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Subject: Duke Energy Corporation Catawba Nuclear Station Unit 1 and 2 Docket Nos.: 50-413 and 50-414 Core Operating Limits Report (COLR) Catawba Unit 1 Cycle 15, Revision 27 and Catawba Unit 2 Cycle 14, Revision 27

Attached, pursuant to Catawba Technical Specification 5.6.5, is an information copy of the Core Operating Limits Report for Catawba Unit 1 Cycle 15, Revision 27 and Catawba Unit 2 Cycle 14, Revision 27.

This letter and attachment do not contain any new commitments.

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# Catawba **1** Cycle 15 Core Operating Limits Report

IMPLEMENTATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR REVISION 27

This revision should implemented concurrent with the implementation of Technical Specification Amendment 220 for Catawba Unit 1. Amendment 220 adds two new analytical methods to the TS 5.6.5 list of references.

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# **1.0 Core Operating Limits Report**

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#### 2.0 Operating Limits

The cycle-specific parameter limits for the specifications listed in Section 1.0 are presented in the following subsections. These limits have been developed using NRC approved methodologies specified in Section 1.1.

#### 2.1 Reactor Core Safety **Limits (TS 2.1.1)**

The Reactor Core Safety Limits are shown in Figure 1.

#### 2.2 Shutdown Margin - SDM (TS 3.1.1, TS 3.1.4, TS 3.1.5, TS 3.1.6, TS 3.1.8)

- 2.2.1 For TS 3.1.1, shutdown margin shall be greater than or equal to 1.3%  $\Delta K/K$  in mode 2 with Keff < 1.0 and in modes 3 and 4.
- 2.2.2 For TS 3.1.1, shutdown margin shall be greater than or equal to  $1.0\%$   $\Delta$ K/K in mode 5.
- 2.2.3 For TS 3.1.4, shutdown margin shall be greater than or equal to 1.3%  $\triangle K/K$  in mode 1 and mode 2.
- 2.2.4 For TS 3.1.5, shutdown margin shall be greater than or equal to  $1.3\%$   $\Delta$ K/K in mode 1 and mode 2 with any control bank not fully inserted.
- 2.2.5 For TS 3.1.6, shutdown margin shall be greater than or equal to 1.3%  $\Delta K/K$  in mode 1 and mode 2 with Keff  $\geq 1.0$ .
- 2.2.6 For TS 3.1.8, shutdown margin shall be greater than or equal to  $1.3\%$   $\Delta K/K$  in mode 2 during Physics Testing.

Figure 1

Reactor Core Safety Limits Four Loops in Operation



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#### **2.3 Moderator Temperature Coefficient -** MTC **(TS** 3.1.3)

2.3.1 The Moderator Temperature Coefficient (MTC) Limits are:

The MTC shall be less positive than the upper limits shown in Figure 2. The BOC, ARO, HZP MTC shall be less positive than 0.7E-04  $\triangle$ K/K/°F.

The EOC, ARO, RTP MTC shall be less negative than the  $-4.3E$ -04  $\triangle$ K/K/ $\angle$ F lower MTC limit.

2.3.2 The 300 ppm MTC Surveillance Limit is:

The measured 300 PPM ARO, equilibrium RTP MTC shall be less negative than or equal to  $-3.65E-04 \Delta K/K/{}^{\circ}F$ .

2.3.3 The 60 PPM MTC Surveillance Limit is:

The 60 PPM ARO, equilibrium RTP MTC shall be less negative than or equal to -4.125E-04 AK/K/°F.

Where:  $BOC = Beginning of Cycle (burnup corresponding to most$ positive MTC)  $EOC = End of Cycle$  $ARO = All Rods Out$ HZP = Hot Zero Thermal Power RTP = Rated Thermal Power

PPM = Parts per million (Boron)

#### **2.4 Shutdown Bank Insertion Limit (TS** 3.1.5)

2.4.1 Each shutdown bank shall be withdrawn to at least 222 steps. Shutdown banks are withdrawn in sequence and with no overlap.

#### 2.5 **Control Bank Insertion Limits (TS 3.1.6)**

2.5.1 Control banks shall be within the insertion, sequence, and overlap limits shown in Figure 3. Specific control bank withdrawal and overlap limits as a function of the fully withdrawn position are shown in Table 1.

# Figure 2

# Moderator Temperature Coefficient Upper Limit Versus Power Level



NOTE: Compliance with Technical Specification 3.1.3 may require rod withdrawal limits. Refer to the Unit 1 ROD manual for details.

