of the turbine control valves due to a load rejection exceeding the capacity of the bypass valves or a failure in the hydraulic control system which results in a loss of oil pressure. This scram is initiated from pressure switches in the hydraulic control system which sense loss of oil pressure due to the opening of the fast acting solenoid valves or a failure in the hydraulic control system piping. Two turbine first stage pressure switches for each trip system initiate automatic bypass of the turbine control valve fast closure scram when the first stage pressure is below that required to produce 30% of rated power. Control valve closure time is approximately twice as long as that for stop valve closure.

SAFETY LIMIT	LIMITING SAFETY SYSTEM SETTING
<p>1.2 <u>REACTOR COOLANT SYSTEM INTEGRITY</u></p> <p><u>Applicability:</u></p> <p>Applies to limits on reactor coolant system pressure.</p> <p><u>Objectives:</u></p> <p>To establish a limit below which the integrity of the reactor coolant system is not threatened due to an overpressure condition.</p> <p><u>Specification:</u></p> <p>1. The reactor vessel dome pressure shall not exceed 1325 psig at any time when irradiated fuel is present in the reactor vessel.</p>	<p>2.2 <u>REACTOR COOLANT SYSTEM INTEGRITY</u></p> <p><u>Applicability:</u></p> <p>Applies to trip settings of the instruments and devices which are provided to prevent the reactor system safety limits from being exceeded.</p> <p><u>Objectives:</u></p> <p>To define the level of the process variables at which automatic protective action is initiated to prevent the pressure safety limit from being exceeded.</p> <p><u>Specification:</u></p> <p>1. The limiting safety system settings shall be as specified below:</p> <p><u>Protective Action/Limiting Safety System Setting</u></p> <p>A. Scram on Reactor Vessel high pressure</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">≤ 1055 psig</p> <p>B. Relief valve settings</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">1105 psig (+11 psi) (4 valves)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">1115 psig (+11 psi) (4 valves)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">1125 psig (+11 psi) (3 valves)</p>

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2. The reactor vessel dome pressure shall not exceed 75 psig at any time when operating the Residual Heat Removal pump in the shutdown cooling mode.

C. Safety valve settings

1230 psig + 12 psi
(2 valves)

2. The shutdown cooling isolation valves shall be closed whenever the reactor vessel dome pressure is >75 psig.

2.2 BASES

REACTOR COOLANT SYSTEM INTEGRITY

The pressure relief system for each unit at the Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station has been sized to meet two design bases. First, the total capacity of the safety/relief valves and safety valves has been established to meet the overpressure protection criteria of the ASME Code. Second, the distribution of this required capacity between safety valves and relief valves has been set to meet design basis 4.4.4.1 of subsection 4.4 of the FSAR which states that the nuclear system safety/relief valves shall prevent opening of the safety valves during normal plant isolations and load rejections.

The details of the analysis which shows compliance with the ASME Code requirements are presented in subsection 4.4 of the PSAR and the Reactor Vessel Overpressure Protection Summary Technical Report submitted in Appendix K.

Eleven safety/relief valves and two safety valves have been installed on Peach Bottom Unit 3. The analysis of the worst overpressure transient, (3-second closure of all main steamline isolation valves) neglecting the direct scram (valve position scram) results in a maximum vessel pressure of 1301 psig if a neutron flux scram is assumed. This results in a 74 psig margin to the code allowable overpressure limit of 1375 psig.

The analysis of the plant isolation transient (Load Rejection with bypass valve failure to open and Recirculation Pump Drive Motor Trip) assuming a turbine trip scram is presented in NEDO-24039-1 for Peach Bottom Unit 3. This analysis shows that the 11 safety/relief valves limit pressure at the safety valves to 28 psi below the setting of the safety valves. Therefore, the safety valves will not open.

The safety/relief valve settings satisfy the Code requirements that the lowest valve set point be at or below the vessel design pressure of 1250 psig. These settings are also sufficiently above the normal operating pressure range to prevent unnecessary cycling caused by minor transients.

The results of postulated transients where inherent safety/relief valve actuation is required are given in Section 14.0 of the Final Safety Analysis Report.

The design pressure of the shutdown cooling piping of the Residual Heat Removal System is not exceeded with the reactor vessel steam dome less than 75 psig.

LIMITING CONDITIONS FOR OPERATION3.1 REACTOR PROTECTION SYSTEMApplicability:

Applies to the instrumentation and associated devices which initiate a reactor scram.

Objective:

To assure the operability of the reactor protection system.

Specification:

The setpoint, minimum number of trip systems, and minimum number of instrument channels that must be operable for each position of the reactor mode switch shall be as given in Table 3.1.1. The designed system response times from the opening of the sensor contact up to and including the opening of the trip actuator contacts shall not exceed 100 milli-seconds.

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS3.1 REACTOR PROTECTION SYSTEMApplicability:

Applies to the surveillance of the instrumentation and associated devices which initiate reactor scram.

Objective:

To specify the type and frequency of surveillance to be applied to the protection instrumentation.

Specification:

- A. Instrumentation systems shall be functionally tested and calibrated as indicated in Tables 4.1.1 and 4.1.2 respectively.
- B. Daily during reactor power operation, the peak heat flux and peaking factor shall be checked and the SCRAM and APRM Rod Block settings given by equations in Specification 2.1.A.1 and 2.1.B shall be calculated if the peaking factor exceeds 2.66 for 7x7 fuel, 2.48 for 8x8 fuel, or 2.51 for 8x8R fuel.

NOTES FOR TABLE 3.1.1 (Cont'd)

10. The APRM downscale trip is automatically bypassed when the IRM instrumentation is operable and not high.
11. An APRM will be considered operable if there are at least 2 LPRM inputs per level and at least 14 LPRM inputs of the normal complement.
12. W is the recirculation loop flow in percent of design. W is equal to 100 for core flow of 102.5 million pounds/hour or greater. Trip level setting is in percent of rated power (3293 MWt). A = 2.66 for 7x7 fuel, 2.48 for 8x8 fuel, and 2.51 for 8x8R fuel. MTPF is the value of the existing maximum total peaking factor.
13. See Section 2.1.A.1.

NOTES FOR TABLE 3.2.C

1. For the startup and run positions of the Reactor Mode Selector Switch, there shall be two operable or tripped trip systems for each function. The SRM and IRM blocks need not be operable in "Run" mode, and the APRM and RBM rod blocks need not be operable in "Startup" mode. If the first column cannot be met for one of the two trip systems, this condition may exist for up to seven days provided that during that time the operable system is functionally tested immediately and daily thereafter; if this condition lasts longer than seven days, the system shall be tripped. If the first column cannot be met for both trip systems, the systems shall be tripped.
2. W is the recirculation loop flow in percent of design. Trip level setting is in percent of rated power (3293 MWt). Refer to Limiting Safety Settings for variation with peaking factors, A = 2.66 for 7x7 fuel, 2.48 for 8x8 fuel, and 2.51 for 8x8R fuel. MTPF is the value of the existing maximum total peaking factor.
3. IRM downscale is bypassed when it is on its lowest range.
4. This function is bypassed when the count rate is ≥ 100 cps.
5. One of the four SRM inputs may be bypassed.
6. This SRM function is bypassed when the IRM range switches are on range 8 or above.
7. The trip is bypassed when the reactor power is $\leq 30\%$.
8. This function is bypassed when the mode switch is placed in Run.

3.2 BASES (Cont'd)

Pressure instrumentation is provided to close the main steam isolation valves in RUN Mode when the main steam line pressure drops below 850 psig. The Reactor Pressure Vessel thermal transient due to an inadvertent opening of the turbine bypass valves when not in the RUN Mode is less severe than the loss of feedwater analyzed in section 14.5 of the FSAR, therefore, closure of the Main Steam Isolation valves for thermal transient protection when not in RUN mode is not required.

The HPCI high flow and temperature instrumentation are provided to detect a break in the HPCI steam piping. Tripping of this instrumentation results in actuation of HPCI isolation valves. Tripping logic for the high flow is a 1 out of 2 logic. Temperature is monitored at four (4) locations with four (4) temperature sensors at each location. Two (2) sensors at each location are powered by "A" DC control bus and two (2) by "B" DC control bus. Each pair of sensors, e.g., "A" or "B" at each location are physically separated and the tripping of either "A" or "B" bus sensor will actuate HPCI isolation valves. The trip settings of $\leq 300\%$ of design flow for high flow and 200°F for high temperature are such that core uncover is prevented and fission product release is within limits.

The RCIC high flow and temperature instrumentation are arranged the same as that for the HPCI. The trip setting of $\leq 300\%$ for high flow and 200°F for temperature are based on the same criteria as the HPCI.

The Reactor Water Cleanup System high flow and temperature instrumentation are arranged similar to that for the HPCI. The trip settings are such that core uncover is prevented and fission product release is within limits.

The instrumentation which initiates CSCS action is arranged in a dual bus system. As for other vital instrumentation arranged in this fashion, the Specification preserves the effectiveness of the system even during periods when maintenance or testing is being performed. An exception to this is when logic functional testing is being performed.

The control rod block functions are provided to prevent excessive control rod withdrawal so that MCPR does not decrease to 1.07. The trip logic for this function is 1 out of n: e.g., any trip on one of 6 APRM's, 8 IRM's, or 4 SRM's will result in a rod block.

