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Unit 1 Cycle 31 (U1C31) Core Operating Limits Report

In accordance with the requirements of Point Beach Nuclear Plant (PBNP) Technical Specification 5.6.4, "Core Operating Limits Report (COLR)," Nuclear Management Company, LLC (NMC), is submitting the Core Operating Limits Report for PBNP Unit 1 Cycle 31 (U1C31).

The PBNP U1C31 COLR was issued on April 13, 2007.

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

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**CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT  
POINT BEACH NUCLEAR PLANT, UNIT 1 CYCLE 31 (U1C31)**

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CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT  
(COLR)

UNIT 1 CYCLE 31

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1.0 CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT

This Core Operating Limits Report (COLR) for Point Beach Nuclear Plant has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Technical Specification (TS) 5.6.4.

A cross-reference between the COLR sections and the PBNP Technical Specifications affected by this report is given below:

<u>COLR Section</u>	<u>PBNP TS</u>	<u>Description</u>
2.1	2.1.1	Reactor Core Safety Limits
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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 the NRC approved methodologies specified in Technical Specification 5.6.4.

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

The combination of THERMAL POWER, Reactor Coolant System (RCS) highest loop average temperature, and pressurizer pressure shall not exceed the limits specified in Figure 1.

Applicability: MODES 1 and 2

### 2.2 Shutdown Margin (TS 3.1.1 and referenced in TS 3.1.4, 3.1.5, 3.1.6, and 3.1.8)

2.2.1 SDM shall be within the limits provided in Figure 2.

Applicability: MODES 1, 2, and 3

2.2.2 SDM shall be  $\geq 1\% \Delta k/k$ .

Applicability: MODES 4 and 5

### 2.3 Moderator Temperature Coefficient (TS 3.1.3)

2.3.1 The upper MTC limits shall be maintained within the limits.

2.3.2 The maximum upper MTC limits shall be:

$\leq 5$  pcm/ $^{\circ}$ F for power levels  $\leq 70\%$  RTP

$\leq 0$  pcm/ $^{\circ}$ F for power levels  $> 70\%$  RTP

Applicability: MODE 1 and MODE 2 with  $k_{\text{eff}} \geq 1.0$ .

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

**NOTE: This limit is not applicable while performing SR 3.1.4.2.**

2.4.1 Each shutdown bank shall be fully withdrawn.

2.4.2 Fully withdrawn is defined as  $\geq 225$  steps.

Applicability: MODES 1 and 2

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2.5 Control Bank Insertion Limits (TS 3.1.6)

**NOTE: This limit is not applicable while performing SR 3.1.4.2.**

The control banks shall be within the insertion, sequence and overlap limits specified in Figure 3.

Applicability: MODE 1 and MODE 2 with  $k_{eff} \geq 1.0$

2.6 Nuclear Heat Flux Hot Channel Factor ( $F_Q(Z)$ ) (TS 3.2.1)

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

$$F_Q(Z) \leq CF_Q * K(Z) / P \quad \text{for } P > 0.5$$

$$F_Q(Z) \leq CF_Q * K(Z) / 0.5 \quad \text{for } P \leq 0.5$$

Where P is the fraction of Rated Power at which the core is operating.

$F_Q(Z)$  is both:

- Steady State  $F_Q^C(Z) = F_Q(Z) * 1.08$
- Transient  $F_Q^W(Z) = F_Q^C(Z) * W(Z)$

$$CF_Q = 2.60 \text{ (422V+ Fuel)}$$

$K(Z)$  is the function in Figure 4.

$W(Z)$  is the function in Figure 5.

Applicability: MODE 1

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

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

$$2.7.1 \quad F_{\Delta H}^N < 1.77 \times [1 + 0.3(1-P)] \text{ (422V+ Fuel)}$$

where: P is the fraction of Rated Power at which the core is operating.

Applicability: MODE 1

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2.8 Axial Flux Difference (AFD) (TS 3.2.3)

**NOTE: The AFD shall be considered outside limits when two or more OPERABLE excore channels indicate AFD to be outside limits.**

The indicated axial flux difference in % flux difference units, shall be maintained within the allowed operational space defined by Figure 6.

