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CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT

FOR CYCLE 17

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WATERFORD 3
CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT
CYCLE 17, REVISION 0

I. INTRODUCTION

This CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT (COLR) has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Waterford 3 Technical Specification 6.9.1.11 for Waterford 3 Cycle 17. The core operating limits have been developed using the NRC approved methodologies specified in Section III. This is Revision 0 of the Cycle 17 COLR.

The major changes between the Cycle 17, Revision 0, COLR and the Cycle 16, Revision 0, COLR are listed below:

- Titles, headings, and page footers were revised to indicate Cycle 17.
- The Table of Contents, List of Effective Pages, and List of Effective Figure Pages were updated.
- This Introduction section was revised to reflect the changes for Cycle 17.
- Section 3.1.2.9 was changed to
 - Revise the monitoring frequencies for items c, e, and f to reflect revised boron dilution analysis results. New item g was also added for the same reason.
- The text and figures of Section 3.2.4 was changed to reflect the current DNBR margin analysis. The change essentially removed the restrictions introduced for Cycle 16 and returns operating restrictions to those used for Cycle 15, e.g.,
 - Delete a burnup restriction on the previously existing COLSS Out-of-Service figures;
 - Delete COLSS Out-of-Service figures that incorporated a restriction on the positive ASI limit for $\geq 50\%$ power conditions.
 - Incorporate revised wording to describe the use of the existing figures.
- The text and figures of Section 3.2.7 was changed to reflect the current DNBR margin analysis. The change essentially removed the restrictions introduced for cycle 16 and returns operating restrictions to those used for Cycle 15, e.g.,
 - Delete Figures 8.1, 8.1A, 9.1 and 9.1A; and
 - Incorporate revised wording to describe the use of the existing figures.

II. AFFECTED TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT
SHUTDOWN MARGIN - ANY CEA WITHDRAWN

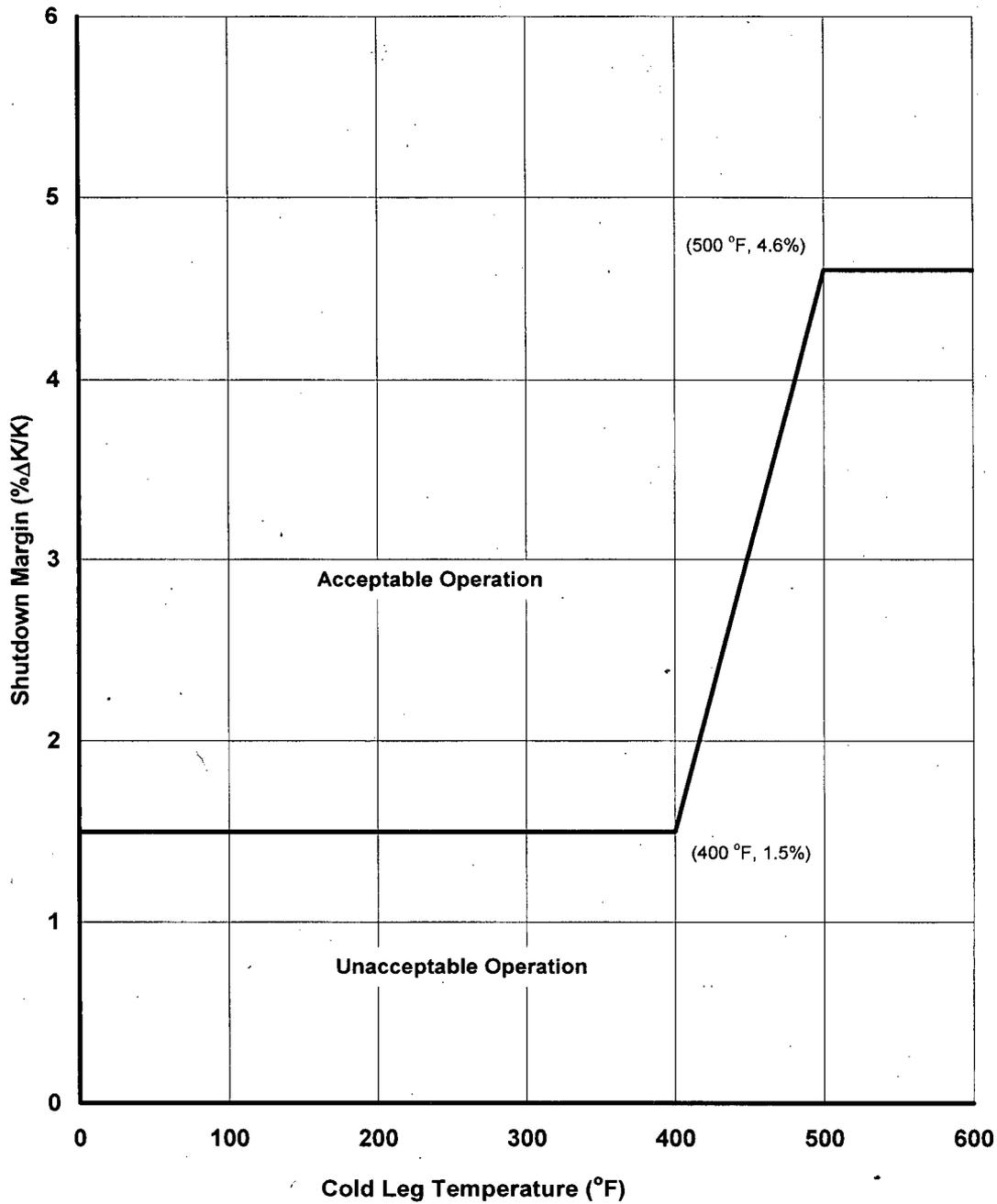
3.1.1.1 The SHUTDOWN MARGIN shall be greater than or equal to 5.15% $\Delta k/k$ when T_{avg} is greater than 200 °F or 2.0% $\Delta k/k$ when T_{avg} is less than or equal to 200 °F.

CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT

SHUTDOWN MARGIN - ALL CEAs FULLY INSERTED

3.1.1.2 The SHUTDOWN MARGIN shall be maintained within the region of acceptable operation of COLR Figure 1.

**Shutdown Margin Versus Cold Leg Temperature
(All CEAs Fully Inserted)**

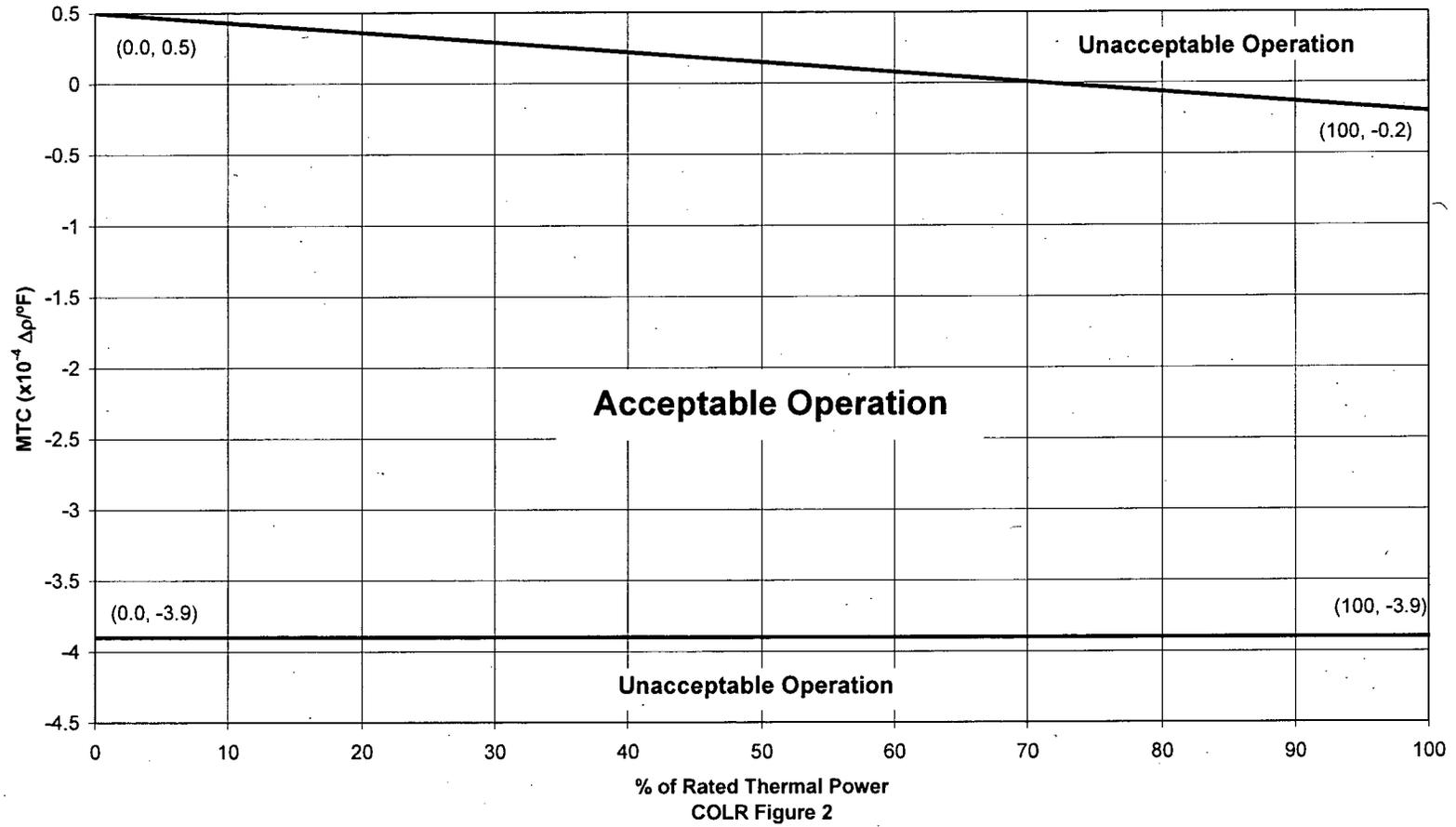


COLR Figure 1

CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT
MODERATOR TEMPERATURE COEFFICIENT

3.1.1.3 The Moderator Temperature Coefficient (MTC) shall be maintained within the region of acceptable operation of COLR Figure 2.

Moderator Temperature Coefficient Versus % of Rated Thermal Power



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BORON DILUTION

3.1.2.9 See COLR Tables 1 through 5 for required RCS boron concentration monitoring frequencies and Charging Pump operation limits.