The minimum instrument channel requirements assure sufficient instrumentation to assure the single failure criteria is met. The minimum instrument channel requirements for the RBM may be reduced by one for maintenance, testing, or calibration. This time period is only 3% of the operating time in a month and does not significantly increase the risk of preventing an inadvertent control rod withdrawal.

3.2 BASES (Cont'd)

The APRM rod block function is flow biased and prevents a significant reduction in MCPR, especially during operation at reduced flow. The APRM provides gross core protection: i.e., limits the gross core power increase from withdrawal of control rods in the normal withdrawal sequence. The trips are set so that MCPR is maintained greater than 1.07.

The RBM rod block function provides local protection of the core; i.e., the prevention of boiling transition in the local region of the core, for a single rod withdrawal error from a limiting control rod pattern.

The IRM rod block function provides local as well as gross core protection. The scaling arrangement is such that trip setting is less than a factor of 10 above the indicated level.

A downscale indication on an APRM or IRM is an indication the instrument has failed or the instrument is not sensitive enough. In either case the instrument will not respond to changes in the control rod motion and thus, control rod motion is prevented. The downscale trips are set at 2.5 indicated on scale.

The flow comparator and scram discharge volume high level components have only one logic channel and are not required for safety. The flow comparator must be bypassed when operating with one recirculation water pump.

The refueling interlocks also operate one logic channel, and are required for safety only when the mode switch is in the refueling position.

For effective emergency core cooling for small pipe breaks, the HPCI system must function since reactor pressure does not decrease rapidly enough to allow either core spray or LPCI to operate in time. The automatic pressure relief function is provided as a backup to the HPCI in the event the HPCI does not operate. The arrangement of the tripping contacts is such as to provide this function when necessary and minimize spurious operation. The trip settings given in the specification are adequate to assure the above criteria are met. The specification preserves the effectiveness of the system during periods of maintenance, testing, or calibration, and also minimizes the risk of inadvertent operation; i.e., only one instrument channel out of service.

Two air ejector off-gas monitors are provided and when their trip point is reached, cause an isolation of the air ejector off-gas line. Isolation is initiated when both instruments reach their high trip point on one has an upscale

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4. Control rods shall not be withdrawn for startup or refueling unless at least two source range channels have an observed count rate equal to or greater than three counts per second.
5. During operation with limiting control rod patterns, as determined by the designated qualified personnel, either:
 - a. Both RMB channels shall be operable, or
 - b. Control rod withdrawal shall be blocked, or
 - c. The operating power level shall be limited so that the MCPR will remain above 1.07 assuming a single error that results in complete withdrawal of a single operable control rod.

C. Scram Insertion Times

1. The average scram insertion time, based on the deenergization of the scram pilot valve solenoids as time zero, of all operable control rods in the reactor power operation condition shall be no greater than:

Above 950 psig

<u>% Inserted from Fully Withdrawn</u>	<u>Avg. Scram Insertion Times (sec)</u>
5	0.375
20	0.90
50	2.0
90	5.0

SURVEILLANCE REQUIPMENTS4.3.B Control Rods (Cont'd)

4. Prior to control rod withdrawal for startup or during refueling, verify that at least two source range channels have an observed count rate of at least three counts per second.
5. When a limiting control rod pattern exists, an instrument functional test of the RBM shall be performed prior to withdrawal of the designated rod(s).

C. Scram Insertion Times

1. After each refueling outage all operable fully withdrawn insequence rods shall be scram time testing during operational hydrostatic testing or during startup from the fully withdrawn position with the nuclear system pressure above 800 psig. This testing shall be completed prior to synchronizing the main turbine generator initially following restart of the plant.

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3.3.D. Reactivity Anomalies

The reactivity equivalent of the difference between the actual critical rod configuration and the expected configuration during power operation shall not exceed $1\% \Delta k$. If this limit is exceeded, the reactor will be shut down until the cause has been determined and corrective actions have been taken as appropriate.

- E. If Specifications 3.3.A through D above cannot be met, an orderly shutdown shall be initiated and the reactor shall be in the Cold Shutdown condition within 24 hours.

4.3.D. Reactivity Anomalies

During the startup test program and startup following refueling outages, the critical rod configurations will be compared to the expected configurations at selected operating conditions. These comparisons will be used as base data for reactivity monitoring during subsequent power operation throughout the fuel cycle. At specific power operating conditions, the critical rod configuration will be compared to the configuration expected based upon appropriately corrected past data. This comparison will be made at least every full power month.

3.3 and 4.3 BASES: REACTIVITY CONTROL

A. Reactivity Limitation

1. The requirements for the control rod drive system have been identified by evaluating the need for reactivity control via control rod movement over the full spectrum of plant conditions and events. As discussed in subsection 3.4 of the Final Safety Analysis Report, the control rod system design is intended to provide sufficient control of core reactivity that the core could be made subcritical with the strongest rod fully withdrawn. This reactivity characteristic has been a basic assumption in the analysis of plant performance. Compliance with this requirement can be demonstrated conveniently only at the time of initial fuel loading or refueling. Therefore, the demonstration must be such that it will apply to the entire subsequent fuel cycle. The demonstration shall be performed with the reactor core in the cold, xenon-free condition and will show that the reactor is subcritical by at least $R + 0.38\% \Delta k/k$ with the analytically determined strongest control rod fully withdrawn.

The value of "R", in units of $\% \Delta k/k$, is the amount by which the core reactivity, in the most reactive condition at any time in the subsequent operating cycle, is calculated to be greater than at the time of the demonstration. "R", therefore, is the difference between the calculated value of maximum core reactivity during the operating cycle and the calculated beginning-of-life core reactivity. The value of "R" must be positive or zero and must be determined for each fuel cycle.

The demonstration is performed with a control rod which is calculated to be the strongest rod. In determining this "analytically strongest" rod, it is assumed that every fuel assembly of the same type has identical material properties. In the actual core, however, the control cell material properties vary within allowed manufacturing tolerances, and the strongest rod is determined by a combination of the control cell geometry and local k^∞ . Therefore, an additional margin is included in the shutdown margin test to account for the fact that the rod used for the demonstration (the "analytically strongest") is not necessarily the strongest rod in the core.

3.3.A and 4.3.A BASES (Cont'd.)

Studies have been made which compare experimental criticals with calculated criticals. These studies have shown that actual criticals can be predicted within a given tolerance band. For gadolinia cores the additional margin required due to control cell material manufacturing tolerances and calculational uncertainties has experimentally been determined to be 0.38% $\Delta k/k$. When this additional margin is demonstrated, it assures that the reactivity control requirement is met.

2. Reactivity Margin - Inoperable Control Rods

Specification 3.3.A.2 requires that a rod be taken out of service if it cannot be moved with drive pressure. If the rod is fully inserted and then disarmed electrically*, it is in a safe position of maximum contribution to shut down reactivity. If it is disarmed electrically in a non-fully inserted position, that position shall be consistent with the shutdown reactivity limitation stated in Specification 3.3.A.1. This assures that the core can be shutdown at all times with the remaining control rods assuming the strongest operable control rod does not insert. Inoperable bypassed rods will be limited within any group to not more than one control rod of a (5x5) twenty-five control rod array. The use of the individual rod bypass switches in the Rod Sequence Control System to substitute for a failed "full in" or "full out" position switch will not be limited as long as the actual position of the control rod is known. Also if damage within the control rod drive mechanism and in particular, cracks in drive internal housings, cannot be ruled out, then a generic problem affecting a number of drives cannot be ruled out. Circumferential cracks resulting from stress assisted intergranular corrosion have occurred in the collet housing of drives at several BWRs. This type of cracking could occur in a number of drives and if the cracks propagated until severance of the collet housing occurred, scram could be prevented in the affected rods. Limiting the period of operation with a potentially severed rod and requiring increased surveillance after detecting one stuck rod will assure that the reactor will not be operated with a large number of rods with failed collet housings.

*To disarm the drive electrically, four Amphenol type plug connectors are removed from the drive insert and withdrawal solenoids rendering the rod incapable of withdrawal. This procedure is equivalent to valving out the drive and is preferred because, in this condition, drive water cools and minimizes crud accumulation in the drive. Electrical disarming does not eliminate position indication.

3.3 and 4.3 BASES (Cont'd.)B. Control Rods

1. Control rod dropout accidents as discussed in the FSAR can lead to significant core damage. If coupling integrity is maintained, the possibility of a rod dropout accident is eliminated. The overtravel position feature provides a positive check as only uncoupled drives may reach this position. Neutron instrumentation response to rod movement provides a verification that the rod is following its drive. Absence of such response to drive movement could indicate an uncoupled condition. Rod position indication is required for proper function of the rod sequence control system and the rod worth minimizer (RWM).

2. The control rod housing support restricts the outward movement of a control rod to less than 3 inches in the extremely remote event of a housing failure. The amount of reactivity which could be added by this small amount of rod withdrawal, which is less than a normal single withdrawal increment, will not contribute to any damage to the primary coolant system. The design basis is given in subsection 3.5.2 of the FSAR and the safety evaluation is given in subsection 3.5.4. This support is not required if the reactor coolant system is at atmospheric pressure since there would then be no driving force to rapidly eject a drive housing. Additionally, the support is not required if all control rods are fully inserted and if an adequate shutdown margin with one control rod withdrawn has been demonstrated, since the reactor would remain subcritical even in the event of complete ejection of the strongest control rod.