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

2.9 Overtemperature  $\Delta T$  Setpoint (TS 3.3.1, Table 3.3.1-1 note 1)

Overtemperature  $\Delta T$  setpoint parameter values:

- $\Delta T_O$  = indicated  $\Delta T$  at Rated Power, °F
- T = average temperature, °F
- T'  $\leq 569.0^\circ\text{F}$
- P' = 2235 psig
- $K_1 \leq 1.16$
- $K_2 = 0.0149$
- $K_3 = 0.00072$
- $\tau_1 = 25 \text{ sec}$
- $\tau_2 = 3 \text{ sec}$
- $\tau_3 = 2 \text{ sec for Rosemont or equivalent RTD}$   
 $= 0 \text{ sec for Sostman or equivalent RTD}$
- $\tau_4 = 2 \text{ sec for Rosemont or equivalent RTD}$   
 $= 0 \text{ sec for Sostman or equivalent RTD}$

$f(\Delta I)$  is an even function of the indicated difference between top and bottom detectors of the power-range nuclear ion chambers; with gains to be selected 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 Power, such that:

2.9.1 For  $q_t - q_b$  within -12, +5 percent,  $f(\Delta I) = 0$ .

2.9.2 For each percent that the magnitude of  $q_t - q_b$  exceeds +5 percent, the  $\Delta T$  trip setpoint shall be automatically reduced by an equivalent of 2.12 percent of Rated Power.

2.9.3 For each percent that the magnitude of  $q_t - q_b$  exceeds -12 percent, the  $\Delta T$  trip setpoint shall be automatically reduced by an equivalent of 2.0 percent of Rated Power.

Applicability: MODES 1 and 2

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2.10 Overpower  $\Delta T$  Setpoint (TS 3.3.1, Table 3.3.1-1 note 2)

Overpower  $\Delta T$  setpoint parameter values:

$\Delta T_0$	=	indicated $\Delta T$ at Rated Power, °F
T	=	average temperature, °F
T'	$\leq$	569.0°F
K <sub>4</sub>	$\leq$	1.10 of Rated Power
K <sub>5</sub>	=	0.0262 for increasing T
K <sub>5</sub>	=	0.0 for decreasing T
K <sub>6</sub>	=	0.00103 for T $\geq$ T'
K <sub>6</sub>	=	0.0 for T < T'
$\tau_5$	=	10 sec
$\tau_3$	=	2 sec for Rosemont or equivalent RTD
	=	0 sec for Sostman or equivalent RTD
$\tau_4$	=	2 sec for Rosemont or equivalent RTD
	=	0 sec for Sostman or equivalent RTD

Applicability: MODES 1 and 2

2.11 RCS Pressure, Temperature, and Flow Departure from Nucleate Boiling (DNB) Limits (TS 3.4.1)

2.11.1 T<sub>avg</sub> shall be  $\leq 574^\circ\text{F}$ .

2.11.2 Pressurizer pressure shall be maintained  $\geq 2205$  psig during operation.

**NOTE: Pressurizer pressure limit does not apply during:**

- 1) **THERMAL POWER ramp >5% RTP per minute; or**
- 2) **THERMAL POWER step >10% RTP.**

2.11.3 Reactor Coolant System raw measured Total Flow Rate shall be maintained  $\geq 182,400$  gpm.

Applicability: MODE 1

2.12 Refueling Boron Concentration (TS 3.9.1)

Boron concentrations of the Reactor Coolant System, the refueling canal, and the refueling cavity shall be maintained  $\geq 2200$  ppm.

Applicability: MODE 6



FIGURE 1  
REACTOR CORE SAFETY LIMITS CURVE  
(Cores containing 422V + fuel)

