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Core Operating Limits Report (COLR) for Prairie Island Unit 1 Cycle 23, Revision 1

Pursuant to the requirements of Technical Specification 5.6.5.d, the COLR for Prairie Island Unit 1 Cycle 23, Revision 1 is attached. The limits specified in the attached COLR have been established using Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) approved methodologies.

The Unit 1 COLR has been revised for Cycle 23 to incorporate the following changes:

- Revised Isothermal Temperature Coefficient (ITC) upper limit from  $<0$  pcm/°F for power levels  $>70\%$  Rated Thermal Power (RTP) to less than a line that slopes linearly from 0 pcm/°F at 70% RTP to  $-2.9$  pcm/°F at 100% RTP.
- Revised the title of Figure 3 to reference Technical Specification 3.1.4 Condition B.
- Revised the title of Figure 4 to reference Technical Specification 3.1.4 Condition A.
- Added references 24 and 25 to include the 50.59 screenings written to issue Revision 1.

Summary of Commitments

This letter contains no new commitments and no revisions to existing commitments.



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**ENCLOSURE 1**

**PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT  
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**CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT**

**UNIT 1 – CYCLE 23**

**REVISION 1**

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**PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT**  
**CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT**  
**UNIT 1 - CYCLE 23**  
**REVISION 1**

This report provides the values of the limits for Unit 1 Cycle 23 as required by Technical Specification Section 5.6.5. These values have been established using NRC approved methodology and are established such that all applicable limits of the plant safety analysis are met. The Technical Specifications affected by this report are listed below:

1. 2.1.1 Reactor Core SLs
2. 3.1.1 Shutdown Margin (SDM)
3. 3.1.3 Isothermal Temperature Coefficient (ITC)
4. 3.1.5 Shutdown Bank Insertion Limits
5. 3.1.6 Control Bank Insertion Limits
6. 3.1.8 Physics Tests Exceptions - MODE 2
7. 3.2.1 Heat Flux Hot Channel Factor ( $F_Q(z)$ )
8. 3.2.2 Nuclear Enthalpy Rise Hot Channel Factor ( $F_{\Delta H}^N$ )
9. 3.2.3 Axial Flux Difference (AFD)
10. 3.3.1 Reactor Trip System (RTS) Instrumentation  
Overtemperature  $\Delta T$  and Overpower  $\Delta T$  Parameter Values for Table 3.3.1-1
11. 3.4.1 RCS Pressure, Temperature, and Flow - Departure from Nucleate Boiling (DNB) Limits
12. 3.9.1 Boron Concentration

1. 2.1.1 Reactor Core Safety Limits

Reactor Core Safety Limits are shown in Figure 1.

Reference Technical Specification section 2.1.1.

2. 3.1.1 Shutdown Margin Requirements

Minimum Shutdown Margin requirements are shown in Table 1.

Reference Technical Specification section 3.1.1.

3. 3.1.3 Isothermal Temperature Coefficient (ITC)

ITC Upper limit:

- a.  $< 5 \text{ pcm}/^{\circ}\text{F}$  for power levels  $< 70\%$  RTP; and
- b. less than a line which slopes linearly from
  - i.  $0 \text{ pcm}/^{\circ}\text{F}$  at power level =  $70\%$  RTP to
  - ii.  $-2.9 \text{ pcm}/^{\circ}\text{F}$  at power level =  $100\%$  RTP

ITC Lower limit:

- a.  $-32.7 \text{ pcm}/^{\circ}\text{F}$

Reference Technical Specification section 3.1.3.

4. 3.1.5 Shutdown Bank Insertion Limits

The shutdown rods shall be fully withdrawn.

Reference Technical Specification section 3.1.5.

5. 3.1.6 Control Bank Insertion Limits

The control rod banks shall be limited in physical insertion as shown in Figures 2, 3, and 4.

The control rod banks withdrawal sequence shall be Bank A, Bank B, Bank C, and finally Bank D.

The control rod banks shall be withdrawn maintaining 128 step tip-to-tip distance.

Reference Technical Specification section 3.1.6.

6. 3.1.8 Physics Tests Exceptions - MODE 2

Minimum Shutdown Margin requirements during physics testing are shown in Table 1.

Reference Technical Specification section 3.1.8.

7. 3.2.1 Heat Flux Hot Channel Factor ( $F_Q(Z)$ )

The Heat Flux Hot Channel Factor shall be within the following limits:

$$CFQ = 2.50$$

$K(Z)$  is a constant value = 1.0 at all elevations.