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

Each required boron dilution alarm shall be adjusted to less than or equal to 1.75 times (1.75x) the existing neutron flux (cps) at the following frequencies:

- a. No sooner than one half hour after shutdown and no later than 1 hour after shutdown.
- b. At least once per one-half (1/2) hour if the reactor has been shut down ≥ 0.5 hour but < 4 hours.
- c. At least once per hour if the reactor has been shutdown ≥ 4 hours but < 10 hours.
- d. At least once per 5 hours if the reactor has been shut down ≥ 10 hours but < 25 hours.
- e. At least once per 24 hours if the reactor has been shut down ≥ 25 hours but < 40 days.
- f. At least once per 3 days if the reactor has been shut down ≥ 40 days but < 90 days.
- g. At least once per 7 days, if the reactor has been shutdown ≥ 90 days.

COLR TABLE 1

**REQUIRED MONITORING FREQUENCIES FOR BACKUP BORON
DILUTION DETECTION AS A FUNCTION OF OPERATING
CHARGING PUMPS AND PLANT OPERATIONAL MODES FOR
K_{eff} GREATER THAN 0.98**

K_{eff} > 0.98

OPERATIONAL MODE	Number of Operating Charging Pumps*			
	0	1	2	3
3	12 hours	0.75 hours	Operation not allowed **	
4	12 hours	Operation not allowed **		
5 RCS filled	8 hours	Operation not allowed **		
5 RCS partially drained	8 hours	Operation not allowed **		
6	Operation not allowed **			

* Charging pump OPERABILITY for any period of time shall constitute OPERABILITY for the entire monitoring frequency.

** The precluded number of charging pumps shall be verified to be inoperable by racking out their motor circuit breakers.

COLR TABLE 2

REQUIRED MONITORING FREQUENCIES FOR BACKUP BORON
DILUTION DETECTION AS A FUNCTION OF OPERATING
CHARGING PUMPS AND PLANT OPERATIONAL MODES FOR
 K_{eff} GREATER THAN 0.97 AND LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.98

$0.98 \geq K_{eff} > 0.97$

OPERATIONAL MODE	Number of Operating Charging Pumps*			
	0	1	2	3
3	12 hours	2.0 hours	0.5 hours	Operation not allowed**
4	12 hours	0.75 hours	Operation not allowed**	
5 RCS filled	8 hours	0.75 hours	Operation not allowed**	
5 RCS partially drained	8 hours	0.5 hours	Operation not allowed**	
6	Operation not allowed**			

* Charging pump OPERABILITY for any period of time shall constitute OPERABILITY for the entire monitoring frequency.

** The precluded number of charging pumps shall be verified to be inoperable by racking out their motor circuit breakers.

COLR TABLE 3

REQUIRED MONITORING FREQUENCIES FOR BACKUP BORON
DILUTION DETECTION AS A FUNCTION OF OPERATING
CHARGING PUMPS AND PLANT OPERATIONAL MODES FOR
 K_{eff} GREATER THAN 0.96 AND LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.97

$0.97 \geq K_{eff} > 0.96$

OPERATIONAL MODE	<u>Number of Operating Charging Pumps*</u>			
	0	1	2	3
3	12 hours	3.0 hours	1.25 hours	0.5 hours
4	12 hours	1.5 hours	Operation not allowed**	
5 RCS filled	8 hours	1.5 hours	Operation not allowed**	
5 RCS partially drained	8 hours	0.75 hours	Operation not allowed**	
6	Operation not allowed**			

* Charging pump OPERABILITY for any period of time shall constitute OPERABILITY for the entire monitoring frequency.

** The precluded number of charging pumps shall be verified to be inoperable by racking out their motor circuit breakers.

COLR TABLE 4

REQUIRED MONITORING FREQUENCIES FOR BACKUP BORON
DILUTION DETECTION AS A FUNCTION OF OPERATING
CHARGING PUMPS AND PLANT OPERATIONAL MODES FOR
 K_{eff} GREATER THAN 0.95 AND LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.96

$0.96 \geq K_{eff} > 0.95$

OPERATIONAL MODE	<u>Number of Operating Charging Pumps*</u>			
	0	1	2	3
3	12 hours	4.0 hours	2.0 hours	1.0 hours
4	12 hours	2.25 hours	0.75 hours	Operation not allowed**
5 RCS filled	8 hours	2.0 hours	0.75 hours	Operation not allowed**
5 RCS partially drained	8 hours	2.0 hours	0.5 hours	Operation not allowed**
6	Operation not allowed**			

* Charging pump OPERABILITY for any period of time shall constitute OPERABILITY for the entire monitoring frequency.

** The precluded number of charging pumps shall be verified to be inoperable by racking out their motor circuit breakers.

COLR TABLE 5

**REQUIRED MONITORING FREQUENCIES FOR BACKUP BORON
DILUTION DETECTION AS A FUNCTION OF OPERATING
CHARGING PUMPS AND PLANT OPERATIONAL MODES FOR
 K_{eff} LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.95**

$K_{eff} \leq 0.95$

OPERATIONAL MODE	Number of Operating Charging Pumps*			
	0	1	2	3
3	12 hours	5.0 hours	2.0 hours	1.0 hours
4	12 hours	2.75 hours	1.0 hours	Operation not allowed**
5 RCS filled	8 hours	3.0 hours	1.0 hours	0.5 hours
5 RCS partially drained	8 hours	2.5 hours	0.75 hours	Operation not allowed**
6	24 hours	2.25 hours	0.5 hours	Operation not allowed**

* Charging pump OPERABILITY for any period of time shall constitute OPERABILITY for the entire monitoring frequency.

** The precluded number of charging pumps shall be verified to be inoperable by racking out their motor circuit breakers.

CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT

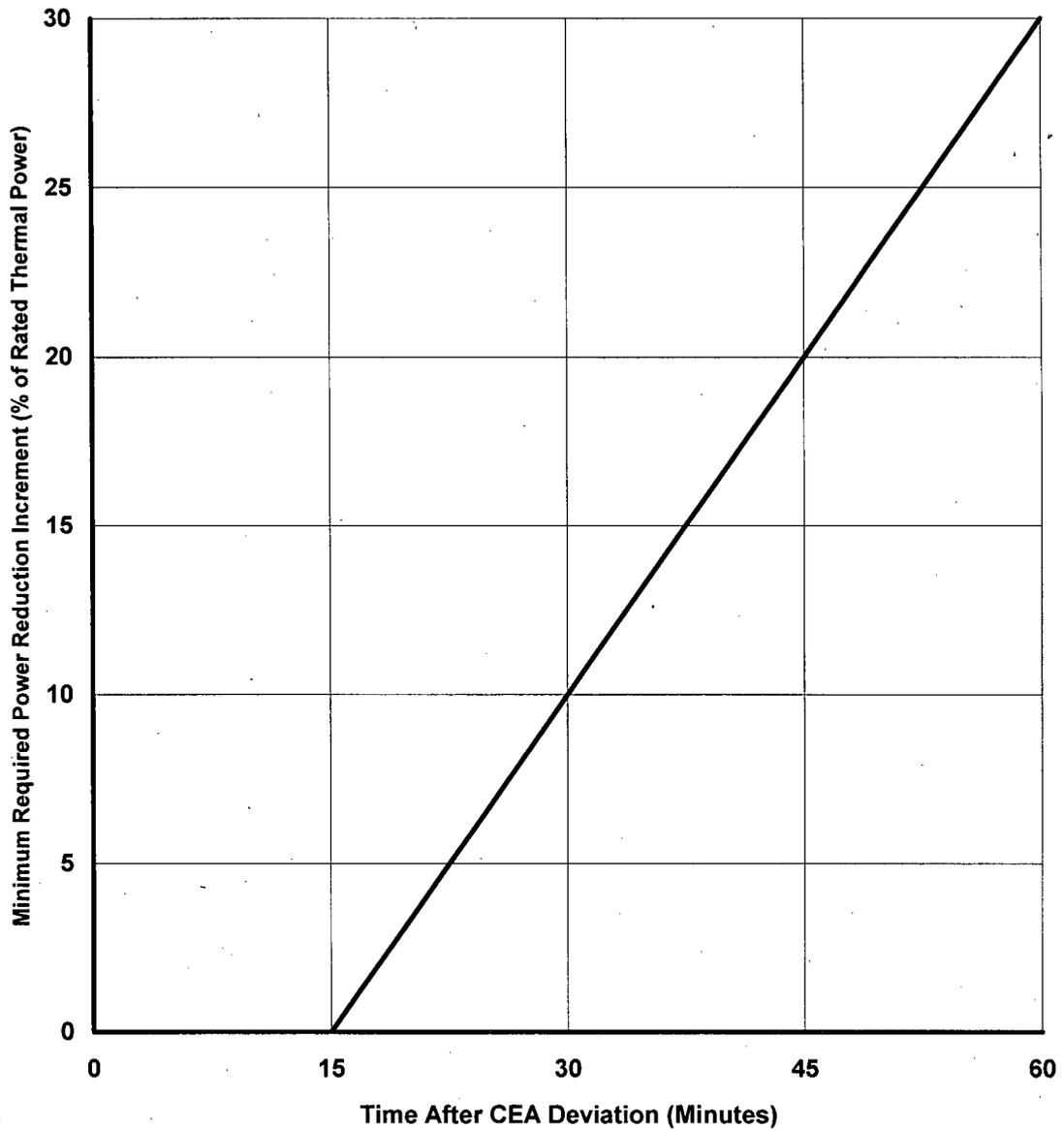
MOVABLE CONTROL ASSEMBLIES - CEA POSITION

- 3.1.3.1.a With one CEA trippable but misaligned from any other CEA in its group by more than 19 inches, operation in MODES 1 and 2 may continue, provided that core power is reduced in accordance with COLR Figure 3.
- 3.1.3.1.b With one or more CEAs trippable but misaligned from any other CEAs in its group by more than 7 inches but less than or equal to 19 inches, operation in MODES 1 and 2 may continue, provided that core power is reduced in accordance with COLR Figure 3.

NOTES

1. Item 3.1.3.1.a corresponds with ACTION "c" of Technical Specification 3.1.3.1.
2. Item 3.1.3.1.b corresponds with ACTION "d" of Technical Specification 3.1.3.1.