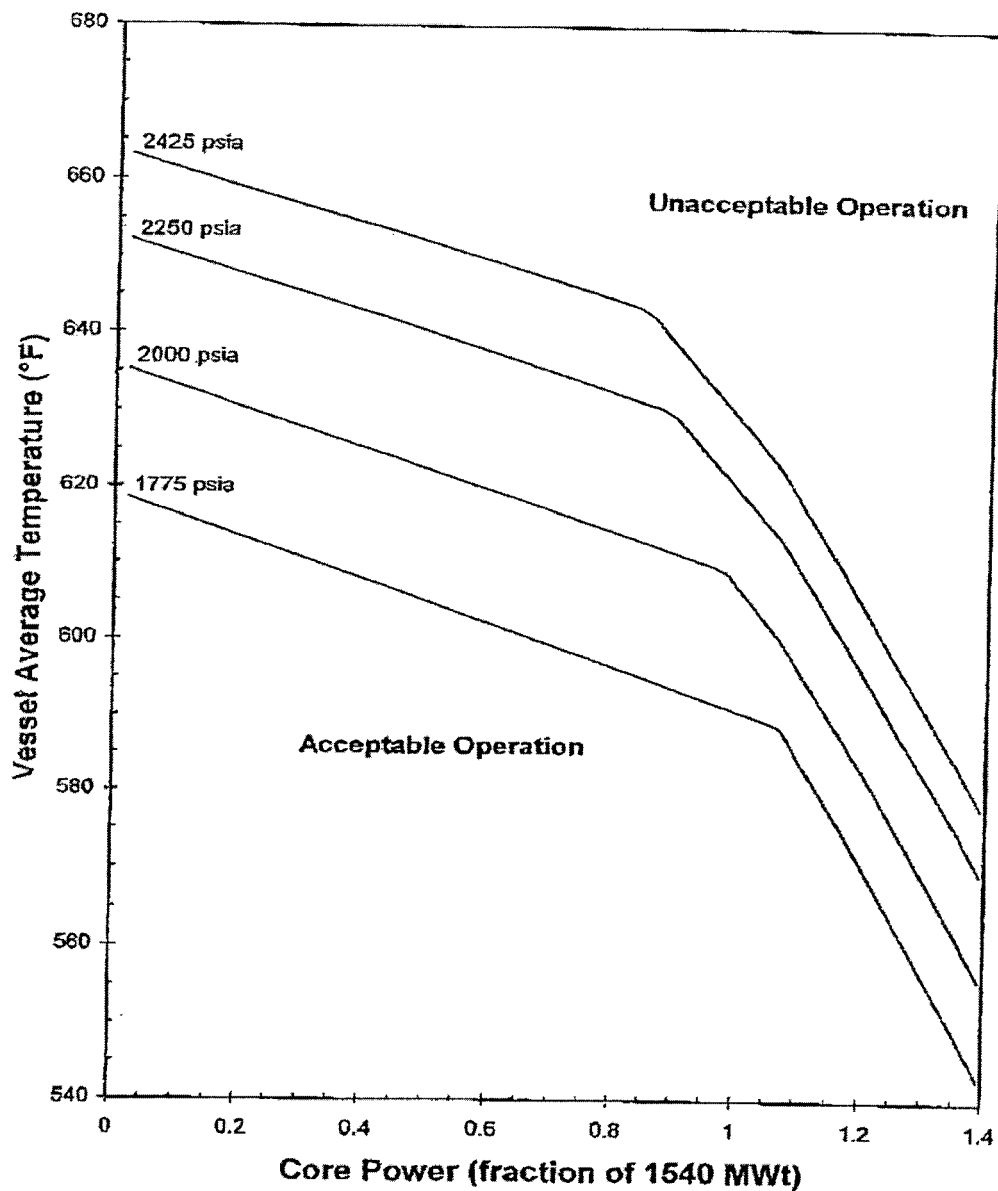


FIGURE 2  
REQUIRED SHUTDOWN