3. The Rod Worth Minimizer (RWM) and sequence mode of the Rod Sequence Control System (RSCS) restrict withdrawals and insertions of control rods to prespecified sequences. The group notch mode of the RSCS restricts movement of rods assigned to each notch group to notch withdrawal and insertion. All patterns associated with these restrictions have the characteristic that, assuming the worst single deviation from the restrictions, the drop of any control rod from the fully inserted position to the position of the control rod drive would not cause the reactor to sustain a power excursion resulting in the peak enthalpy of any pellet exceeding 280 calories per gram. An enthalpy of 280 calories per gram is well below the level at which rapid fuel dispersal could occur (i.e., 425 calories per gram). Primary system damage in this accident is not possible unless a significant amount of fuel is rapidly dispersed. Ref. Sections 3.6.6, 14.6.2 and 7.16.3.3 of the FSAR, NEDO-10527 and supplements thereto, and NEDO-24039-1.

3.3.B and 4.3.B BASES (Cont'd.)

In performing the function described above, the RWM and RSCS are not needed to impose any restrictions at core power levels in excess of 20 percent of rated power; however, Technical Specifications require the use of the RWM below 25% rated power, and the RSCS below 30% of rated power. Material in the cited references shows that it is impossible to reach 280 calories per gram in the event of a control rod drop occurring at a power level greater than 20 percent, regardless of the rod pattern. This is true for all normal and abnormal patterns, including those which maximize individual control rod worth.

Up to 50% rod density (either sequence A or B control rods fully withdrawn and the other sequence fully inserted), the sequence mode of the RSCS restricts the maximum positive reactivity which can be added to the core due to a dropped control rod by control rod selection. Between 50% rod density and 30% of rated power, the group notch mode of the RSCS restricts the reactivity worth by requiring movement of control rods such that rods assigned to each notch group are kept within one notch of each other.

The Rod Worth Minimizer and the sequence mode of the Rod Sequence Control System provide automatic supervision to assure that out-of-sequence control rods will not be withdrawn or inserted and the group notch mode of RSCS requires notch movement of rods; i.e., the systems limit operator deviations from planned control rod movement. They serve as a backup to procedural control of control rod movement, which limit the maximum reactivity worth of control rods. In the event that the Rod Worth Minimizer is out of service, when required, a second licensed operator can manually fulfill the control rod pattern conformance functions of this system. In this case, the RSCS is backed up by independent procedural controls. The functions of the RWM and RSCS make it unnecessary to specify a license limit on rod worth to preclude unacceptable consequences in the event of a control rod drop. At power levels below 20 percent of rated these devices force adherence to acceptable rod patterns. Above 20 percent of rated power, no constraint on rod pattern is required to assure that rod drop accident consequences are acceptable. Control rod pattern constraints above 20 percent of rated power are imposed by power distribution requirements as defined in Section 3.5/4.5 of the Technical Specifications.

4. The Source Range Monitor (SRM) system performs no automatic safety system function; i.e., it has no scram function. It does provide the operator with a visual indication of neutron level. The consequences of reactivity accidents are functions of the initial neutron flux.

3.3.B and 4.3.B BASES (Cont'd.)

The requirement of at least 3 counts per second assures that any transient, should it occur begins at or above the initial value of 10^{-8} of rated power used in analyses of transient cold conditions. One operable SRM channel would be adequate to monitor the approach to criticality using homogeneous patterns of scattered control rod withdrawal. A minimum of two operable SRM's are provided as an added conservatism.

5. The Rod Block Monitor (RBM) is designed to automatically prevent fuel damage in the event of erroneous rod withdrawal from locations of high power density during high power level operation. Two channels are provided, and one of these may be bypassed from the console for maintenance and/or testing. Tripping of one of the channels will block erroneous rod withdrawal soon enough to prevent fuel damage. This system backs up the operator who withdraws control rods according to written sequences. The specified restrictions with one channel out of service conservatively assure that fuel damage will not occur due to rod withdrawal errors when this condition exists.

A limiting control rod pattern is a pattern which results in the core being on a thermal hydraulic limit (i.e., operating on a limiting value for APLHGR, LHGR, or MCPR as defined in Technical Specifications 3.5.I., 3.5.J., and 3.5.K.) During use of such patterns, it is judged that testing of the RBM system prior to withdrawal of such rods to assure its operability will assure that improper withdrawal does not occur. It is the responsibility of the Reactor Engineer to identify these limiting patterns and the designated rods either when the patterns are initially established or as they develop due to the occurrence of inoperable control rods in other than limiting patterns. Other personnel qualified to perform this function may be designated by the station superintendent.

3.3 and 4.3 BASES (Cont'd)

C. Scram Insertion Times

The control rod system is designed to bring the reactor subcritical at a rate fast enough to prevent fuel damage; i.e., to prevent the MCPR from becoming less than 1.07. Analysis of the limiting power transients shows that the negative reactivity rates resulting from the scram (Ref. NEDO-24039-1) with the average response of all drives as given in the above Specification, provide the required protection, and the MCPR remains greater than 1.07.

The numerical values assigned to the specified scram performance are based on the analysis of data from other BWR's with control rod drives the same as those on Peach Bottom.

The occurrence of scram times within the limits, but significantly longer than the average, should be viewed as an indication of a systematic problem with control rod drives especially if the number of drives exhibiting such scram times exceeds one control rod of a (5x5) twenty-five control array.

In the analytical treatment of the transients, 390 milliseconds are allowed between a neutron sensor reaching the scram point and the start of negative reactivity insertion. This is adequate and conservative when compared to the typically observed time delay of about 270 milliseconds. Approximately 70 milliseconds after neutron flux reaches the trip point, the pilot scram valve solenoid power supply voltage goes to zero and approximately 200 milliseconds later, control rod motion begins. The 200 milliseconds are included in the allowable scram insertion times specified in Specification 3.3.C. In addition the control rod drop accident has been analyzed in NEDO-10527 and its supplements 1 & 2 for the scram times given in Specification 3.3.C.

Surveillance requirement 4.3.C was originally written and used as a diagnostic surveillance technique during pre-operational and startup testing of Dresden 2 & 3 for the early discovery and identification of significant changes in drive scram performance following major changes in plant operation. The reason for the application of this surveillance was the unprecipitable and degraded scram performance of drives at Dresden 2. The cause of the slower scram performances has been conclusively

LIMITING CONDITIONS FOR OPERATIONSUPVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS3.5.I Average Planar LHGR

During power operation, the APLHGR for each type of fuel as a function of average planar exposure shall not exceed the limiting value shown in Figure 3.5.1.A, B, C, D, F, & G, as applicable. If at any time during operation it is determined by normal surveillance that the limiting value of APLHGR is being exceeded, action shall be initiated within one (1) hour to restore APLHGR to within prescribed limits. If the APLHGR is not returned to within prescribed limits within five (5) hours reactor power shall be decreased at a rate which would bring the reactor to the cold shutdown condition within 36 hours unless APLHGR is returned to within limits during this period. Surveillance and corresponding action shall continue until reactor operation is with the prescribed limits.

3.5.J Local LHGR

During power operation, the linear heat generation rate (LHGR) of any rod in any fuel assembly at any axial location shall not exceed the maximum allowable LHGR as calculated by the following equation:

$$\text{LHGR} \leq \text{LHGRd} [1 - (\Delta P/P)_{\text{max}} (L/LT)]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHGRd} &= \text{Design LHGR} \\ &= 18.5 \text{ kW/ft for } 7 \times 7 \text{ fuel} \\ &= 13.4 \text{ kW/ft for } 8 \times 8, 8 \times 8\text{R}, \\ &\quad \text{and } 8 \times 8 \text{ PTA fuel} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\Delta P/P)_{\text{max}} &= \text{Maximum power} \\ &\quad \text{spiking penalty} \\ &= 0.026 \text{ for } 7 \times 7 \text{ fuel} \\ &= 0.022 \text{ for } 8 \times 8, 8 \times 8\text{R}, \\ &\quad \text{and } 8 \times 8 \text{ PTA fuel} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LT} &= \text{Total core length} \\ &= 12.167 \text{ ft for } 7 \times 7 \text{ \& } 8 \times 8 \text{ fuel} \\ &= 12.5 \text{ ft for } 8 \times 8\text{R} \text{ \& } 8 \times 8 \text{ PTA fuel} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \text{Axial position above bottom of} \\ &\quad \text{core} \end{aligned}$$

4.5.I Average Planar LHGR

The APLHGR for each type of fuel as a function of average planar exposure shall be checked daily during reactor operation at $\geq 25\%$ rated thermal power.

4.5.J Local LHGR

The LHGR as a function of core height shall be checked daily during reactor operation at $\geq 25\%$ rated thermal power.

LIMITING CONDITIONS FOR OPERATIONSUPVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS3.5.J Local LHGR (Cont'd)

If at any time during operation it is determined by normal surveillance that limiting value for LHGR is being exceeded, action shall be initiated within one (1) hour to restore LHGR to within prescribed limits. If the LHGR is not returned to within prescribed limits within five (5) hours, reactor power shall be decreased at a rate which would bring the reactor to the cold shutdown condition within 36 hours unless LHGR is returned to within limits during this period. Surveillance and corresponding action shall continue until reactor operation is with the prescribed limits.