Figure 3 Control Bank Insertion Limits Versus Percent Rated Thermal Power



The Rod Insertion Limits (RIL) for Control Bank D (CD), Control Bank C (CC), and Control Bank B (CB) can be calculated by:

> *Bank CD RIL* = 2.3(*P*) – 69 { $30 \le P \le 100$ } *Bank CC RIL* = 2.3(*P*) + 47  $\{0 \le P \le 80\}$ *Bank CB RIL* = 2.3(P) + 163  $\{0 \le P \le 29.6\}$



NOTE: Compliance with Technical Specification 3.1.3 may require rod withdrawal limits. Refer to the Unit I ROD manual for details.

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# Table **1** Control Bank Withdrawal Steps and Sequence

#### 2.6 Heat Flux Hot Channel Factor -  $F<sub>O</sub>(X,Y,Z)$  (TS 3.2.1)

**2.6.1** F<sub>O</sub> $(X, Y, Z)$  steady-state limits are defined by the following relationships:



where,

P = (Thermal Power)/(Rated Power)

Note: The measured  $F<sub>0</sub>(X,Y,Z)$  shall be increased by 3% to account for manufacturing tolerances and 5% to account for measurement uncertainty when comparing against the LCO limits. The manufacturing tolerance and measurement uncertainty are implicitly included in the  $F<sub>Q</sub>$  surveillance limits as defined in COLR Sections 2.6.5 and 2.6.6.

2.6.2 
$$
F_C^{RTP}
$$
 = 2.50 x K(BU)

- 2.6.3 K(Z) is the normalized  $F<sub>O</sub>(X,Y,Z)$  as a function of core height. K(Z) for MkBW fuel is provided in Figure *4,* and the K(Z) for Westinghouse RFA and NGF fuel is provided in Figure 5.
- 2.6.4 K(BU) is the normalized  $F<sub>o</sub>(X,Y,Z)$  as a function of burnup. K(BU) for MkBW, Westinghouse RFA and NGF fuel is 1.0 at all burnups.

The following parameters are required for core monitoring per the Surveillance Requirements of Technical Specification 3.2.1:

2.6.5 
$$
[F_Q^L(X,Y,Z)]^{OP} = \frac{F_Q^D(X,Y,Z) * M_Q(X,Y,Z)}{UMT * MT * TILT}
$$

where:

 $[F_0^L(X,Y,Z)]^{OP}$  = Cycle dependent maximum allowable design peaking factor that ensures that the  $F<sub>0</sub>(X,Y,Z)$  LOCA limit is not exceeded for operation within the AFD, RIL, and QPTR limits.  $F_o^L(X, Y, Z)$ <sup>o</sup> includes allowances for calculational and measurement uncertainties.

- $F_0^{\nu}(X,Y,Z)$  = Design power distribution for  $F_0$ .  $F_0^{\nu}(X,Y,Z)$  is provided in Table 5, Appendix A, for normal operating conditions and in Table 8, Appendix A for power escalation testing during initial startup operation.
- $M<sub>Q</sub>(X,Y,Z)$  = Margin remaining in core location X,Y,Z to the LOCA limit in the transient power distribution.  $M_0(X, Y, Z)$  is provided in Table 5, Appendix A for normal operating conditions and in Table 8, Appendix A for power escalation testing during initial startup operation.
	- UMT = Total Peak Measurement Uncertainty. (UMT = *1.05)*
		- $MT =$  Engineering Hot Channel Factor. (MT = 1.03)
	- $TILT =$  Peaking penalty that accounts for allowable quadrant power tilt ratio of 1.02. (TILT =  $1.035$ )

2.6.6 
$$
[F_Q^L(X,Y,Z)]^{RPS} = \frac{F_Q^D(X,Y,Z) * M_C(X,Y,Z)}{UMT * MT * TILT}
$$

- $[F_0(X,Y,Z)]^{RPS} =$  Cycle dependent maximum allowable design peaking factor that ensures that the  $F<sub>O</sub>(X,Y,Z)$  Centerline Fuel Melt (CFM) limit is not exceeded for operation within the AFD, RIL, and QPTR limits.  $[F<sub>O</sub>(X,Y,Z)]<sup>RPS</sup>$  includes allowances for calculational and measurement uncertainties.
	- $\tilde{D}_Q(X,Y,Z)$  = Design power distributions for F<sub>Q</sub>. F<sub>Q</sub> $(X,Y,Z)$  is provided in Table 5, Appendix A for normal operating conditions and in Table 8, Appendix A for power escalation testing during initial startup operations.
	- $M_C(X, Y, Z)$  = Margin remaining to the CFM limit in core location X, Y, Z from the transient power distribution.  $M_C(X, Y, Z)$  is provided in Table 6, Appendix A for normal operating conditions and in Table 9, Appendix A for power escalation testing during initial startup operations.