MARGIN

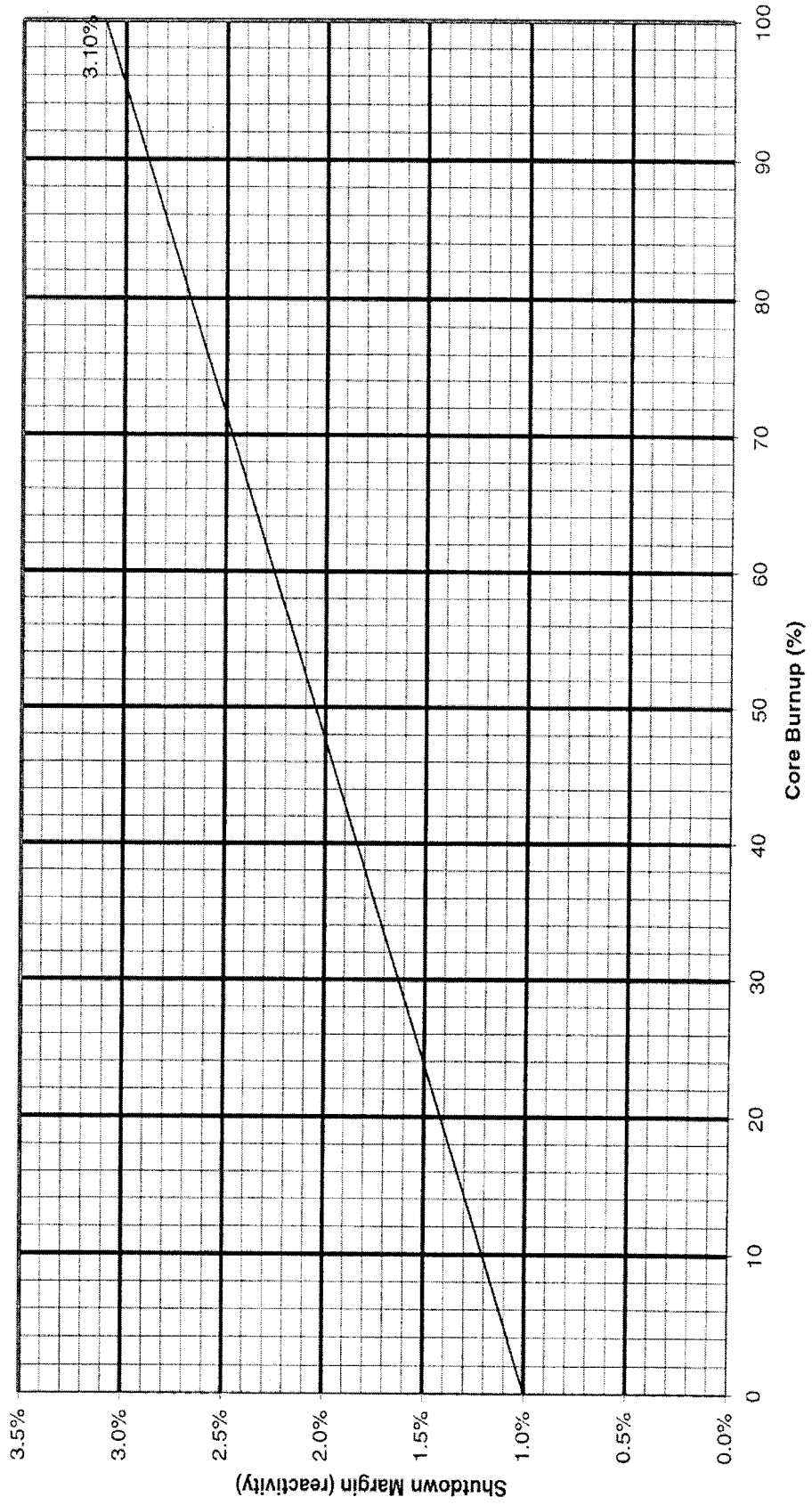