3.5.K Minimum Critical Power Ratio (MCPR)

During power operation, the MCPR shall be ≥ 1.28 times k_f for 7x7 fuel, ≥ 1.36 times k_f for 8x8 and 8x8R fuel, and ≥ 1.33 times k_f for 8x8 PTA fuel, where k_f is as shown in Figure 3.5.1.E. If at any time during operation it is determined by normal surveillance that the limiting value for MCPR is being exceeded, action shall be initiated within one (1) hour to restore MCPR to within prescribed limits. If the MCPR is not returned to within prescribed limits within five (5) hours, reactor power shall be decreased at a rate which would bring the reactor to the cold shutdown condition within 36 hours unless MCPR is returned to within limits during this period. Surveillance and corresponding action shall continue until reactor operation is with the prescribed limits.

4.5.K Minimum Critical Power Ratio (MCPR)

MCPR shall be checked daily during reactor power operation at $\geq 25\%$ rated thermal power.

3.5 BASES (Cont'd.)

H. Engineering Safeguards Compartments Cooling and Ventilation

One unit cooler in each pump compartment is capable of providing adequate ventilation flow and cooling. Engineering analyses indicate that the temperature rise in safeguards compartments without adequate ventilation flow or cooling is such that continued operation of the safeguards equipment or associated auxiliary equipment cannot be assured. Ventilation associated with the High Pressure Service Water Pumps is also associated with the Emergency Service Water pumps, and is specified in Specification 3.9.

I. Average Planar LHGR

This specification assures that the peak cladding temperature following the postulated design basis loss-of-coolant accident will not exceed the limit specified in the 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix K.

The peak cladding temperature (PCT) following a postulated loss-of-coolant accident is primarily a function of the average heat generation rate of all the rods of a fuel assembly at any axial location and is only dependent, secondarily on the rod to rod power distribution within an assembly. The peak clad temperature is calculated assuming a LHGR for the highest powered rod which is equal to or less than the design LHGR. This LHGR times 1.02 is used in the heat-up code along with the exposure dependent steady state gap conductance and rod-to-rod local peaking factors. The Technical Specification APLHGR is this LHGR of the highest powered rod divided by its local peaking factor. The limiting value for APLHGR is shown in Figure 3.5.1.A, B, C, D, F, and G.

The calculational procedure used to establish the APLHGR shown on Figures 3.5.1.A, B, C, D, F, and G is based on a loss-of-coolant accident analysis. The analysis was performed using General Electric (GE) calculational models which are consistent with the requirements of Appendix K to 10 CFR Part 50. A complete discussion of each code employed in the analysis is presented in Reference 4. Input and model changes in the Peach Bottom loss-of-coolant analysis which are different from the previous analyses performed with Reference 4 are described in detail in Reference 8. These changes to the analysis include: (1) consideration of the counter current flow limiting (CCFL) effect, (2) corrected code inputs, and (3) the effect of drilling alternate flow paths in the bundle lower tie plate.

3.5.I BASES (Cont'd.)

A list of the significant plant parameters to the loss-of-coolant accident analysis is presented in Table 3.5-1.

J. Local LHGR

This specification assures that the linear heat generation rate in any rod is less than the design linear heat generation if fuel pellet densification is postulated. The power spike penalty specified is based on the analysis presented in Section 3.2.1 of Reference 1 and References 2 and 3, and assumes a linearly increasing variation in axial gaps between core bottom and top, and assures with a 95% confidence, that no more than one fuel rod exceeds the design linear heat generation rate due to power spiking. The LHGR as a function of core height shall be checked daily during reactor operation at $\geq 25\%$ power to determine if fuel burnup, or control rod movement has caused changes in power distribution. For LHGR to be a limiting value below 25% rated thermal power, the MTPF would have to be greater than 10 which is precluded by a considerable margin when employing any permissible control rod pattern.

Densification analyses for 8x8 fuel are presented in Section 5.2.3 of Reference 7.

K. Minimum Critical Power Ratio (MCPR)

Operating Limit MCPR

The required operating limit MCPR's at steady state operating conditions as specified in Specification 3.5.K are derived from the established fuel cladding integrity Safety Limit MCPR of 1.07, and analyses of the abnormal operational transients presented in References 6 & 7. For any abnormal operating transient analysis evaluation with the initial condition of the reactor being at the steady state operating limit it is required that the resulting MCPR does not decrease below the Safety Limit MCPR at any time during the transient assuming instrument trip setting given in Specification 2.1.

To assure that the fuel cladding integrity Safety Limit is not exceeded during any anticipated abnormal operational transient, the most limiting transients have been analyzed to determine which result in the largest reduction in critical power ratio (CPR). The type of transients evaluated were loss of flow, increase in pressure and power, positive reactivity insertion, and coolant temperature decrease.

3.5.K BASES (Cont'd.)

The limiting transient which determines the required steady state MCPR limits is Load Rejection with failure of the bypass valves and without Recirculation Pump Drive Motor Trip. This transient yields the largest Δ CPR for each class of fuel. When added to the safety limit MCPR of 1.07, the required minimum operating limit MCPR's of specification 3.5.K are obtained.

Two codes are used to analyze the rod withdrawal error transient. The first code simulates the three dimensional BWR core nuclear and thermal-hydraulic characteristics. Using this code a limiting control rod pattern is determined; the following assumptions are included in this determination:

- (1) The core is operating at full power in the xenon-free condition.
- (2) The highest worth control rod is assumed to be fully inserted.
- (3) The analysis is performed for the most reactive point in the cycle.
- (4) The control rods are assumed to be the worst possible pattern without exceeding thermal limits.
- (5) A bundle in the vicinity of the highest worth control rod is assumed to be operating at the maximum allowable linear heat generation rate.
- (6) A bundle in the vicinity of the highest worth control rod is assumed to be operating at the minimum allowable critical power ratio.

The three-dimensional BWR code then simulates the core response to the control rod withdrawal error. The second code calculates the Rod Block Monitor response to the rod withdrawal error. This code simulates the Rod Block Monitor under selected failure conditions (LPRM) for the core response (calculated by the 3-dimensional BWR simulation code) for the control rod withdrawal.

The analysis of the rod withdrawal error for Peach Bottom Unit 3 considers the continuous withdrawal of the maximum worth control rod at its maximum drive speed from the reactor which is operating with the limiting control rod pattern as discussed above.

3.5.K BASES (Cont'd.)

A brief summary of the analytical method used to determine the nuclear characteristics is given in Section 3 of Reference 7.

Analysis of the abnormal operational transients is presented in Section 5.2 of Reference 7. Input data and operating conditions used in this analysis are shown in Table 5-3 of Reference 7 and Section 9 of Reference 6.

L. Average Planar LHGR (APLHGR), Local LHGR, and Minimum Critical Power Ratio (MCPR)

In the event that the calculated value of APLHGR, LHGR or MCPR exceeds its limiting value, a determination is made to ascertain the cause and initiate corrective action to restore the value to within prescribed limits. The status of all indicated limiting fuel bundles is reviewed as well as input data associated with the limiting values such as power distribution, instrumentation data (Traversing In-core Probe-TIP, Local Power Range Monitor - LPRM, and reactor heat balance instrumentation), control rod configuration, etc., in order to determine whether the calculated values are valid.

In the event that the review indicates that the calculated value exceeding limits is valid, corrective action is immediately undertaken to restore the value to within prescribed limits. Following corrective action, which may involve alterations to the control rod configuration and consequently changes to the core power distribution, revised instrumentation data, including changes to the relative neutron flux distribution for up to 43 incore locations is obtained and the power distribution, APLHGR, LHGR and MCPR calculated. Corrective action is initiated within one hour of an indicated value exceeding limits and verification that the indicated value is within prescribed limits is obtained within five hours of the initial indication.

In the event that the calculated value of APLHGR, LHGR or MCPR exceeding its limiting value is not valid, i.e., due to an erroneous instrumentation indication etc., corrective action is initiated within one hour of an indicated value exceeding limits. Verification that the indicated value is within prescribed limits is obtained within five hours of the initial indication. Such an invalid indication would not be a violation of the limiting condition for operation and therefore would not constitute a reportable occurrence.

3.5.L BASES(Cont'd.)

Operating experience has demonstrated that a calculated value of APLHGR, LHGR or MCPR exceeding its limiting value predominately occurs due to this latter cause. This experience coupled with the extremely unlikely occurrence of concurrent operation exceeding APLHGR, LHGR or MCPR and a Loss of Coolant Accident or applicable Abnormal Operational Transients demonstrates that the times required to initiate corrective action (1 hour) and restore the calculated value of APLHGR, LHGR or MCPR to within prescribed limits (5 hours) are adequate.

3.5.M. References

1. "Fuel Densification Effects on General Electric Boiling Water Reactor Fuel", Supplements 6, 7, and 8 NEDM-10735, August 1973.
2. Supplement 1 to Technical Report on Densifications of General Electric Reactor Fuels, December 14, 1974 (Regulatory Staff).
3. Communication: V. A. Moore to I. S. Mitchell, "Modified GE Model for Fuel Densification", Docket 50-321, March 27, 1974.
4. General Electric Company Analytical Model for Loss-of-Coolant Analysis in Accordance with 10 CFR 50, Appendix K, NEDE-20566 (Draft), August 1974.
5. General Electric Refill Reflood Calculation (Supplement to SAFE Code Description) transmitted to the USAEC by letter, G. L. Gyorey to Victor Stello, Jr., dated December 20, 1974.
6. Supplemental Reload Licensing Submittal For Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station Unit 3 Reload No. 2, NEDO-24039-1, Supplement 1, December 1977.
7. General Electric Boiling Water Reactor Reload-2 Licensing Application For Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station Unit 3, NEDO-24039, August 1977.
8. Loss-of-Coolant Accident Analysis For Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station Unit 3, NEDO-24082, December 1977.