- $UMT = Measurement Uncertainty (UMT = 1.05)$ 
	- $MT =$  Engineering Hot Channel Factor (MT = 1.03)
- $TILT =$  Peaking penalty that accounts for allowable quadrant power tilt ratio of 1.02. (TILT =  $1.035$ )
- 2.6.7 KSLOPE = 0.0725

- KSLOPE = the adjustment to the  $K_1$  value from OTAT trip setpoint required to compensate for each 1% that  $F_Q^M$  (X,Y,Z) exceeds  $F_Q^L$  (X,Y,Z)<sup>RPS</sup>.
- 2.6.8 F<sub>Q</sub>(X,Y,Z) Penalty Factors for Technical Specification Surveillances 3.2.1.2 and 3.2.1.3 are provided in Table 2.

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# Figure 4

# K(Z), Normalized  $F_Q(X, Y, Z)$  as a Function of Core Height for MkBW Fuel



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# Figure 5

# K(Z), Normalized  $F_Q(X,Y,Z)$  as a Function of Core Height for RFA and NGF Fuel



#### Table 2

# $F_Q(X,Y,Z)$  and  $F_{\Delta H}(X,Y)$  Penalty Factors For Tech Spec Surveillances 3.2.1.2, 3.2.1.3 and 3.2.2.2



Note: Linear interpolation is adequate for intermediate cycle burnups. All cycle burnups outside the range of the table shall use a  $2\%$ penalty factor for both  $F<sub>O</sub>(X,Y,Z)$  and  $F<sub>AH</sub>(X,Y)$  for compliance with the Tech Spec Surveillances 3.2.1.2, 3.2.1.3 and 3.2.2.2.

#### **2.7** Nuclear Enthalpy Rise Hot Channel Factor -  $F_{AH}(X, Y)$  (TS 3.2.2)

The  $F_{\Delta H}$  steady-state limits referred to in Technical Specification 3.2.2 are defined by the following relationship.

2.7.1 
$$
[F_{\Delta H}^{L}(X, Y)]^{LCO} = \text{MARP}(X, Y) * [1.0 + \frac{1}{RRH} * (1.0 - P)]
$$

where:

- $[F_{\Delta H}^{L}(X,Y)]^{LCO}$  is defined as the steady-state, maximum allowed radial peak and includes allowances for calculation/measurement uncertainty.
- $MARP(X, Y) =$  Cycle-specific operating limit Maximum Allowable Radial Peaks. MARP(X,Y) radial peaking limits are provided in Table 3.

$$
P = \frac{Thermal Power}{Rated Thermal Power}
$$

RRH =Thermal Power reduction required to compensate for each 1% that the measured radial peak,  $F_{AH}^{M}(X, Y)$ , exceeds the limit.  $(RRH = 3.34, 0.0 < P \leq 1.0)$ 

The following parameters are required for core monitoring per the Surveillance requirements of Technical Specification 3.2.2.

2.7.2 
$$
[F_{\Delta H}^{L}(X,Y)]^{SURV} = \frac{F_{\Delta H}^{D}(X,Y)^* M_{\Delta H}(X,Y)}{UMR * TILT}
$$

- $[F_{\text{AH}}^{L}(X,Y)]^{SURV}$  = Cycle dependent maximum allowable design peaking factor that ensures that the  $F_{\Delta H}(X, Y)$  limit is not exceeded for operation within the AFD, RIL, and QPTR limits.  $F_{\text{AH}}^{L}(X,Y)$ <sup>SURV</sup> includes allowances for calculational and measurement uncertainty.
	- $F_{\Delta H}^{D}$  (X,Y) = Design power distribution for  $F_{\Delta H}$ ,  $F_{\Delta H}^{D}$  (X,Y) is provided in Table 7, Appendix A for normal operation and in Table 10, Appendix A for power escalation testing during initial startup operation.