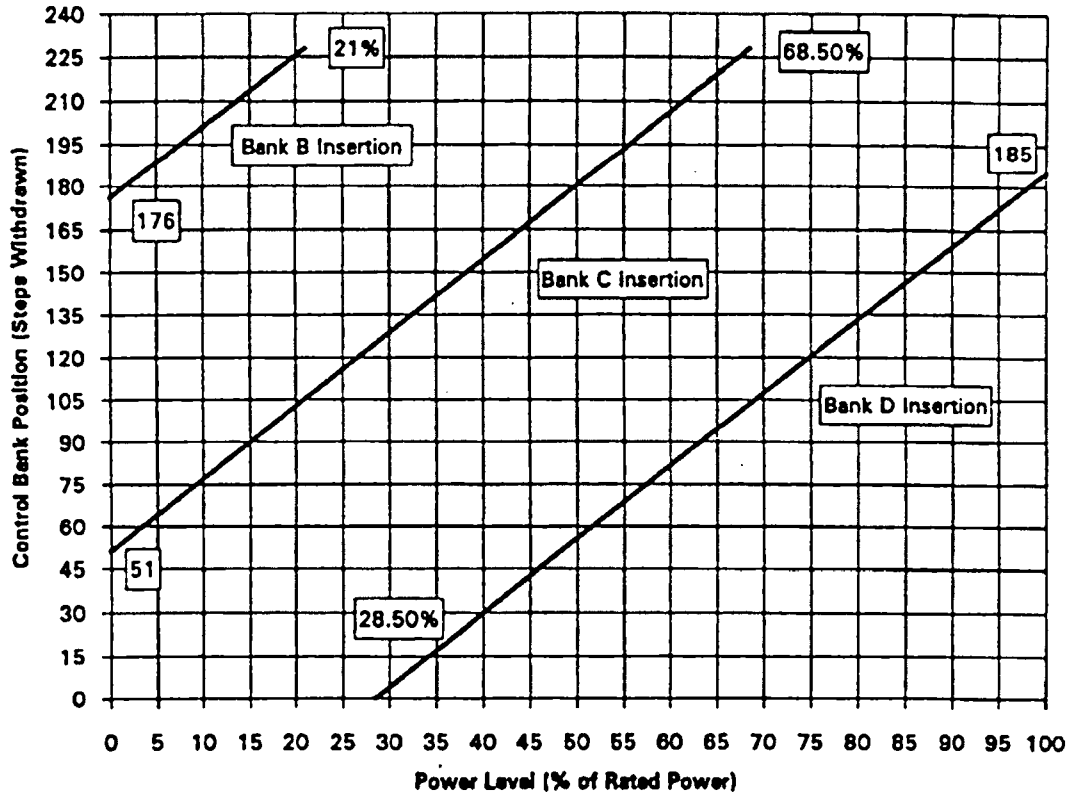
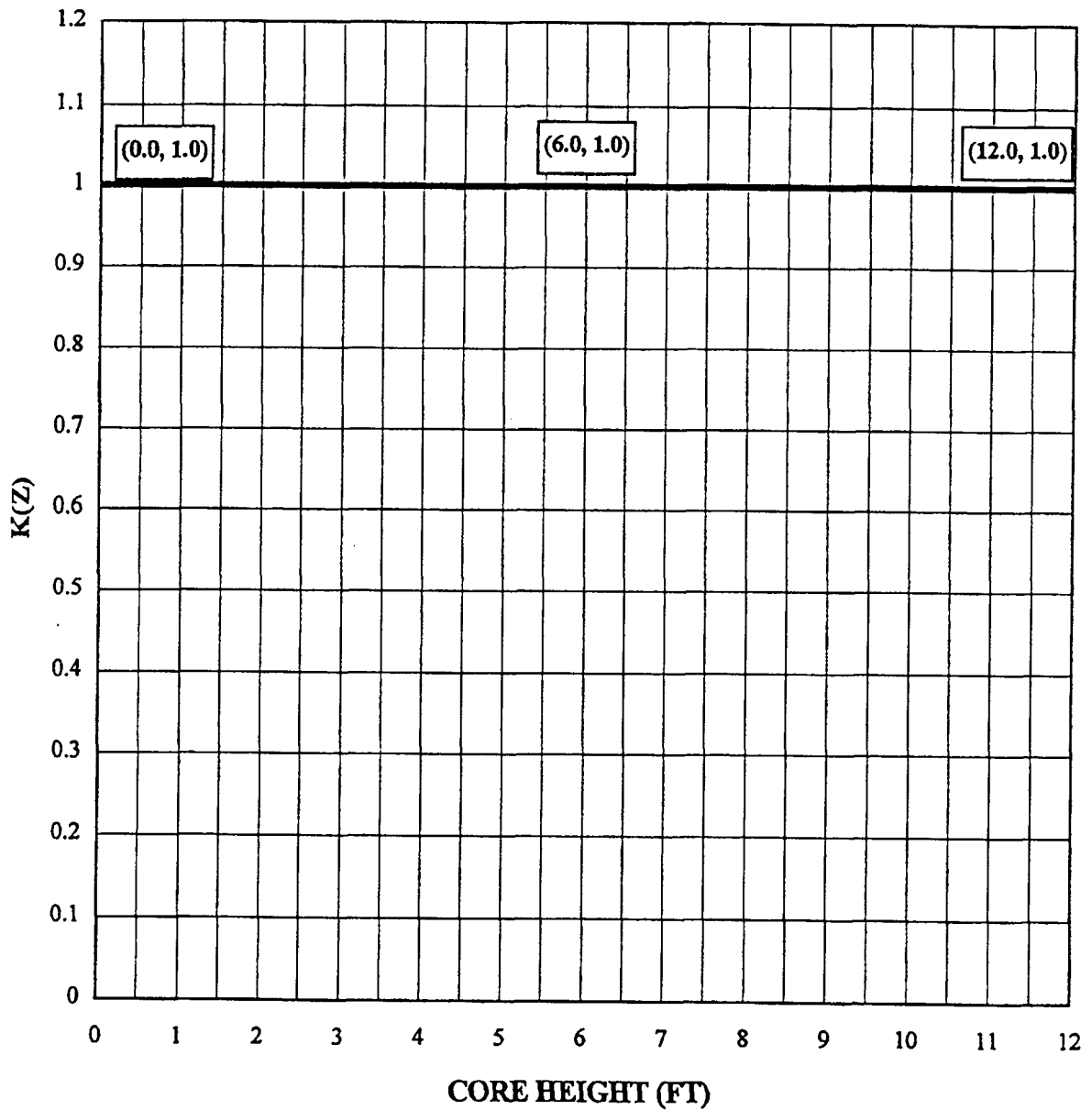