Required Power Reduction After Single CEA Deviation*



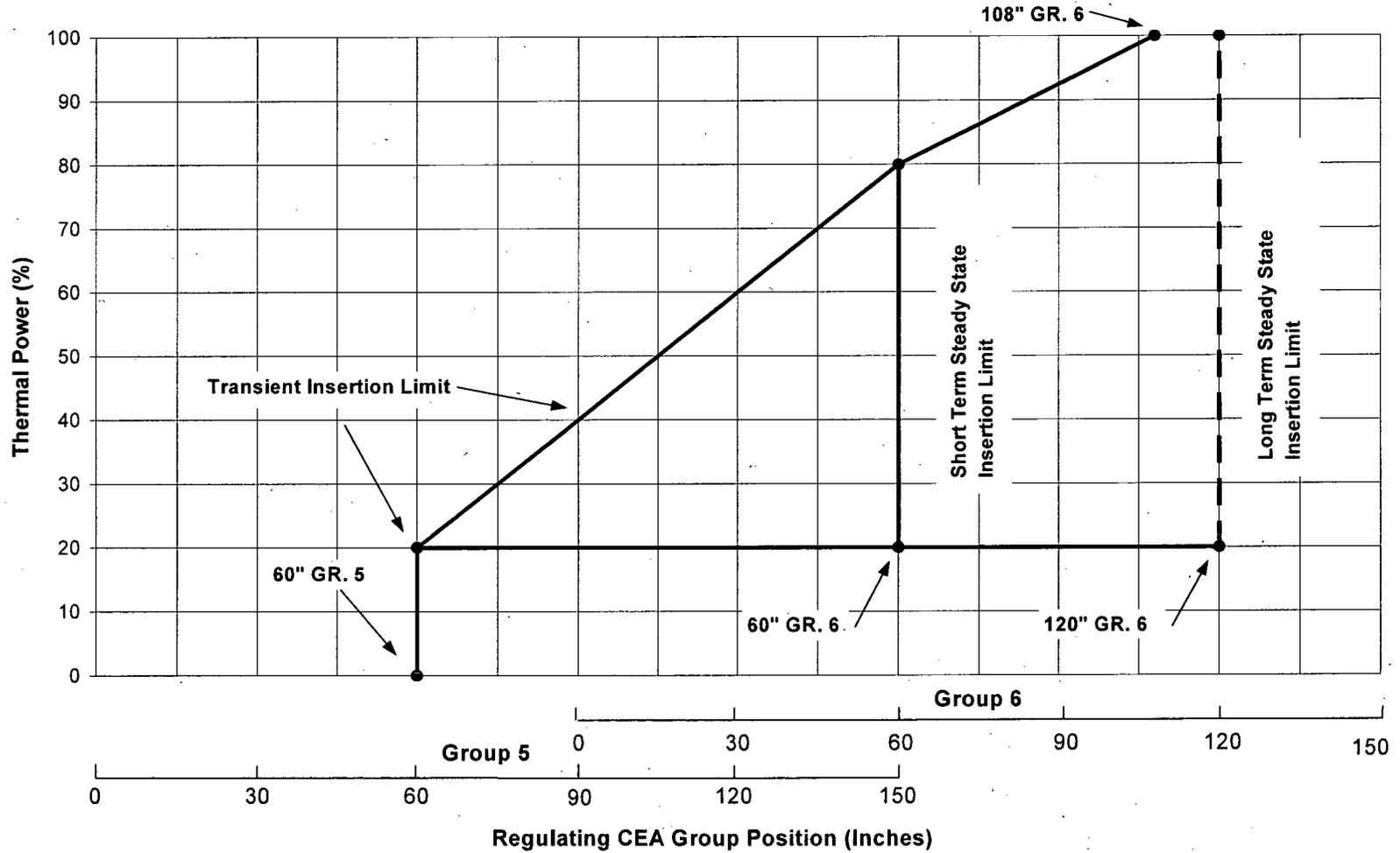
COLR Figure 3

*** When thermal power is reduced to 60% of rated thermal power per this limit curve, further reduction is not required by this Technical Specification.**

CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT
REGULATING AND GROUP P CEA INSERTION LIMITS

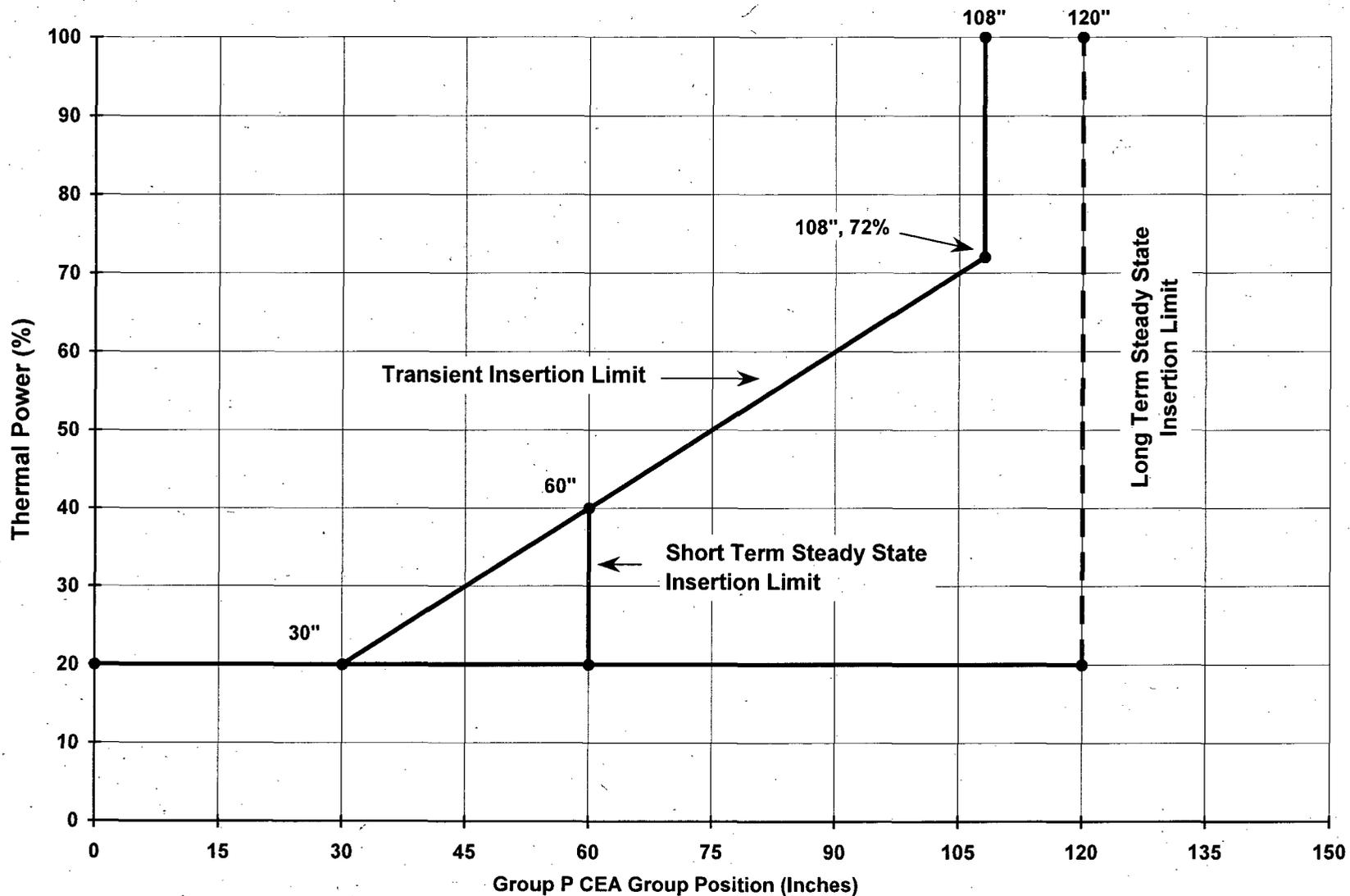
3.1.3.6 The regulating CEA groups and Group P CEAs shall be limited to the withdrawal sequence and to the insertion limits shown on COLR Figure 4 (regulating groups) and Figure 5 (Group P).