- $M_{AH}(X,Y)$  = The margin remaining in core location X,Y relative to the Operational DNB limits in the transient power distribution.  $M<sub>\Delta</sub>H(X,Y)$  is provided in Table 7, Appendix A for normal operation and in Table 10, Appendix A for power escalation testing during initial startup operation.
	- $UMR =$  Uncertainty value for measured radial peaks. UMR is set to 1.0 since a factor of 1.04 is implicitly included in the variable  $M_{AH}(X,Y)$ .
		- $TILT$  = Peaking penalty that accounts for allowable quadrant power tilt ratio of 1.02.  $(TILT = 1.035)$
- 2.7.3 RRH =  $3.34$

where:

- $RRH =$  Thermal Power reduction required to compensate for each 1% that the measured radial peak,  $F_{\text{AH}}^{M}(X,Y)$  exceeds its limit.  $(0 < P \le 1.0)$
- 2.7.4  $TRH = 0.04$

where:

- TRH = Reduction in OTAT K, setpoint required to compensate for each 1% that the measured radial peak,  $F_{AH}(X, Y)$  exceeds its limit.
- 2.7.5  $F<sub>AH</sub>(X,Y)$  Penalty Factors for Technical Specification Surveillance 3.2.2.2 are provided in Table 2.

#### 2.8 Axial Flux Difference - AFD (TS 3.2.3)

2.8.1 The Axial Flux Difference (AFD) Limits are provided in Figure 6.

# Table 3 Maximum Allowable Radial Peaks (MARPS)

#### RFA Fuel MARPs 100% Full Power



#### MkBW Fuel MARPs 100% Full Power



# NGF Fuel MARPs 100% Full Power



# Figure 6

# Percent of Rated Thermal Power Versus Percent Axial Flux Difference Limits



# NOTE: Compliance with Technical Specification 3.2.1 may require more restrictive AFD limits. Refer to the Unit 1 ROD manual for operational AFD limits.

#### 2.9 Reactor Trip System Instrumentation Setpoints (TS 3.3.1) Table 3.3.1-1

#### 2.9.1 Overtemperature AT Setpoint Parameter Values



\* The  $f_1(\Delta I)$  negative breakpoints and slopes for OTAT are less restrictive than the OPAT  $f_2(\Delta I)$  negative breakpoint and slope. Therefore, during a transient which challenges the negative imbalance limits the OPAT  $f_2(\Delta I)$  limits will result in a reactor trip before the OTAT  $f_1(\Delta I)$  limits are reached. This makes implementation of an OT $\Delta T$  f<sub>1</sub>( $\Delta I$ ) negative breakpoint and slope unnecessary.

2.9.2 Overpower AT Setpoint Parameter Values



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#### **2.10 Boron Dilution Mitigation System** (TS 3.3.9)

2.10.1 Reactor Makeup Water Pump flow rate limits:



#### 2.11 **RCS Pressure, Temperature and Flow Limits for DNB (TS 3.4.1)**

The RCS pressure, temperature and flow limits for DNB are shown in Table 4.

2.12 **Accumulators (TS** 3.5.1)

2.12.1 Boron concentration limits during modes 1 and 2, and mode 3 with RCS pressure >1000 psi:



2.13 **Refueling Water Storage Tank - RWST (TS** 3.5.4)

2.13.1 Boron concentration limits during modes 1, 2, 3, and 4:



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# **Table 4**

# Reactor Coolant System DNB Parameters

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#### **2.14 Spent Fuel Pool Boron Concentration (TS 3.7.15)**

2.14.1 Minimum boron concentration limit for the spent fuel pool. Applicable when fuel assemblies are stored in the spent fuel pool.



#### **2.15 Refueling Operations - Boron Concentration (TS 3.9.1)**

2.15.1 Minimum boron concentration limit for the filled portions of the Reactor Coolant System, refueling canal, and refueling cavity for mode 6 conditions. The minimum boron concentration limit and plant refueling procedures ensure that the Keff of the core will remain within the mode 6 reactivity requirement of Keff  $\leq$ 0.95.



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#### 2.17 Standby Shutdown System - Standby Makeup Pump Water Supply - (SLC-16.7-9.3)

2.17.1 Minimum boron concentration limit for the spent fuel pool. Applicable for modes 1, 2, and 3.



# 2.18 Borated Water Source - Shutdown (SLC 16.9-11)

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2.18.1 Volume and boron concentrations for the Boric Acid Tank (BAT) and the Refueling Water Storage Tank (RWST) during Mode 4 with any RCS cold leg temperature  $\leq 210^{0}$ F, and Modes 5 and 6.



# 2.19 Borated Water Source - Operating (SLC 16.9-12)

2.19.1 Volume and boron concentrations for the Boric Acid Tank (BAT) and the Refueling Water Storage Tank (RWST) during Modes 1, 2, and 3 and Mode 4 with all RCS cold leg temperatures  $> 210^{9}F$ .