FIGURE 3  
CONTROL BANK INSERTION LIMITS



NOTE: The "fully withdrawn" parking position range  $\geq 225$  steps can be used without violating this Figure.

FIGURE 4  
HOT CHANNEL FACTOR NORMALIZED OPERATING ENVELOPE (K(Z))  
FOR 0.422V+ FUEL



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FIGURE 5  
 RAOC Summary of W(Z) with HFP AFD Band of -8/+9%  
 (Top 15% and Bottom 12% Excluded)

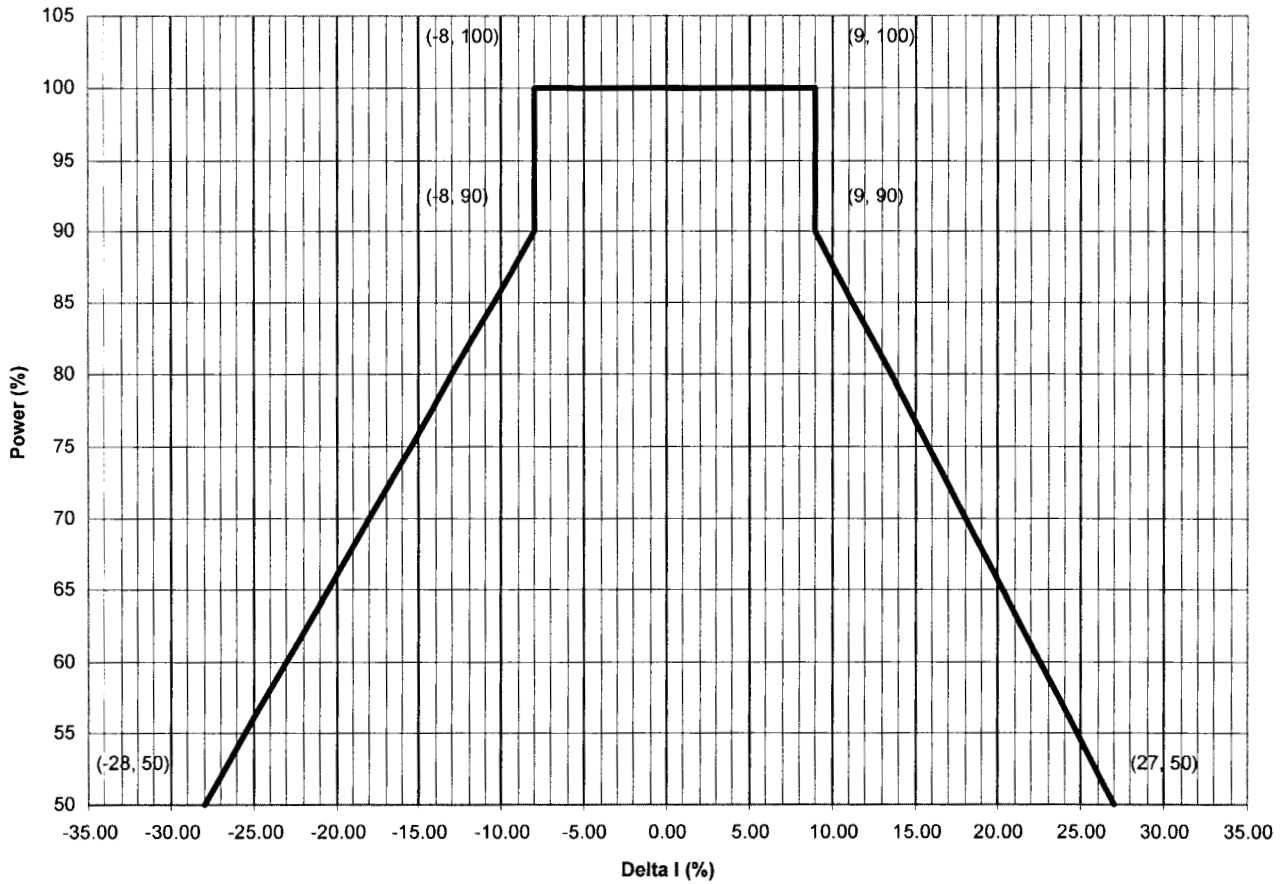
Height (feet)	W(Z)			
	150 MWD/MTU	4000 MWD/MTU	8000 MWD/MTU	14000 MWD/MTU
0.0	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
0.2	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
0.4	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
0.6	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
0.8	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
1.0	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
1.2	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
1.4	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
1.6	1.2246	1.1901	1.1905	1.1663
1.8	1.2126	1.1776	1.1783	1.1563
2.0	1.1994	1.1638	1.1649	1.1453
2.2	1.1853	1.1492	1.1507	1.1337
2.4	1.1709	1.1357	1.1363	1.1219
2.6	1.1565	1.1250	1.1219	1.1108
2.8	1.1423	1.1141	1.1071	1.1014
3.0	1.1288	1.1050	1.0991	1.0956
3.2	1.1212	1.1004	1.0964	1.0944
3.4	1.1195	1.0992	1.0941	1.0954
3.6	1.1174	1.0970	1.0915	1.0981
3.8	1.1149	1.0946	1.0884	1.1007
4.0	1.1130	1.0941	1.0865	1.1030
4.2	1.1115	1.0942	1.0864	1.1052
4.4	1.1099	1.0942	1.0879	1.1069
4.6	1.1080	1.0940	1.0902	1.1083
4.8	1.1058	1.0935	1.0921	1.1093
5.0	1.1034	1.0927	1.0938	1.1098
5.2	1.1004	1.0918	1.0949	1.1098
5.4	1.0974	1.0916	1.0960	1.1096
5.6	1.0969	1.0935	1.0984	1.1109
5.8	1.1000	1.0981	1.1020	1.1167
6.0	1.1065	1.1048	1.1119	1.1280
6.2	1.1148	1.1124	1.1250	1.1407
6.4	1.1253	1.1208	1.1367	1.1522
6.6	1.1359	1.1289	1.1478	1.1630
6.8	1.1455	1.1361	1.1578	1.1726