Regulating CEA Group Insertion Limits Versus Thermal Power



COLR Figure 4

Group P CEA Group Insertion Limits Versus Thermal Power



COLR Figure 5

CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT
LINEAR HEAT RATE

3.2.1 The linear heat rate shall be maintained:

a. ≤ 12.9 kW/ft when COLSS is in service

b. ≤ 13.2 kW/ft when COLSS is out of service

In accordance with Technical Specification 3.6.1.5 Action a, with the minimum containment average air temperature less than 95°F but greater than or equal to 90°F, the linear heat rate shall be maintained:

a. ≤ 12.7 kW/ft when COLSS is in service

b. ≤ 13.0 kW/ft when COLSS is out of service

COLR Figure 6

(Not Used)

COLR Figure 7

(Not Used)

CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT
AZIMUTHAL POWER TILT- T_q

3.2.3 The measured AZIMUTHAL POWER TILT shall be maintained ≤ 0.03 .

CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT

DNBR MARGIN

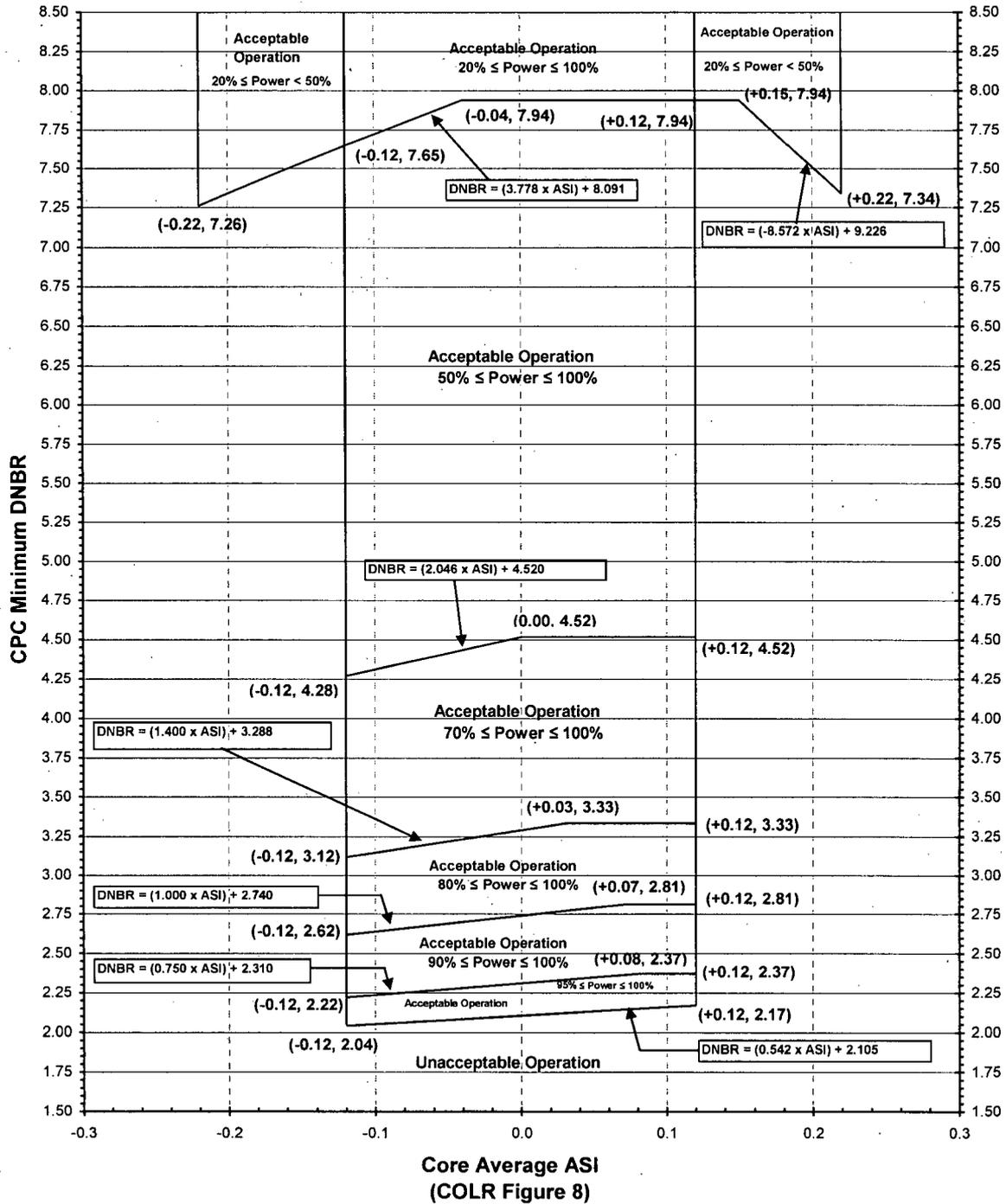
3.2.4 The DNBR margin shall be maintained by one of the following methods:

- a) When COLSS is in service and neither CEAC is operable: maintain COLSS calculated core power less than or equal to COLSS calculated core power operating limit based on DNBR decreased by 13% RATED THERMAL POWER.
- b) When COLSS is out of service and at least one CEAC is operable: operate within the region of acceptable operation shown on COLR Figure 8 (or 8A as appropriate), using any operable CPC channel.
- c) When COLSS is out of service and neither CEAC is operable: operate within the region of acceptable operation shown on COLR Figure 9 (or 9A as appropriate), using any operable CPC channel.

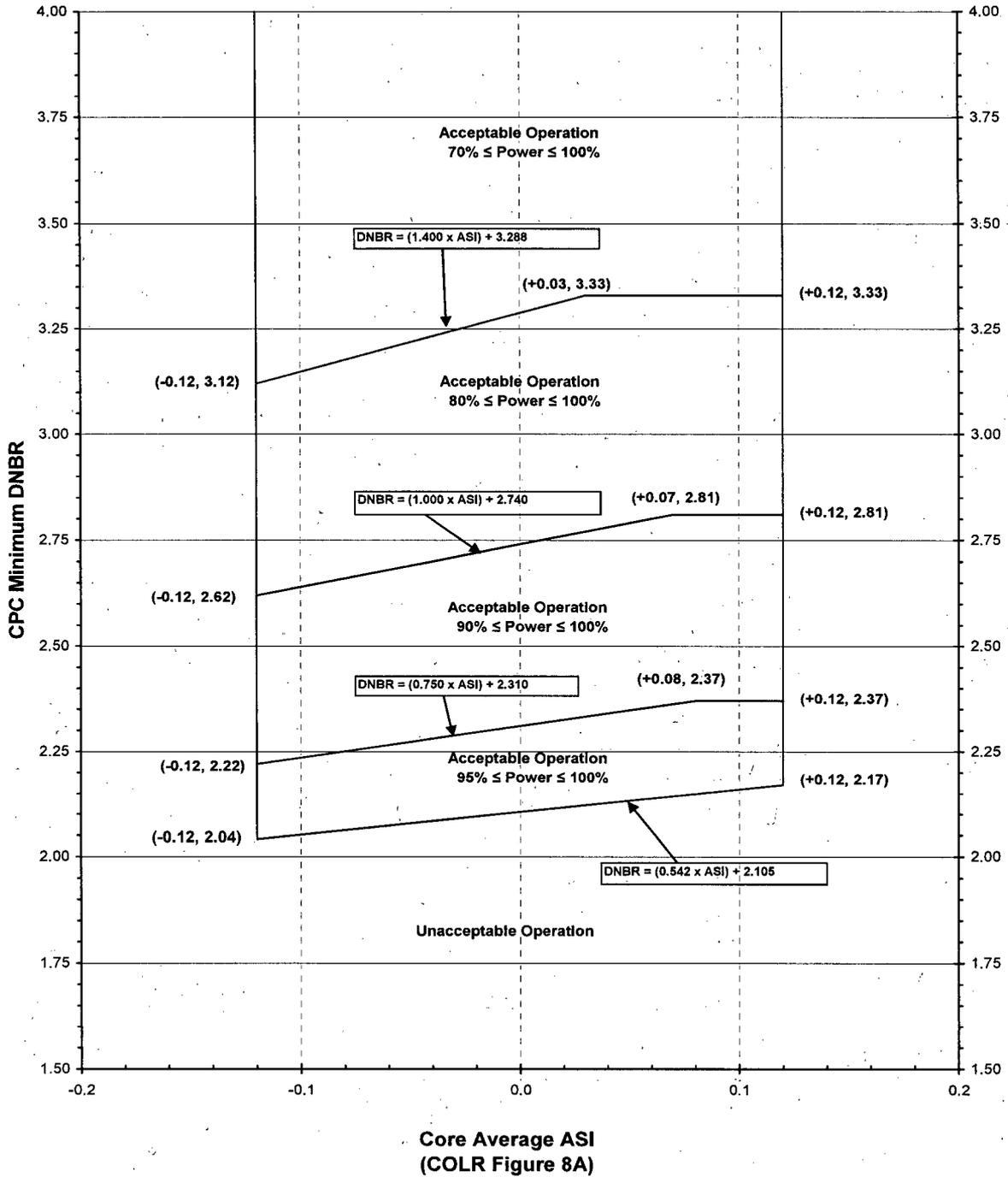
NOTES

1. The various DNBR limit lines shown between the vertical ASI limit lines at ± 0.12 and ± 0.22 on Figures 8, 8A, 9, and 9A represent the minimum CPC-calculated DNBR value required for operation in the power range displayed in the area above each line. Operation at lower power levels requires that a larger DNBR value be maintained. For example, with ASI equal to -0.12 and a core power of 85%, CPC calculated DNBR must be a minimum of 2.62 with any CEAC Operable. At 79% power and the same ASI value with any CEAC