## Figure 7

#### Boric Acid Storage Tank Indicated Level Versus Primary Coolant Boron Concentration

# (Valid When Cycle Burnup is > 454 EFPD)



This figure includes additional volumes listed in SLC 16.9-11 and 16.9-12

## Appendix A

#### Power Distribution Monitoring Factors

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#### 2.0 Operating Limits

The cycle-specific parameter limits for the specifications listed in Section 1.0 are presented in the following subsections. These limits have been developed using NRC approved methodologies specified in Section 1.1.

#### 2.1 Reactor Core Safety Limits (TS 2.1.1)

The Reactor Core Safety Limits are shown in Figure 1.

#### 2.2 Shutdown Margin - SDM (TS 3.1.1, TS 3.1.4, TS 3.1.5, TS 3.1.6, TS 3.1.8)

- 2.2.1 For TS 3.1.1, shutdown margin shall be greater than or equal to  $1.3\%$   $\Delta K/K$  in mode 2 with Keff < 1.0 and in modes 3 and 4.
- 2.2.2 For TS 3.1.1, shutdown margin shall be greater than or equal to  $1.0\%$   $\Delta K/K$  in mode 5.
- 2.2.3 For TS 3.1.4, shutdown margin shall be greater than or equal to  $1.3\%$   $\Delta K/K$  in mode 1 and mode 2.
- 2.2.4 For TS 3.1.5, shutdown margin shall be greater than or equal to  $1.3\%$   $\Delta K/K$  in mode 1 and mode 2 with any control bank not fully inserted.
- 2.2.5 For TS 3.1.6, shutdown margin shall be greater than or equal to  $1.3\%$   $\Delta K/K$  in mode 1 and mode 2 with Keff  $\geq 1.0$ .
- 2.2.6 For TS 3.1.8, shutdown margin shall be greater than or equal to  $1.3\%$   $\Delta K/K$  in mode 2 during Physics Testing.

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# Figure 1

# Reactor Core Safety Limits



#### 2.3 Moderator Temperature Coefficient - MTC (TS 3.13)

2.3.1 The Moderator Temperature Coefficient (MTC) Limits are:

The MTC shall be less positive than the upper limits shown in Figure 2. The BOC, ARO, HZP MTC shall be less positive than  $0.7E-04 \Delta K/K/{}^{\circ}F$ .

The EOC, ARO, RTP MTC shall be less negative than the  $-4.3E$ -04  $\triangle$ K/K/ $\angle$ F lower MTC limit.

2.3.2 The 300 ppm MTC Surveillance Limit is:

The measured 300 PPM ARO, equilibrium RTP MTC shall be less negative than or equal to  $-3.65E-04 \Delta K/K/{}^{\circ}F$ .

2.3.3 The 60 PPM MTC Surveillance Limit is:

The 60 PPM ARO, equilibrium RTP MTC shall be less negative than or equal to -4.125E-04 AK/K/°F.

Where: BOC = Beginning of Cycle (burnup corresponding to most positive MTC)  $EOC = End of Cycle$ ARO = All Rods Out HZP = Hot Zero Thermal Power RTP = Rated Thermal Power PPM = Parts per million (Boron)

#### 2.4 Shutdown Bank Insertion Limit (TS 3.1.5)

2.4.1 Each shutdown bank shall be withdrawn to at least 222 steps. Shutdown banks are withdrawn in sequence and with no overlap.

#### 2.5 Control Bank Insertion Limits (TS 3.1.6)

*2.5.1* Control banks shall be within the insertion, sequence, and overlap limits shown in Figure 3. Specific control bank withdrawal and overlap limits as a function of the fully withdrawn position are shown in Table 1.

# Figure 2

## Moderator Temperature Coefficient Upper Limit Versus Power Level



NOTE: Compliance with Technical Specification 3.1.3 may require rod withdrawal limits. Refer to the Unit 2 ROD manual for details.

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Figure 3 Control Bank Insertion Limits Versus Percent Rated Thermal Power



The Rod Insertion Limits (RIL) for Control Bank D (CD), Control Bank C (CC), and Control Bank B (CB) can be calculated by:

> *Bank CD RIL* = 2.3(*P*) – 69 { $30 \le P \le 100$ } *Bank CCRIL* = 2.3(*P*) + 47 { $0 \le P \le 80$ } *Bank CB RIL* = 2.3(*P*) + 163  ${0 \le P \le 29.6}$

*where P = %Rated Thermal Power*

NOTE: Compliance with Technical Specification 3.1.3 may require rod withdrawal limits. Refer to the Unit 2 ROD manual for details.