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FIGURE 5 (con't)  
 RAOC Summary of W(Z) with HFP AFD Band of -8/+9%  
 (Top 15% and Bottom 12% Excluded)

Height (feet)	W(Z)			
	150 MWD/MTU	4000 MWD/MTU	8000 MWD/MTU	14000 MWD/MTU
7.0	1.1541	1.1422	1.1667	1.1808
7.2	1.1617	1.1477	1.1743	1.1877
7.4	1.1680	1.1531	1.1807	1.1931
7.6	1.1731	1.1577	1.1856	1.1968
7.8	1.1767	1.1612	1.1889	1.1989
8.0	1.1788	1.1634	1.1905	1.1991
8.2	1.1793	1.1641	1.1903	1.1974
8.4	1.1781	1.1635	1.1884	1.1937
8.6	1.1751	1.1628	1.1848	1.1879
8.8	1.1699	1.1624	1.1770	1.1814
9.0	1.1641	1.1671	1.1770	1.1800
9.2	1.1633	1.1813	1.1875	1.1824
9.4	1.1712	1.1963	1.1984	1.1895
9.6	1.1829	1.2124	1.2083	1.2019
9.8	1.1946	1.2281	1.2160	1.2249
10.0	1.2070	1.2429	1.2258	1.2501
10.2	1.2191	1.2560	1.2381	1.2712
10.4	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
10.6	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
10.8	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
11.0	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
11.2	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
11.4	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
11.6	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
11.8	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
12.0	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000

FIGURE 6  
FLUX DIFFERENCE OPERATING ENVELOPE



**NOTE:** This figure represents the Relaxed Axial Offset Control (RAOC) band used in safety analyses, it may be administratively tightened depending on in-core flux map results. Refer to Figure 2 of ROD 1.2 for administrative limit.