$W(Z)$  values are provided in Table 2.

$F_Q^W(Z)$  Penalty Factors are provided in Table 3.

**Applicability:** MODE 1.

Reference Technical Specification section 3.2.1

8. 3.2.2 Nuclear Enthalpy Rise Hot Channel Factor ( $F_{\Delta H}^N$ )

The Nuclear Enthalpy Rise Hot Channel Factor shall be within the following limit:

$$F_{\Delta H} \leq 1.77 \times [1 + 0.3(1 - P)]$$

where: P is the fraction of RATED THERMAL POWER at which  
the core is operating.

**Applicability:** MODE 1.

Reference Technical Specification section 3.2.2

9. 3.2.3 Axial Flux Difference ( $\overline{AFD}$ )

The indicated axial flux difference, in % flux difference units, shall be maintained within the allowed operational space defined by Figure 5.

**Applicability:** MODE 1 with RATED THERMAL POWER  $\geq 50\%$  RTP.

Reference Technical Specification sections 3.2.3.

10. 3.3.1 Reactor Trip System (RTS) Instrumentation

Overtemperature  $\Delta T$  and Overpower  $\Delta T$  Parameter Values for Table 3.3.1-1;

Overtemperature  $\Delta T$  Setpoint

Overtemperature  $\Delta T$  setpoint parameter values:

$\Delta T_0$	=	Indicated $\Delta T$ at RATED THERMAL POWER, %
T	=	Average temperature, °F
T'	=	560.0 °F
P	=	Pressurizer Pressure, psig
P'	=	2235 psig
$K_1$	$\leq$	1.17
$K_2$	=	0.014 /°F
$K_3$	=	0.00100 /psi
$\tau_1$	=	30 seconds
$\tau_2$	=	4 seconds
$f(\Delta I)$	=	A function of the indicated difference between top and bottom detectors of the power range nuclear ion chambers. Selected gains are based on measured instrument response during plant startup tests, where $q_t$ and $q_b$ are the percent power in the top and bottom halves of the core respectively, and $q_t + q_b$ is total core power in percent of RATED THERMAL POWER, such that
(a)		For $q_t - q_b$ within -13, +8 % $f(\Delta I) = 0$
(b)		For each percent that the magnitude of $q_t - q_b$ exceeds +8% the $\Delta T$ trip setpoint shall be automatically reduced by an equivalent of 1.73 % of RATED THERMAL POWER.
(c)		For each percent that the magnitude of $q_t - q_b$ exceeds -13 % the $\Delta T$ trip setpoint shall be automatically reduced by an equivalent of 3.846 % of RATED THERMAL POWER.

Overpower  $\Delta T$  Setpoint

Overpower  $\Delta T$  setpoint parameter values:

$\Delta T_0$	=	Indicated $\Delta T$ at RATED THERMAL POWER, %
T	=	Average temperature, °F
T'	=	560.0 °F
$K_4$	$\leq$	1.11
$K_5$	=	0.0275/°F for increasing T; 0 for decreasing T
$K_6$	=	0.002/°F for $T > T'$ ; 0 for $T \leq T'$
$\tau_3$	=	10 seconds



11. 3.4.1 RCS Pressure, Temperature, and Flow - Departure from Nucleate Boiling (DNB) Limits

Pressurizer pressure limit = 2205 psia  
RCS average temperature limit = 564°F  
RCS total flow rate limit = 178,000 gpm

Reference Technical Specification section 3.4.1.

12. 3.9.1, Boron Concentration.

The boron concentration of the reactor coolant system and the refueling cavity shall be sufficient to ensure that the more restrictive of the following conditions is met:

- a)  $K_{eff} \leq 0.95$
- b) 2000 ppm
- c) The Shutdown Margin specified in Table 1

Reference Technical Specification section 3.9.1.