# Table **1** Control Bank Withdrawal Steps and Sequence

#### 2.6 Heat Flux Hot Channel Factor -  $F<sub>O</sub>(X,Y,Z)$  (TS 3.2.1)

**2.6.1** F<sub>O</sub> $(X, Y, Z)$  steady-state limits are defined by the following relationships:



where,

P = (Thermal Power)/(Rated Power)

Note: The measured  $F<sub>0</sub>(X,Y,Z)$  shall be increased by 3% to account for manufacturing tolerances and 5% to account for measurement uncertainty when comparing against the LCO limits. The manufacturing tolerance and measurement uncertainty are implicitly included in the  $F<sub>O</sub>$  surveillance limits as defined in COLR Sections 2.6.5 and 2.6.6.

2.6.2 
$$
F_o^{RTP}
$$
 = 2.60 x K(BU)

- 2.6.3 K(Z) is the normalized  $F<sub>O</sub>(X,Y,Z)$  as a function of core height. Westinghouse RFA fuel is provided in Figure 4.  $K(Z)$  for
- 2.6.4 K(BU) is the normalized  $F_0(X, Y, Z)$  as a function of burnup. K(BU) for Westinghouse RFA fuel is 1.0 at all burnups.

The following parameters are required for core monitoring per the Surveillance Requirements of Technical Specification 3.2.1:

2.6.5 
$$
[F_Q^L(X, Y, Z)]^{OP} = \frac{F_Q^D(X, Y, Z) * M_Q(X, Y, Z)}{UMT * MT * TILT}
$$

- $[F_{\mathcal{Q}}^{\mathcal{L}}(X,Y,Z)]^{\text{OP}}$  = Cycle dependent maximum allowable design peaking factor that ensures that the  $F<sub>O</sub>(X,Y,Z)$  LOCA limit is not exceeded for operation within the AFD, RIL, and QPTR limits.  $[F_o^L(X,Y,Z)]$ <sup>o</sup> includes allowances for calculational and measurement uncertainties.
- $F_o^D$ (X,Y,Z) = Design power distribution for  $F_Q$ .  $F_o^D$ (X,Y,Z) is provided in Appendix Table A-I for normal operating conditions and in

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Appendix Table A-4 for power escalation testing during initial startup operation.

- $M_0(X, Y, Z)$  = Margin remaining in core location X, Y, Z to the LOCA limit in the transient power distribution.  $M_0(X, Y, Z)$  is provided in Appendix Table A-1 for normal operating conditions and in Appendix Table A-4 for power escalation testing during initial startup operation.
	- UMT = Total Peak Measurement Uncertainty. (UMT = *1.05)*
		- $MT =$  Engineering Hot Channel Factor. (MT = 1.03)
	- $TILT =$  Peaking penalty that accounts for allowable quadrant power tilt ratio of 1.02. (TILT =  $1.035$ )

2.6.6 
$$
[F_Q^L(X,Y,Z)]^{RPS} = \frac{F_Q^D(X,Y,Z) * M_C(X,Y,Z)}{UMT * MT * TILT}
$$

- $[F<sub>O</sub>(X,Y,Z)]<sup>RPS</sup> =$  Cycle dependent maximum allowable design peaking factor that ensures that the  $F<sub>O</sub>(X,Y,Z)$  Centerline Fuel Melt (CFM) limit is not exceeded for operation within the AFD, RIL, and QPTR limits.  $[F_Q^L(X, Y, Z)]^{RPS}$  includes allowances for calculational and measurement uncertainties.
	- $F_Q(X,Y,Z)$  = Design power distributions for F<sub>Q</sub>.  $F_Q(X,Y,Z)$  is provided in Appendix Table A-1 for normal operating conditions and in Appendix Table A-4 for power escalation testing during initial startup operations.
	- $M_C(X, Y, Z)$  = Margin remaining to the CFM limit in core location X, Y, Z from the transient power distribution.  $M_C(X, Y, Z)$  is provided in Appendix Table A-2 for normal operating conditions and in Appendix Table A-5 for power escalation testing during initial startup operations.
		- $UMT$  = Measurement Uncertainty (UMT = 1.05)
			- $MT =$  Engineering Hot Channel Factor (MT = 1.03)

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- $TLT$  = Peaking penalty that accounts for allowable quadrant power tilt ratio of 1.02. (TILT =  $1.035$ )
- 2.6.7 KSLOPE = 0.0725

- KSLOPE = the adjustment to the  $K_1$  value from OTAT trip setpoint required to compensate for each 1% that  $F_Q^M$  (X,Y,Z) exceeds  $[F_Q^L(X,Y,Z)]^{RPS}$ .
- 2.6.8 F<sub>Q</sub>(X,Y,Z) Penalty Factors for Technical Specification Surveillances 3.2.1.2 and. 3.2.1.3 are provided in Table 2.