TABLE 3.5-1

SIGNIFICANT INPUT PARAMETERS TO THE
LOSS-OF-COOLANT ACCIDENT ANALYSIS

PLANT PARAMETERS:

Core Thermal Power	3440 MWt which corresponds to 105% of rated steam flow
Vessel Steam Output	14.05 x 10 ⁶ lbm/h which corresponds to 105% of rated steam flow
Vessel Steam Dome Pressure	1055 psia
Recirculation Line Break Area For Large Breaks -	
Discharge	1.9 ft ² (DBA)
Suction	4.1 ft ²
Assumed Number of Drilled Bundles	432

FUEL PARAMETERS:

<u>Fuel Type</u>	<u>Fuel Bundle Geometry</u>	<u>Peak Technical Specification Linear Heat Generation Rate (KW/ft)</u>	<u>Design Axial Peaking Factor</u>	<u>Initial Minimum Critical Power Ratio</u>
7x7, Type 2	7 x 7	18.5	1.5	1.2
7x7, Type 3	7 x 7	18.5	1.5	1.2
8x8, Type H	8 x 8	13.4	1.4	1.2
8x8, Type L	8 x 8	13.4	1.4	1.2
8x8 PTA	8 x 8	13.4	1.4	1.2
8x8R	8 x 8	13.4	1.4	1.2

A more detailed list of input to each model and its source is presented in Section II of Reference 5.

4.5.1 BASES (Cont'd)

adjusted until the MCPR was slightly above the Safety Limit. Using this relative bundle power, the MCPR's were calculated at different points along the rated flow control line corresponding to different core flows. The ratio of the MCPR calculated at a given point of core flow, divided by the operating limit MCPR determines the Kf.

For operation in the automatic flow control mode, the same procedure was employed except the initial power distribution was established such that the MCPR was equal to the operating limit MCPR at rated power and flow.

The Kf factors shown in Figure 3.5.1-E, are acceptable for Peach Bottom Unit 3 operation because the operating limit MCPR is greater than the original 1.20 operating limit MCPR used for the generic derivation of Kf.

PEACH BOTTOM UNIT 3

7x7 Fuel, Type 3

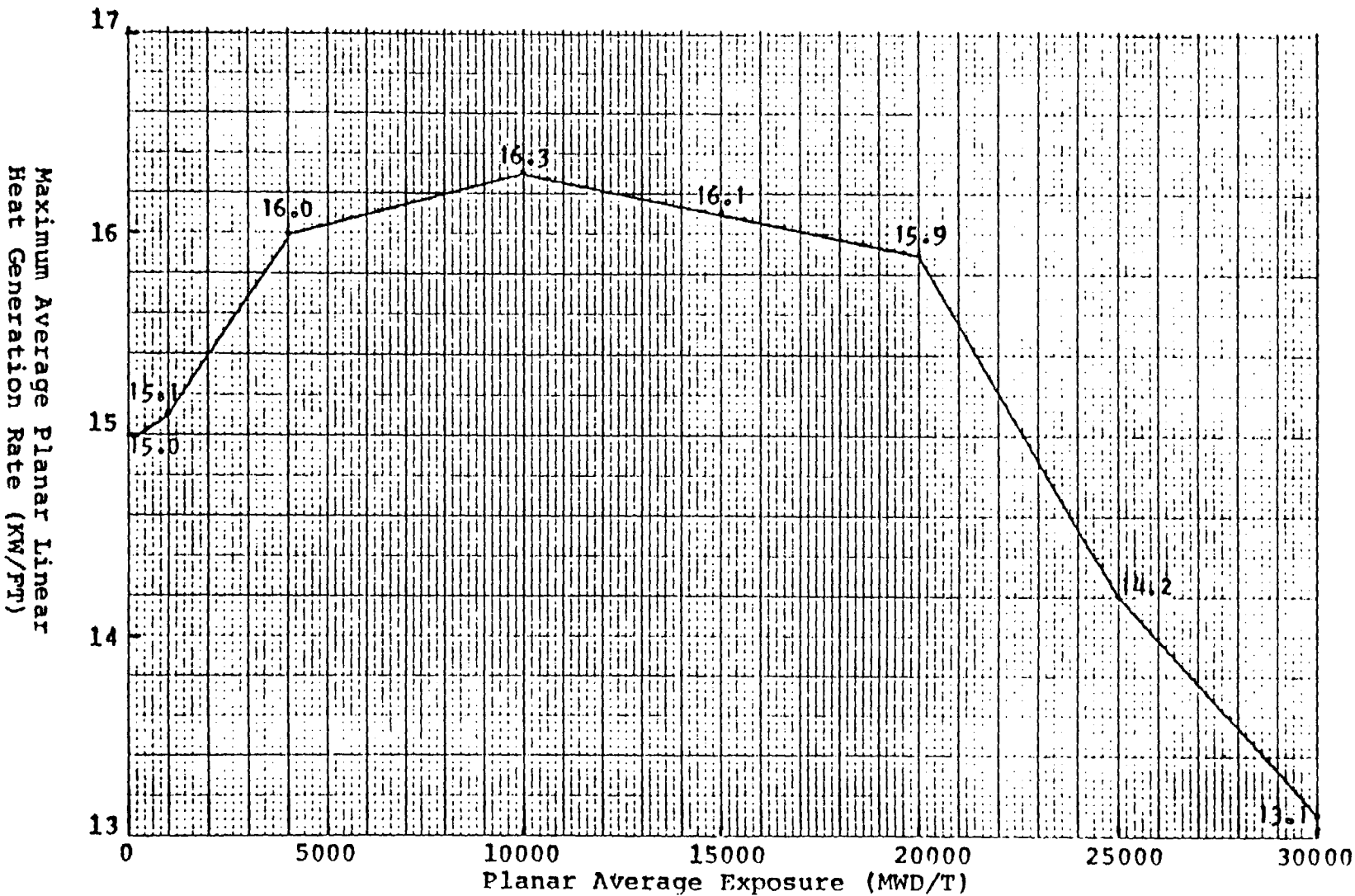


Figure 3.5.1.A Maximum Average Planar Linear Heat Generation Rate Versus Planar Average Exposure

PEACH BOTTOM UNIT 3
7x7 Fuel, Type 2

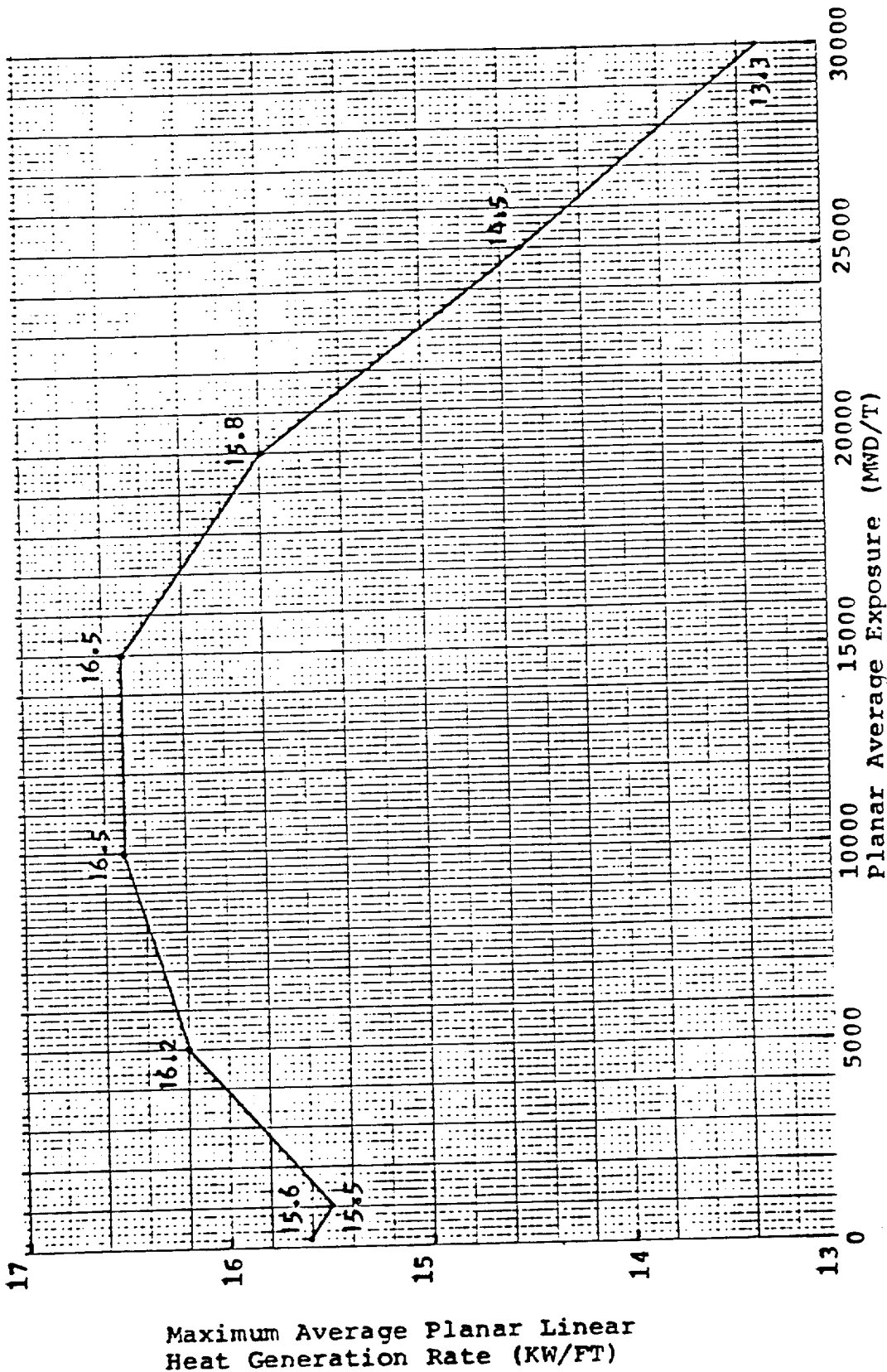


Figure 3.5.1.B Maximum Average Planar Linear Heat Generation Rate Versus Planar Average Exposure