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**Table 1**

**Minimum Required Shutdown Margin**

Plant Conditions	Number of Charging Pumps Running**		
	0-1 Pump	2 Pumps	3 Pumps
Mode 1*	-	-	-
Mode 2*	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%
Mode 3, $T_{ave} \geq 520^{\circ}\text{F}$	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%
Mode 3, $350^{\circ}\text{F} \leq T_{ave} < 520^{\circ}\text{F}$	2.0%	2.0%	2.5%
Mode 4	2.5%	4.5%	7.0%
Mode 5***, $T_{ave} \leq 200^{\circ}\text{F}$	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%
Mode 6, ARI***, $T_{ave} \geq 68^{\circ}\text{F}$	5.129%	5.129%	7.0%
Mode 6, ARO***, $T_{ave} \geq 68^{\circ}\text{F}$	5.129%	6.0%	9.0%
Physics Testing in Mode 2	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%

Operational Mode Definitions, as per TS Table 1.1-1.

- \* For Mode 1 and Mode 2 with  $K_{eff} \geq 1.0$ , the minimum shutdown margin requirements are provided by the Rod Insertion Limits.
- \*\* Charging pump(s) in service only pertains to steady state operations. It does not include transitory operations. For example, operations such as starting a second charging pump in order to secure the operating pump would fall under the one pump in service column.
- \*\*\* These values are also applicable for the Unit 1 Cycle 22 end of cycle

**Table 2 - W(z) Values(Top 10% and Bottom 8% excluded)**

		Exposure (MWD/MTU)				
		150	4000	12000	16000	18000
		AO = 1.81	AO = -0.94	AO = -3.03	AO = -0.87	AO = -1.14
	Height ft)					
[Bottom]	1	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
	2	0.2000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
	3	0.4000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
	4	0.6000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
	5	0.8000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
	6	1.0000	1.3308	1.2125	1.1540	1.2022
	7	1.2000	1.3205	1.2042	1.1468	1.1931
	8	1.4000	1.3095	1.1948	1.1390	1.1835
	9	1.6000	1.2970	1.1847	1.1312	1.1740
	10	1.8000	1.2836	1.1741	1.1234	1.1647
	11	2.0000	1.2693	1.1632	1.1158	1.1556
	12	2.2000	1.2543	1.1519	1.1085	1.1466
	13	2.4000	1.2389	1.1409	1.1014	1.1380
	14	2.6000	1.2231	1.1327	1.0947	1.1297
	15	2.8000	1.2074	1.1318	1.0880	1.1205
	16	3.0000	1.1903	1.1317	1.0825	1.1173
	17	3.2000	1.1768	1.1307	1.0812	1.1187
	18	3.4000	1.1724	1.1293	1.0852	1.1251
	19	3.6000	1.1715	1.1274	1.0901	1.1305
	20	3.8000	1.1700	1.1274	1.0954	1.1343
	21	4.0000	1.1674	1.1277	1.1002	1.1398
	22	4.2000	1.1641	1.1269	1.1042	1.1467
	23	4.4000	1.1598	1.1254	1.1075	1.1520
	24	4.6000	1.1547	1.1232	1.1101	1.1561
	25	4.8000	1.1489	1.1203	1.1120	1.1588
	26	5.0000	1.1422	1.1167	1.1130	1.1608
	27	5.2000	1.1352	1.1130	1.1140	1.1633
	28	5.4000	1.1275	1.1120	1.1169	1.1661
	29	5.6000	1.1180	1.1159	1.1224	1.1675
	30	5.8000	1.1185	1.1223	1.1310	1.1694
	31	6.0000	1.1257	1.1309	1.1431	1.1770
	32	6.2000	1.1325	1.1408	1.1570	1.1894
	33	6.4000	1.1399	1.1498	1.1698	1.1995
	34	6.6000	1.1464	1.1580	1.1817	1.2085
	35	6.8000	1.1519	1.1653	1.1927	1.2160
	36	7.0000	1.1565	1.1714	1.2022	1.2220
	37	7.2000	1.1598	1.1765	1.2106	1.2262
	38	7.4000	1.1618	1.1805	1.2185	1.2284
	39	7.6000	1.1623	1.1840	1.2250	1.2286
	40	7.8000	1.1613	1.1860	1.2295	1.2265
	41	8.0000	1.1586	1.1862	1.2320	1.2219
	42	8.2000	1.1541	1.1845	1.2322	1.2151
	43	8.4000	1.1477	1.1809	1.2301	1.2059
	44	8.6000	1.1391	1.1756	1.2254	1.1929
	45	8.8000	1.1308	1.1666	1.2198	1.1874
	46	9.0000	1.1316	1.1631	1.2118	1.1857
	47	9.2000	1.1446	1.1717	1.2051	1.1811
	48	9.4000	1.1599	1.1816	1.2083	1.1796
	49	9.6000	1.1740	1.1907	1.2117	1.1753
	50	9.8000	1.1892	1.1977	1.2140	1.1759
	51	10.0000	1.2022	1.2051	1.2195	1.1823