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# Figure 4

# K(Z), Normalized  $F_Q(X,Y,Z)$  as a Function of Core Height for RFA Fuel



#### Table 2

## $F_Q(X,Y,Z)$  and  $F_{\Delta H}(X,Y)$  Penalty Factors For Tech Spec Surveillances 3.2.1.2, 3.2.1.3 and 3.2.2.2



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Note: Linear interpolation is adequate for intermediate cycle burnups. All cycle burnups outside the range of the table shall use a  $2\%$ penalty factor for both  $F_Q(X, Y, Z)$  and  $F_{\Delta H}(X, Y)$  for compliance with the Tech Spec Surveillances 3.2.1.2, 3.2.1.3 and 3.2.2.2.

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#### 2.7 Nuclear Enthalpy Rise Hot Channel Factor -  $F_{\Lambda}H(X,Y)$  (TS 3.2.2)

The FAH steady-state limits referred to in Technical Specification 3.2.2 are defined by the following relationship.

2.7.1 
$$
[F_{\Delta H}^{L}(X, Y)]^{LCO} = \text{MARP}(X, Y) * [1.0 + \frac{1}{\text{RRH}} * (1.0 - P)]
$$

where:

- $[F_{\text{AH}}^{L}(X,Y)]^{LCO}$  is defined as the steady-state, maximum allowed radial peak and includes allowances for calculation/measurement uncertainty.
- $\text{MARP}(X, Y) = \text{Cycle-specific operating limit Maximum}$  Allowable Radial Peaks. MARP(X,Y) radial peaking limits are provided in Table 3.

$$
P = \frac{Thermal Power}{Rated Thermal Power}
$$

RRH =Thermal Power reduction required to compensate for each 1% that the measured radial peak,  $F_{AH}^{M}(X,Y)$ , exceeds the limit.  $(RRH = 3.34, 0.0 < P \le 1.0)$ 

The following parameters are required for core monitoring per the Surveillance requirements of Technical Specification 3.2.2.

2.7.2 
$$
[F_{\Delta H}^{L}(X,Y)]^{SURV} = \frac{F_{\Delta H}^{D}(X,Y)^* M_{\Delta H}(X,Y)}{UMR * TILT}
$$

- ${[\mathbf{F}^{\text{L}}_{\text{AH}}(\text{X}, \text{Y)}]}^{\text{SURV}} = \text{Cycle dependent maximum allowable design peaking factor}$ that ensures that the  $F_{AH}(X,Y)$  limit is not exceeded for operation within the AFD, RIL, and QPTR limits.  $F_{\text{AH}}^{L}(X,Y)$ <sup>SURV</sup> includes allowances for calculational and measurement uncertainty.
	- $F_{\Delta H}^{D}$  (X,Y) = Design power distribution for  $F_{\Delta H}$ ,  $F_{\Delta H}^{D}$  (X,Y) is provided in Appendix Table A-3 for normal operation and in Appendix Table A-6 for power escalation testing during initial startup operation.

- $M_{\text{AH}}(X,Y)$  = The margin remaining in core location X,Y relative to the Operational DNB limits in the transient power distribution.  $M<sub>AH</sub>(X,Y)$  is provided in Appendix Table A-3 for normal operation and in Appendix Table A-6 for power escalation testing during initial startup operation.
	- $UMR =$  Uncertainty value for measured radial peaks. UMR is set to 1.0 since a factor of 1.04 is implicitly included in the variable  $M_{\text{AH}}(X,Y)$ .
	- $TILT =$  Peaking penalty that accounts for allowable quadrant power tilt ratio of 1.02. (TILT =  $1.035$ )

#### $2.7.3$  RRH = 3.34

where:

- $RRH =$  Thermal Power reduction required to compensate for each 1% that the measured radial peak,  $F_{\text{AH}}^{M}(X,Y)$  exceeds its limit.  $(0 < P \le 1.0)$
- 2.7.4  $TRH = 0.04$

where:

- TRH = Reduction in OTAT  $K_1$  setpoint required to compensate for each 1% that the measured radial peak,  $F_{AH}(X,Y)$  exceeds its limit.
- 2.7.5  $F<sub>AH</sub>(X,Y)$  Penalty Factors for Technical Specification Surveillance 3.2.2.2 are provided in Table 2.