PEACH BOTTOM UNIT 3

8x8 Fuel, Type H

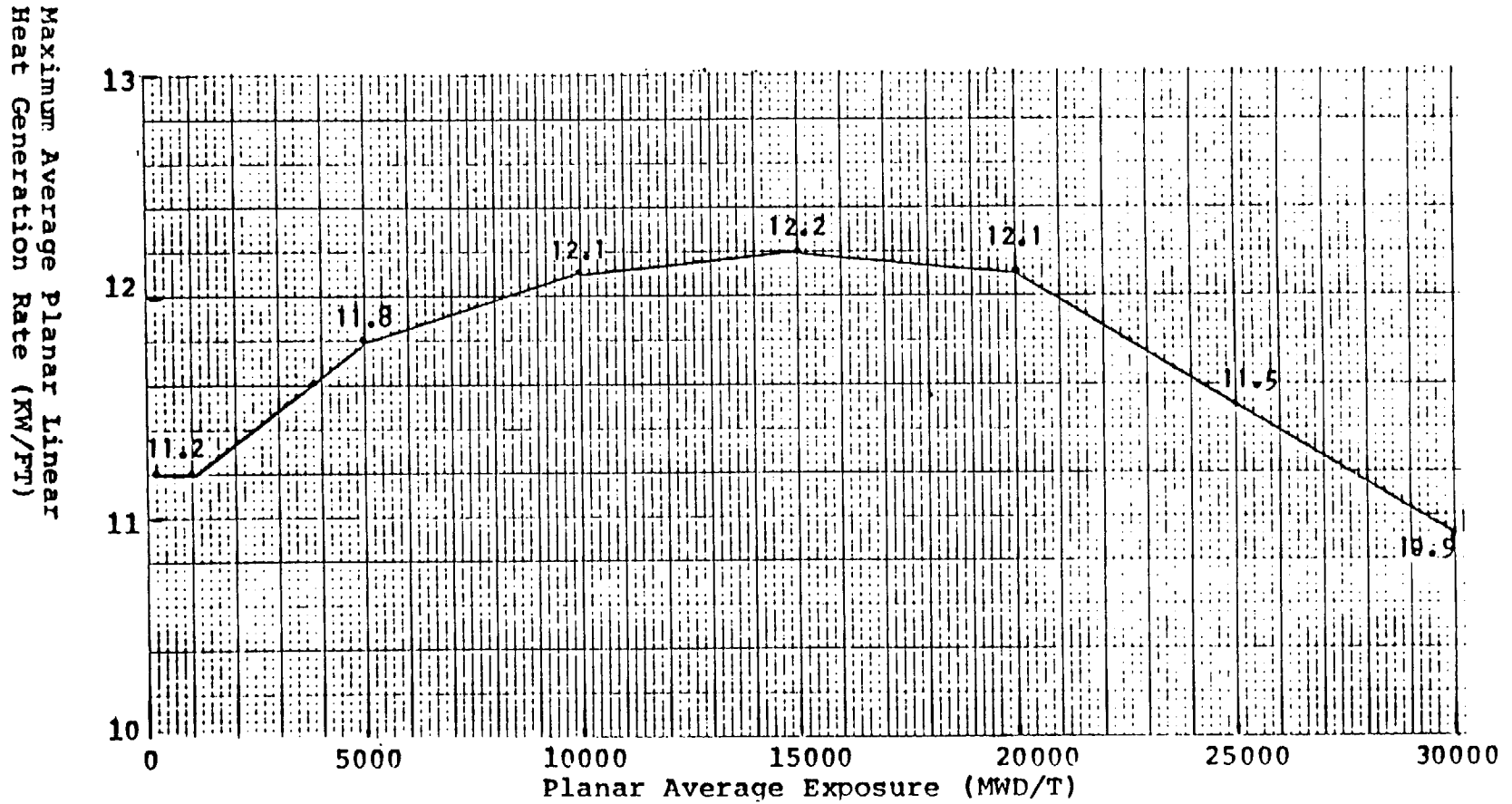


Figure 3.5.1.C Maximum Average Planar Linear Heat Generation Rate Versus Planar Average Exposure

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PEACH BOTTOM UNIT 3

8x8 Fuel, Type L

Maximum Average Planar Linear
Heat Generation Rate (KW/FT)

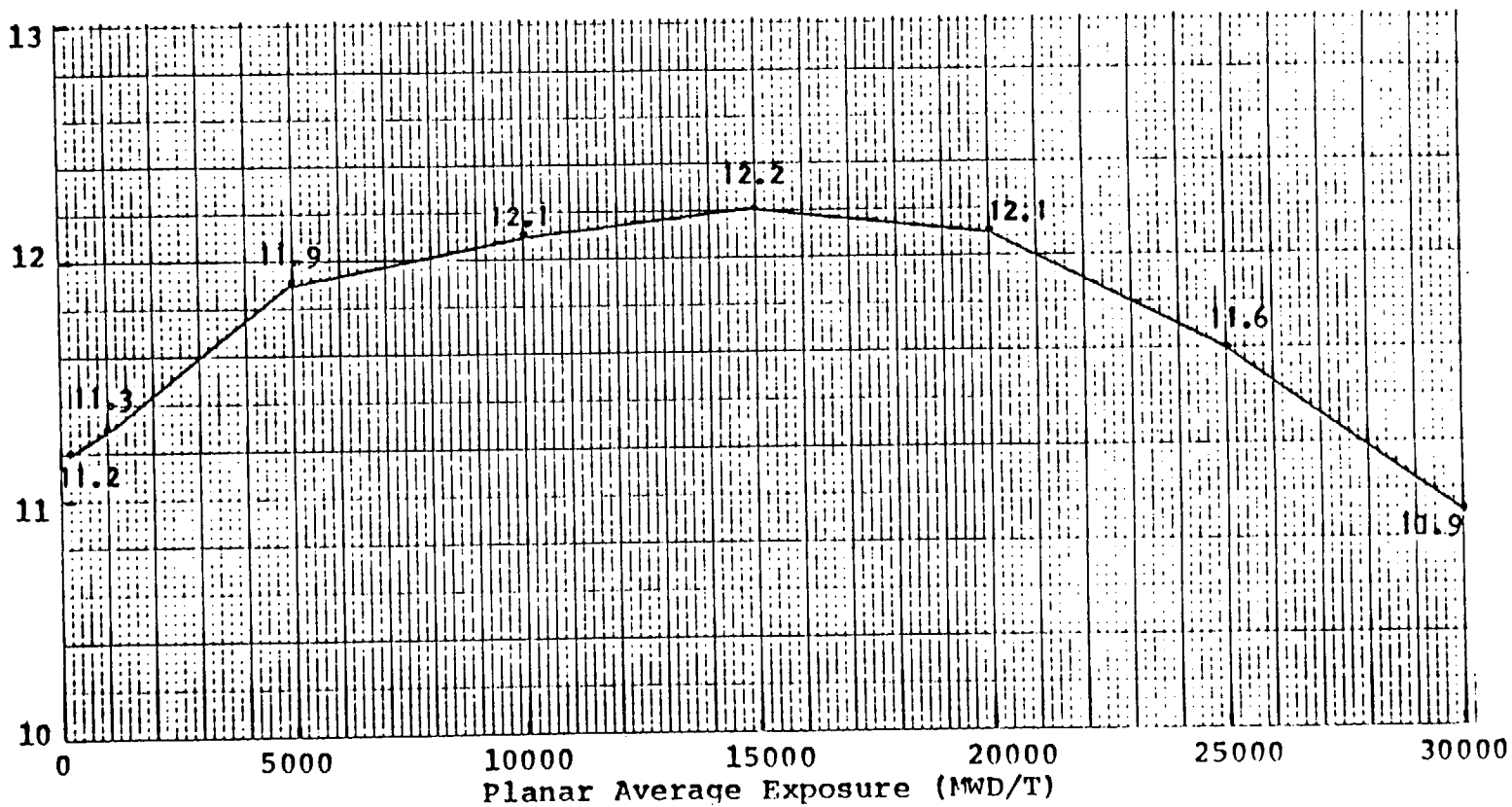


Figure 3.5.1.D Maximum Average Planar Linear Heat Generation Rate
Versus Planar Average Exposure

PEACH BOTTOM UNIT 3

8x8 PTA Fuel

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Maximum Average Planar Linear
Heat Generation Rate (KW/FT)