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52	10.2000	1.2113	1.2143	1.2324	1.1887	1.1786
53	10.4000	1.2230	1.2219	1.2512	1.1949	1.1802
54	10.6000	1.2312	1.2314	1.2691	1.2025	1.1829
55	10.8000	1.2375	1.2377	1.2822	1.2118	1.1894
56	11.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
57	11.2000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
58	11.4000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
59	11.6000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
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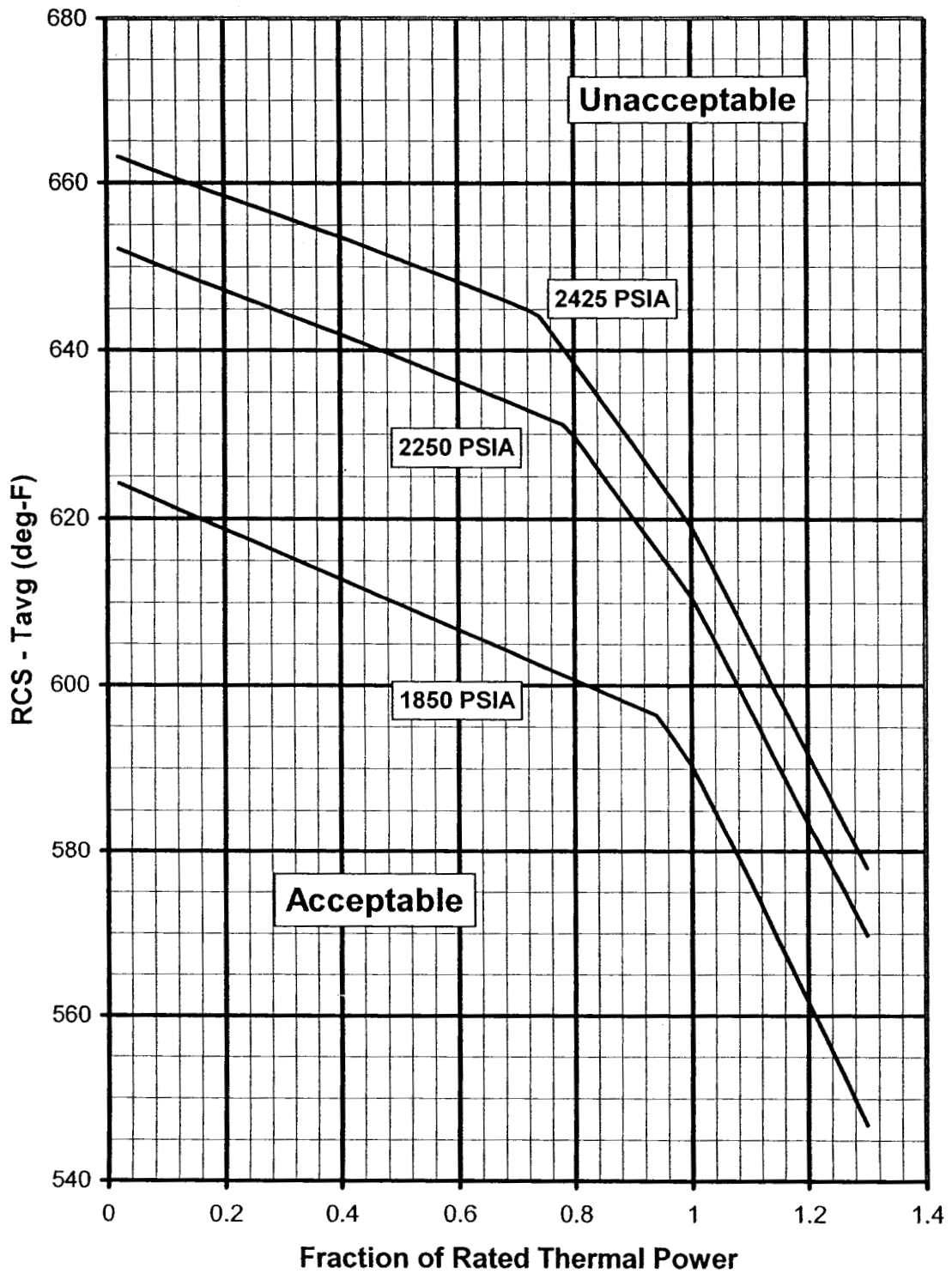
**Table 3**