#### 2.8 Axial **Flux** Difference - AFD (TS 3.2.3)

2.8.1 The Axial Flux Difference (AFD) Limits are provided in Figure 5.

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# **Table 3 Maximum Allowable Radial Peaks** (MARPS)

# **RFA** Fuel MARPs 100% Full Power



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#### Figure 5

#### Percent of Rated Thermal Power Versus Percent Axial Flux Difference Limits



NOTE: Compliance with Technical Specification 3.2.1 may require more restrictive AFD limits. Refer to the Unit 2 ROD manual for operational AFD limits.

# 2.9 Reactor Trip System Instrumentation Setpoints (TS 3.3.1) Table 3.3.1-1

#### 2.9.1 Overtemperature AT Setpoint Parameter Values



<sup>\*</sup> The  $f_1(\Delta I)$  negative breakpoints and slopes for OT $\Delta T$  are less restrictive than the OP $\Delta T$   $f_2(\Delta I)$  negative breakpoint and slope. Therefore, during a transient which challenges the negative imbalance limits the OPAT  $f_2(\Delta I)$  limits will result in a reactor trip before the OTAT  $f_1(\Delta I)$  limits are reached. This makes implementation of an OTAT  $f_1(\Delta I)$  negative breakpoint and slope unnecessary.

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2.9.2 Overpower AT Setpoint Parameter Values



## **2.10 Boron Dilution Mitigation System (TS 3.3.9)**

2.10.1 Reactor Makeup Water Pump flow rate limits:



#### 2.11 **RCS Pressure, Temperature and Flow Limits for DNB** (TS **3.4.1)**

The RCS pressure, temperature and flow limits for DNB are shown in Table 4.

#### 2.12 **Accumulators (TS 3.5.1)**

2.12.1 Boron concentration limits during modes I and 2, and mode 3 with RCS pressure >1000 psi:



# **2.13 Refueling Water Storage Tank - RWST (TS 3.5.4)**

2.13.1 Boron concentration limits during modes 1, 2, 3, and 4:



# Table 4

# Reactor Coolant System DNB Parameters



# 2.14 Spent Fuel Pool Boron Concentration (TS 3.7.15)

2.14.1 Minimum boron concentration limit for the spent fuel pool. Applicable when fuel assemblies are stored in the spent fuel pool.



#### **2.15 Refueling Operations - Boron Concentration (TS 3.9.1)**

2.15.1 Minimum boron concentration limit for the filled portions of the Reactor Coolant System, refueling canal, and refueling cavity for mode 6 conditions. The minimum boron concentration limit and plant refueling procedures ensure that the Keff of the core will remain within the mode 6 reactivity requirement of Keff  $\leq$ 0.95.



# **2.16 Standby Shutdown System - Standby Makeup Pump Water Supply** - (SLC-16.7-9.3)

2.16.1 Minimum boron concentration limit for the spent fuel pool. Applicable for modes 1, 2, and 3.



# **2.17 Borated Water Source - Shutdown (SLC** 16.9-11)

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2.17.1 Volume and boron concentrations for the Boric Acid Tank (BAT) and the Refueling Water Storage Tank (RWST) during Mode 4 with any RCS cold leg temperature  $\leq 210^{9}$ F, and Modes 5 and 6.



# **2.18 Borated Water Source - Operating (SLC 16.9-12)**

2.18.1 Volume and boron concentrations for the Boric Acid Tank (BAT) and the Refueling Water Storage Tank (RWST) during Modes 1, 2, and 3 and Mode 4 with all RCS cold leg temperatures > 210<sup>0</sup>F.



### Figure 6

#### Boric Acid Storage Tank Indicated Level Versus Primary Coolant Boron Concentration

#### (Valid When Cycle Burnup is > 480 EFPD)





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#### Appendix A

#### Power Distribution Monitoring Factors

Appendix A contains power distribution monitoring factors used in Technical Specification Surveillance. Due to the size of the monitoring factor data, Appendix A is controlled electronically within Duke and is not included in the Duke internal copies of the COLR. The Catawba Reactor and Electrical Systems Engineering Section controls this information via computer files and should be contacted if there is a need to access this information.

Appendix A is included in the COLR copy transmitted to the NRC.