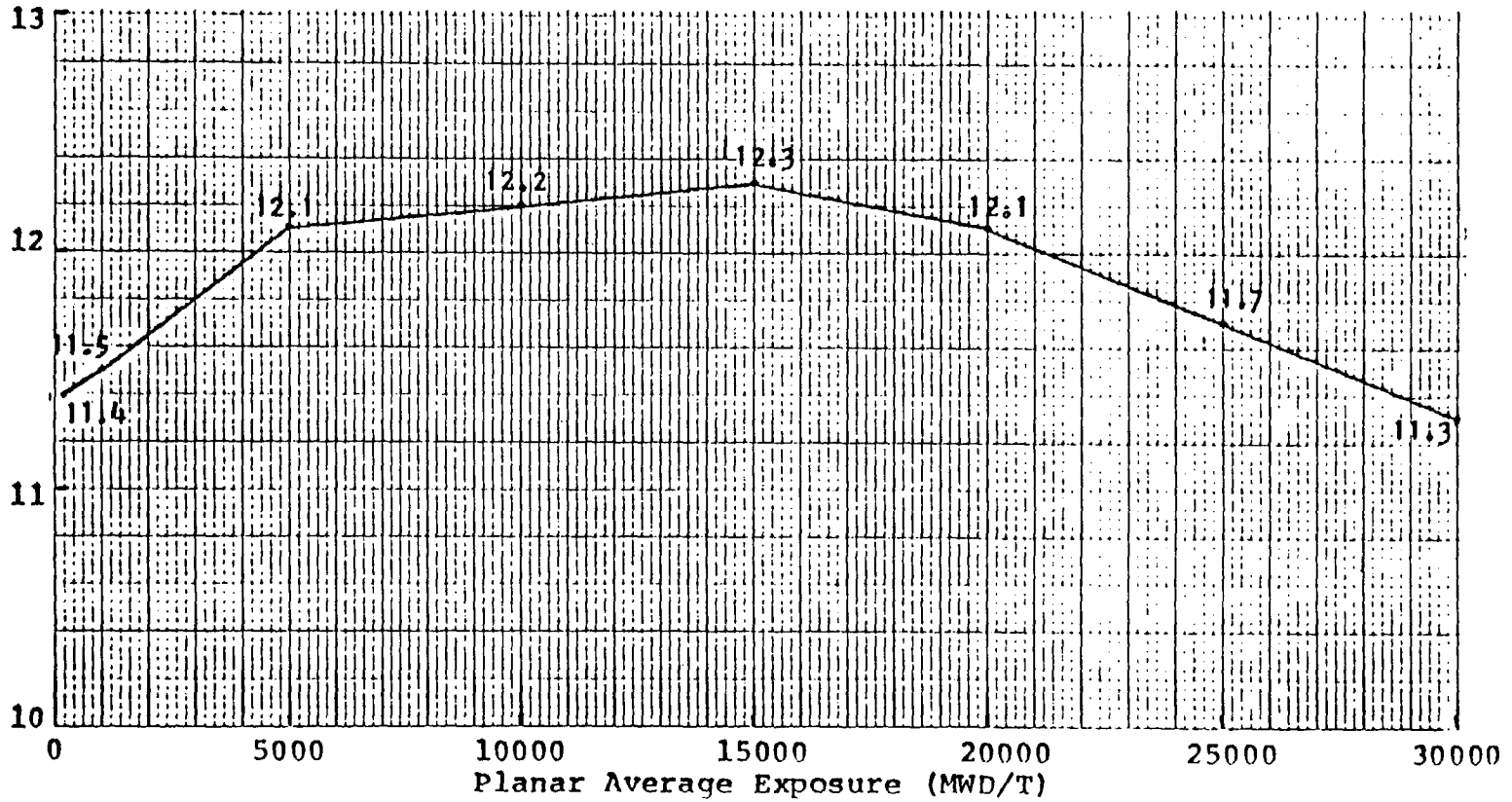


Figure 3.5.1.F

Maximum Average Planar Linear Heat Generation Rate
Versus Planar Average Exposure

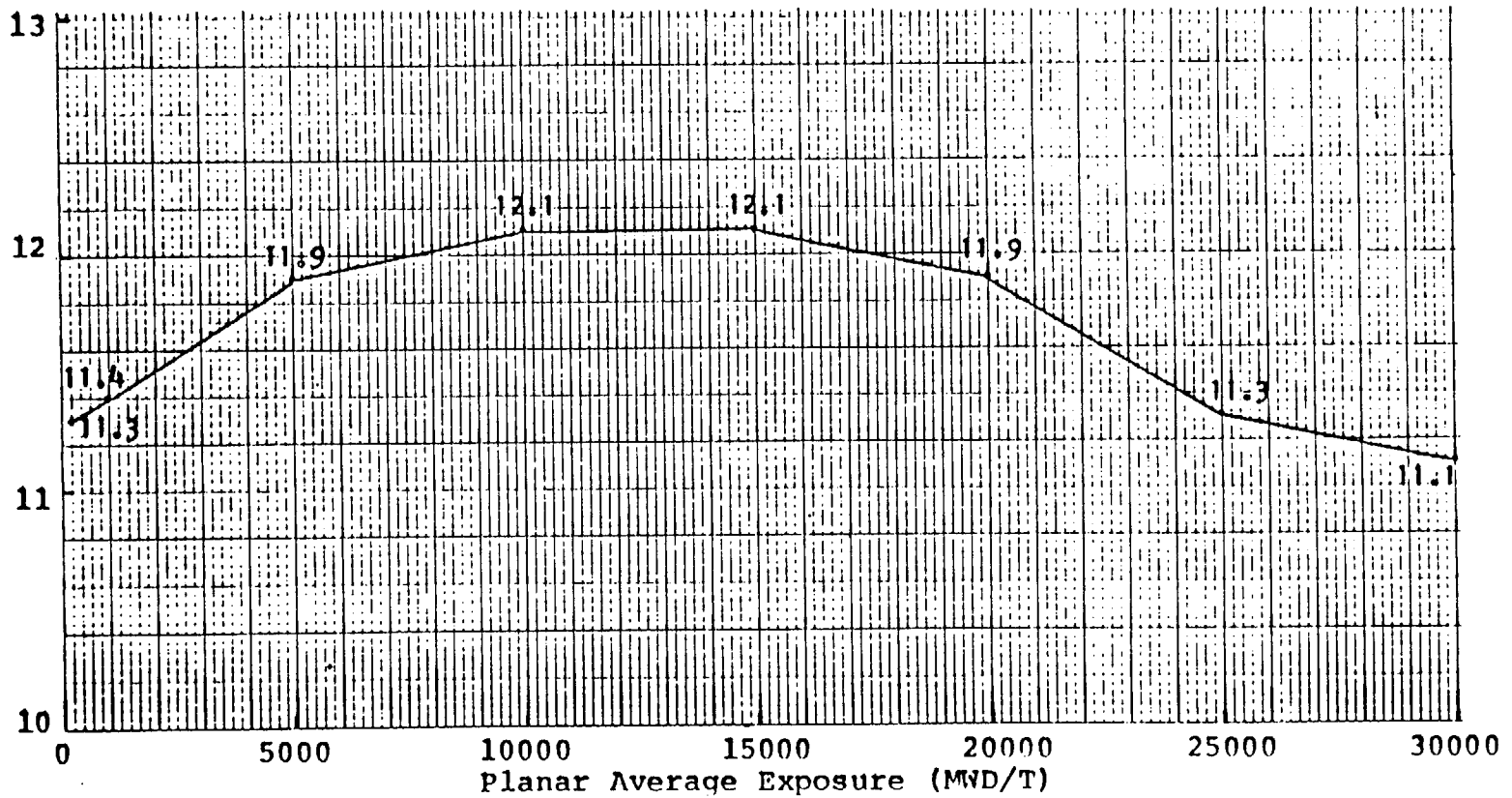
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Unit 3

PEACH BOTTOM UNIT 3

8x8R Fuel

Maximum Average Planar Linear
Heat Generation Rate (KW/FT)



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Unit 3

Figure 3.5.1.G Maximum Average Planar Linear Heat Generation Rate Versus Planar Average Exposure

LIMITING CONDITIONS FOR OPERATION3.6 PRIMARY SYSTEM BOUNDARYApplicability:

Applies to the operating status of the reactor coolant system.

Objective:

To assure the integrity and safe operation of the reactor coolant system.

Specification:A. Thermal and Pressurization Limitations

1. The average rate of reactor coolant temperature change during normal heatup or cool-down shall not exceed 100°F increase (or decrease) in any one-hour period.
2. The reactor vessel shall be vented and power operation shall not be conducted unless the reactor vessel temperature is equal to or greater than that shown in Figure 3.6.1. The reactor vessel shall not be pressurized above 250 psig unless the reactor vessel temperatures are equal to or greater than 185°F if fuel is in the reactor vessel.

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS4.6 PRIMARY SYSTEM BOUNDARYApplicability:

Applies to the periodic examination and testing requirements for the reactor cooling system.

Objective:

To determine the condition of the reactor coolant system and the operation of the safety devices related to it.

Specification:A. Thermal and Pressurization Limitations

1. During heatups and cool-downs, the following temperatures shall be permanently logged at least every 15 minutes until the difference between any 2 readings taken over a 45 minutes period is less than 5°F.
 - (a) Bottom head drain
 - (b) Recirculation loop A and B.
2. Reactor vessel temperature and reactor coolant pressure shall be permanently logged at least every 15 minutes whenever the shell temperature is below 220°F and the reactor vessel is not vented.