**$F^W_{Q(Z)}$  Penalty Factor**

<b>Exposure Range</b>	<b><math>F^W_{Q(Z)}</math> Penalty Factor</b>
<b>BOC – EOC</b>	<b>1.02</b>

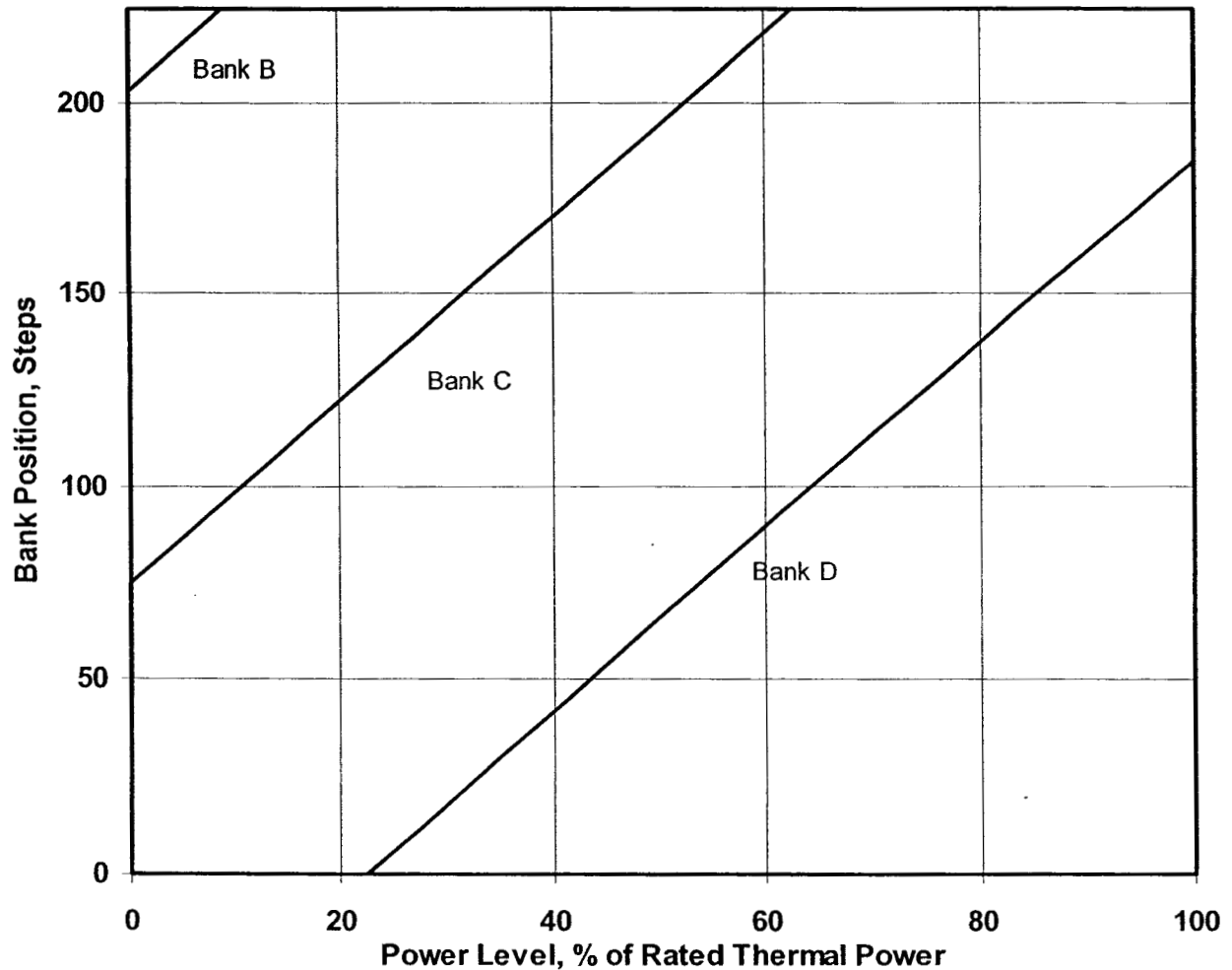
Figure 1

Reactor Core Safety Limits





**Figure 2**  
**Rod Insertion Limit, 128 Step Tip-to-Tip**

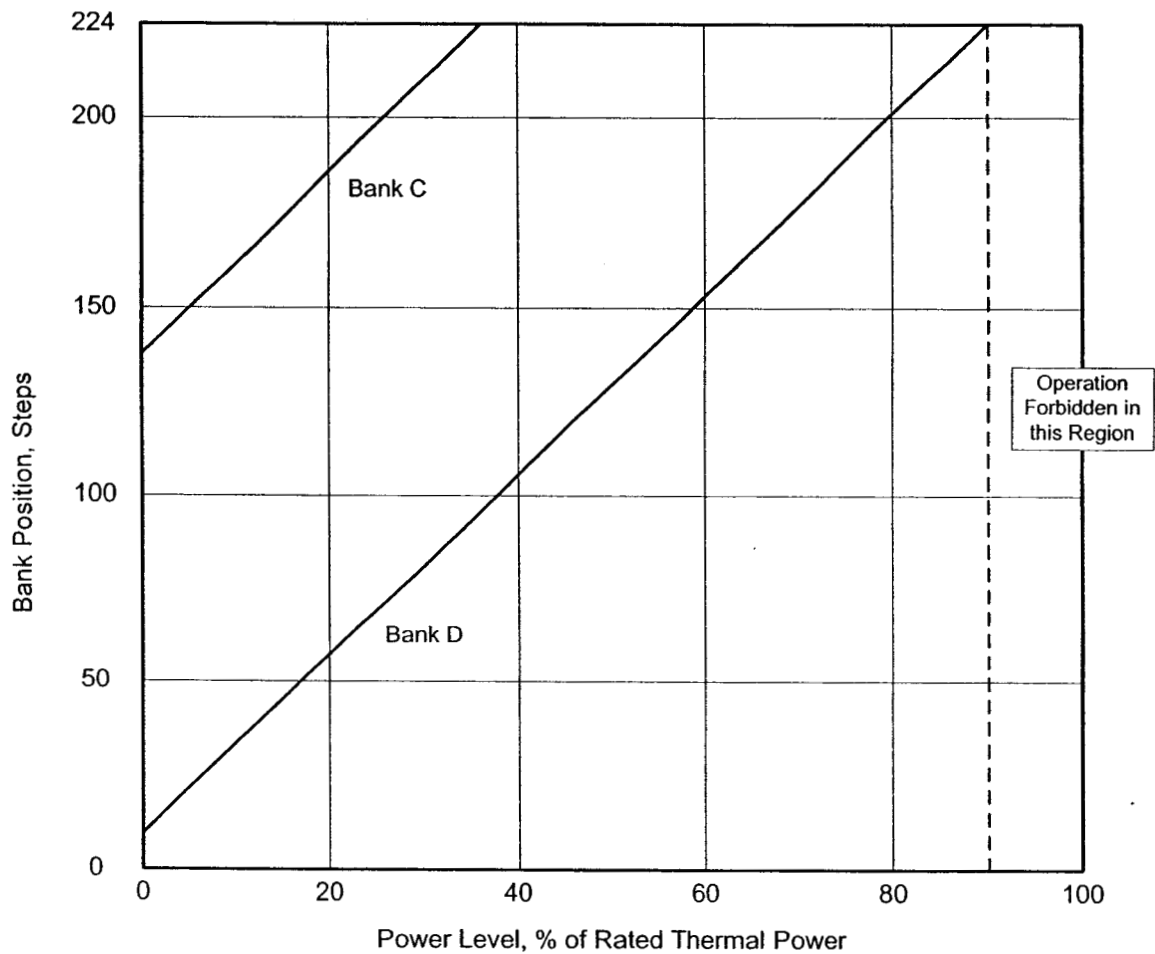


Bank Positions Given By:

- Bank D =  $(150 / 63) * (P - 100) + 185$
- Bank C =  $(150 / 63) * (P - 100) + 185 + 128$
- Bank B =  $(150 / 63) * (P - 100) + 185 + 128 + 128$

NOTE: The top of the active fuel height corresponds to 224 steps. The ARO parking position may be any position above 224 steps.