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TABLE 1  
 NRC APPROVED METHODOLOGIES FOR COLR PARAMETERS

COLR Section	Parameter	NRC Approved Methodology
2.1	Reactor Core Safety Limits	WCAP-9272-P-A, "Westinghouse Reload Safety Evaluation Methodology," July 1985
2.2	Shutdown Margin	WCAP-9272-P-A, "Westinghouse Reload Safety Evaluation Methodology," July 1985
2.3	Moderator Temperature Coefficient	WCAP-9272-P-A, "Westinghouse Reload Safety Evaluation Methodology," July 1985
2.4	Shutdown Bank Insertion Limit	WCAP-9272-P-A, "Westinghouse Reload Safety Evaluation Methodology," July 1985
2.5	Control Bank Insertion Limits	WCAP-9272-P-A, "Westinghouse Reload Safety Evaluation Methodology," July 1985
2.6	Height Dependent Heat Flux Hot Channel Factor ( $F_Q$ )	<p>WCAP-10216-P-A, Revision 1A, "Relaxation of Constant Axial Offset Control <math>F_Q</math> Surveillance Technical Specification," February 1994</p> <p>WCAP-14449-P-A, "Application of Best Estimate Large Break LOCA Methodology to Westinghouse PWRs with Upper Plenum Injection," Revision 1, October 1999 (cores containing 422V + fuel)</p> <p>WCAP-10924-P-A, "Large Break LOCA Best Estimate Methodology, Volume 2: Application to Two-Loop PWRs Equipped with Upper Plenum Injection," and Addenda, December 1988 (cores not containing 422V + fuel)</p> <p>WCAP-10924-P-A, "LBLOCA Best Estimate Methodology: Model Description and Validation: Model Revisions," Volume 1, Addendum 4, August 1990 (cores not containing 422V + fuel)</p> <p>WCAP-10054-P-A, "Westinghouse Small Break ECCS Evaluation Model Using the NOTRUMP Code," August 1985</p> <p>WCAP-10054-P-A, Addendum 2, Revision 1, "Addendum to the Westinghouse Small Break ECCS Evaluation Model Using the NOTRUMP Code: Safety Injection into the Broken Loop and COSI Condensation Model," July 1997</p>



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COLR Section	Parameter	NRC Approved Methodology
2.7	Nuclear Enthalpy Rise Hot Channel Factor ( $F_{\Delta H}^N$ )	WCAP-9272-P-A, "Westinghouse Reload Safety Evaluation Methodology," July 1985
2.8	Axial Flux Difference (AFD)	WCAP-10216-P-A, Revision 1A, "Relaxation of Constant Axial Offset Control $F_Q$ Surveillance Technical Specification," February 1994
2.9	Overtemperature $\Delta T$ Setpoint	WCAP-8745-P-A, "Design Bases for the Thermal Overpower $\Delta T$ and Thermal Overtemperature $\Delta T$ Trip Functions," September 1986
2.10	Overpower $\Delta T$ Setpoint	WCAP-8745-P-A, "Design Bases for the Thermal Overpower $\Delta T$ and Thermal Overtemperature $\Delta T$ Trip Functions," September 1986
2.11	RCS Pressure, Temperature, and Flow Departure from Nucleate Boiling (DNB) Limits	<p>WCAP-11397-P-A, "Revised Thermal Design Procedure," April 1989, for those events analyzed using RTDP</p> <p>WCAP-14787-P, Rev. 2, "Westinghouse Revised Thermal Design Procedure Instrument Uncertainty Methodology for Wisconsin Electric Power Company Point Beach Units 1 &amp; 2 (Fuel Upgrade &amp; Uprate to 1656 MWt-NSSS Power with Feedwater Venturis, or 1679 MWt-MSSS Power with LEFM on Feedwater Header)", October 2002.</p> <p>WCAP-9272-P-A, "Westinghouse Reload Safety Evaluation Methodology," July 1985 for those events not utilizing RTDP</p>
2.12	Refueling Boron Concentration	WCAP-9272-P-A, "Westinghouse Reload Safety Evaluation Methodology," July 1985