Test specimens of the reactor vessel base, weld and heat affected zone metal subjected to the highest fluence of greater than 1 Mev neutrons shall be installed in the reactor vessel adjacent to the vessel wall at the core midplane level. The specimens and sample program shall conform to ASTM E 185-66 to the degree discussed in the FSAR.

LIMITING CONDITIONS FOR OPERATION3.6.A Thermal and Pressurization Limitations (Cont'd)

3. The reactor vessel head bolting studs shall not be under tension unless the temperature of the vessel head flange and the head is greater than 100°F.
4. The pump in an idle recirculation loop shall not be started unless the temperatures of the coolant within the idle and operating recirculation loops are within 50°F of each other.
5. The reactor recirculation pumps shall not be started unless the coolant temperatures between the dome and the bottom head drain are within 145°F.
6. Reactor vessel pressure shall not exceed 1020 psig at any time during normal steady state reactor power operation. In the event that this LCO is exceeded, steps shall be immediately initiated to reduce the pressure below 1020 psig. If this cannot be done, shutdown to cold conditions shall be accomplished within 24 hours.

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS4.6.A Thermal and Pressurization Limitations (Cont'd)

- Selected neutron flux specimens shall be removed during the third refueling outage and tested to experimentally verify or adjust the calculated values of integrated neutron flux that are used to determine the NDTT for Figure 3.6.1.
3. When the reactor vessel head bolting studs are tensioned and the reactor is in a Cold Condition, the reactor vessel shell temperature immediately below the head flange shall be permanently recorded.
 4. Prior to and during startup of an idle recirculation loop, the temperature of the reactor coolant in the operating and idle loops shall be permanently logged.
 5. Prior to starting a recirculation pump, the reactor coolant temperatures in the dome and in the bottom head drain shall be compared and permanently logged.
 6. The reactor pressure shall be logged once per day.

3.6.A & 4.6.A BASES

Thermal and Pressurization Limitations

The thermal limitations for the reactor vessel are discussed in Section 4.2 of the FSAR.

The allowable rate of heatup and cooldown for the reactor vessel contained fluid is 100°F per hour averaged over a period of one hour. This rate has been chosen based on past experience with operating power plants. The associated time periods for heatup and cooldown cycles when the 100°F per hour rate is limiting provides for efficient, but safe, plant operation.

Specific analyses were made based on a heating and cooling rate of 100°F/hour applied continuously over a temperature range of 100°F to 546°F. Calculated stresses were within ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code Section III stress intensity and fatigue limits even at the flange area where maximum stress occurs.

The manufacturer performed detailed stress analysis as shown in FSAR Appendix K, "Reactor Vessel Report". This analysis includes more severe thermal conditions than those which would be encountered during normal heating and cooling operations.

The permissible flange to adjacent shell temperature differential of 145°F is the maximum calculated for 100°F hour heating and cooling rate applied continuously over a 100°F to 550°F range. The differential is due to the sluggish temperature response of the flange metal and its value decreases for any lower heating rate or the same rate applied over a narrower range.

The coolant in the bottom of the vessel is at a lower temperature than that in the upper regions of the vessel when there is no recirculation flow. This colder water is forced up when recirculation pumps are started. This will not result in stresses which exceed ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section III limits when the temperature differential is not greater than 145°F.

The reactor coolant system is a primary barrier against the release of fission products to the environs. In order to provide assurance that this barrier is maintained at a high degree of integrity, restrictions have been placed on the operating conditions to which it can be subjected.

3.6.A & 4.6.A BASES (Cont'd.)

The nil-ductility transition (NDT) temperature is defined as the temperature below which ferritic steel breaks in a brittle rather than ductile manner. Radiation exposure from fast neutrons (≥ 1 mev) above about 10^{17} nvt may shift the NDT temperature of the vessel base metal above the initial value. Extensive tests have established the magnitude of changes as a function of the integrated neutron exposure. These changes presented in Figure 3.6.1 based on an initial maximum NDTT of the reactor vessel shell and head of 40°F . Test results as indicated in Appendix K of the FSAR show that the initial NDTT is less than this value.

Current AEC bases indicate that the vessel pressure should be limited when the vessel temperature is below 185°F . Other investigations indicate that this limit is conservative. This matter is currently under technical review by the applicable Code Committees. Based on this technical review, the applicant will submit a special report within five years which will provide the bases to revise this limit as required.

Neutron flux wires and samples of vessel material are installed in the reactor vessel adjacent to the vessel wall at the core midplane level. The wires and samples will be removed and tested to experimentally verify the values used for Figure 3.6.1.

As described in paragraph 4.2.5 of the Safety Analysis report, detailed stress analyses have been made on the reactor vessel for both steady state and transient conditions with respect to material fatigue. The results of these transients are compared to allowable stress limits. Requiring the coolant temperature in an idle recirculation loop to be within 50°F of the operating loop temperature before a recirculation pump is started assures that the changes in coolant temperature at the reactor vessel nozzles and bottom head region are acceptable.

The plant safety analysis (Ref.: NEDO-24039-1) states that all MSIV valve closure - Flux scram is the event which satisfies the ASME Boiler and Pressure Code requirements for protection from the consequences of pressure in excess of the vessel design pressure. The reactor vessel pressure code limit of 1375 psig, given in Subsection 4.2 of the FSAR, is well above the peak pressure produced by the above overpressure event. Pressure transients and overpressurization events are analyzed assuming a maximum initial dome pressure of 1020 psig. An operating limit of 1020 psig will assure that the reactor operating pressure will not exceed the initial pressure assumed in the ASME vessel code compliance analysis.

3.6.D & 4.6.D BASES

Safety and Relief Valves

The safety/relief and safety valves are required to be operable above the pressure (122 psig) at which the core spray system is not designed to deliver full flow. The pressure relief system for each unit at the Peach Bottom APS has been sized to meet two design bases. First, the total capacity of the safety/relief and the safety valves has been established to meet the overpressure protection criteria of the ASME code. Second, the distribution of this required capacity between safety/relief valves and safety valves has been set to meet design basis 4.4.4.1 of subsection 4.4 which states that the nuclear system relief valves shall prevent opening of the safety/relief valves during normal plant isolations and load rejections.

The details of the analysis which shows compliance with the ASME code requirements is presented in subsection 4.4 of the FSAR and the Reactor Vessel Overpressure Protection Summary Technical Report presented in Appendix K of the FSAR.

Eleven safety/relief valves and two safety valves have been installed on Peach Bottom Unit 3 with a total capacity of 79.51% of rated steam flow. The analysis of the worst overpressure transient, (3-second closure of all main steam line isolation valves) neglecting the direct scram (valve position scram) results in a maximum vessel pressure of 1301 psig if a neutron flux scram is assumed. This results in a 74 psig margin to the code allowable overpressure limit of 1375 psig.

To meet the power generation design basis, the total pressure relief system capacity of 79.51% has been divided into 65.96% safety/relief (11 valves) and 13.55% safety (2 valves). The analysis of the plant isolation transient (Load Rejection with bypass valve failure to open and Recirculation Pump Drive Motor Trip) assuming a turbine trip scram is presented in NEDO-24039-1. This analysis shows that the 11 safety/relief valves limit pressure at the safety valves to 28 psi below the setting of the safety valves. Therefore, the safety valves will not open.

Experience in safety/relief and safety valve operation shows that a testing of 50 per cent of the valves per year is adequate to detect failure or deteriorations. The safety/relief and safety valves are benchtested every second

5.0 MAJOR DESIGN FEATURES

5.1 SITE FEATURES

The site is located partly in Peach Bottom Township, York County, partly in Drumore Township, Lancaster County, and partly in Fulton Township, Lancaster County, in southeastern Pennsylvania on the westerly shore of Conowingo Pond at the mouth of Rock Run Creek. It is about 38 miles north-northeast of Baltimore, Maryland, and 63 miles west-southwest of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Figures 2.2.1 through 2.2.4 of the FSAR show the site location with respect to surrounding communities.

5.2 REACTOR

- A. The core shall consist of not more than 764 fuel assemblies. 7 x 7 fuel assemblies shall contain 49 fuel rods and 8 x 8 fuel assemblies shall contain 62 or 63 fuel rods. The core shall consist of not more than 440 8x8 fuel assemblies.
- B. One Pressurized Test Assembly may be inserted in the Core for up to four full fuel cycles.
- C. The reactor core shall contain 185 cruciform-shaped control rods. The control material shall be boron carbide powder (B₄C) compacted to approximately 70% of the theoretical density.
- D. One Fast Scram Control Rod Drive may be utilized for up to two full fuel cycles.

5.3 REACTOR VESSEL

The reactor vessel shall be as described in Table 4.2.2 of the FSAR. The applicable design codes shall be as described in Table 4.2.1 of the FSAR.

5.4 CONTAINMENT

- A. The principal design parameters for the primary containment shall be as given in Table 5.2.1 of the FSAR. The applicable design codes shall be as described in Appendix M of the FSAR.
- B. The secondary containment shall be as described in Section 5.3 of the FSAR.
- C. Penetrations to the primary containment and piping passing through such penetrations shall be designed in accordance with standards set forth in Section 5.2.3.4 of the FSAR.