**Figure 3**  
**Rod Insertion Limit, 128 Step Tip-to-Tip, One Bottomed Rod**  
**(Technical Specification 3.1.4 Condition B)**

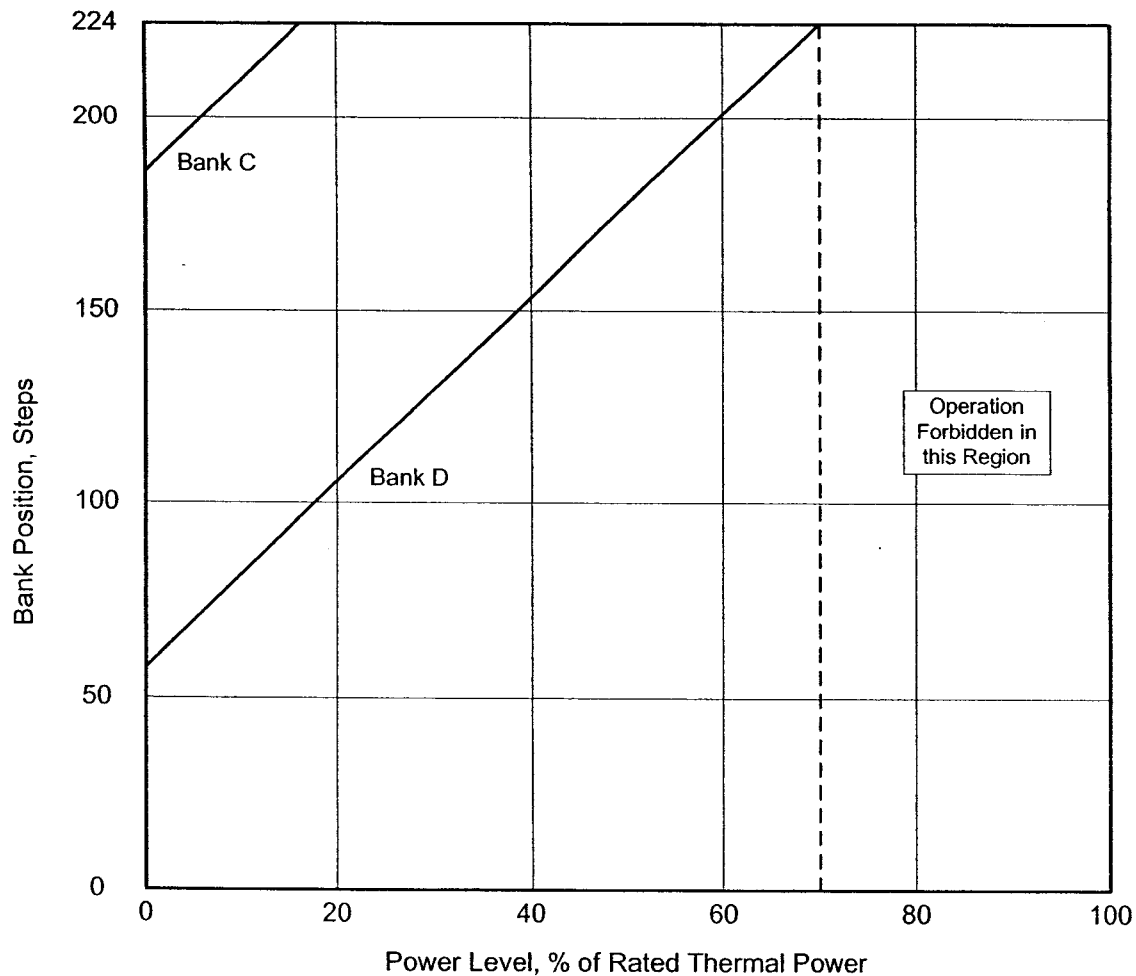


Bank Positions Given By:

- Bank D =  $(150 / 63) * (P - 90) + 224$
- Bank C =  $(150 / 63) * (P - 90) + 224 + 128$

NOTE: The top of the active fuel height corresponds to 224 steps. The ARO parking position may be any position above 224 steps.

**Figure 4**  
**Rod Insertion Limit, 128 Step Tip-to-Tip, One Inoperable Rod**  
**(Technical Specification 3.1.4 Condition A)**



Bank Positions Given By:

- Bank D =  $(150 / 63) * (P - 70) + 224$
- Bank C =  $(150 / 63) * (P - 70) + 224 + 128$

NOTE: The top of the active fuel height corresponds to 224 steps. The ARO parking position may be any position above 224 steps.

**Figure 5**  
**Flux Difference Operating Envelope**