Operable, the calculated DNBR must be at least 3.12. At 65% power and the same ASI value, DNBR must be a minimum of 4.28. At 90% power and an ASI value of $+0.08$, DNBR must be no less than 2.37.
2. The vertical ASI limit lines shown at ± 0.12 and ± 0.22 on Figures 8, 8A, 9, and 9A may be considered as extending beyond the maximum DNBR value on the Y-axis of the charts. Therefore, when monitoring DNBR with these figures, compliance is achieved at all power levels shown on a given figure when DNBR is greater than the largest DNBR value on the vertical scale.
3. Figure 8A is provided to offer better resolution for the four power ranges in the lower portion of Figure 8. Figure 9A is provided to offer better resolution for the four power ranges in the lower portion of Figure 9.
4. Equations are provided on Figures 8, 8A, 9, and 9A to assist in determining DNBR limits in the sloped portions of the plots.

**Allowable DNBR with Any CEAC Operable
(COLSS Out of Service)**



**Subset of Allowable DNBR with Any CEAC Operable
(COLSS Out of Service)**



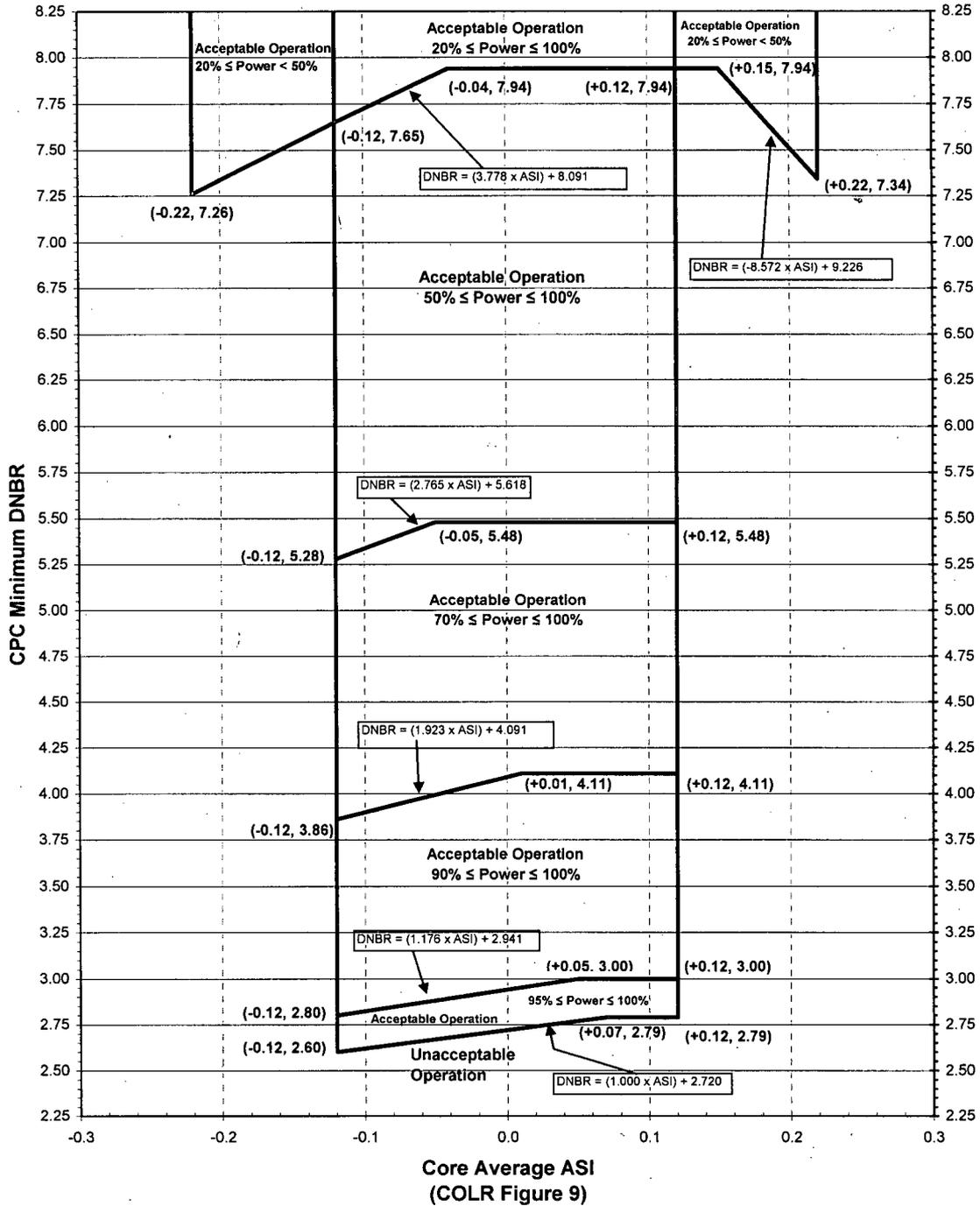
COLR Figure 8.1

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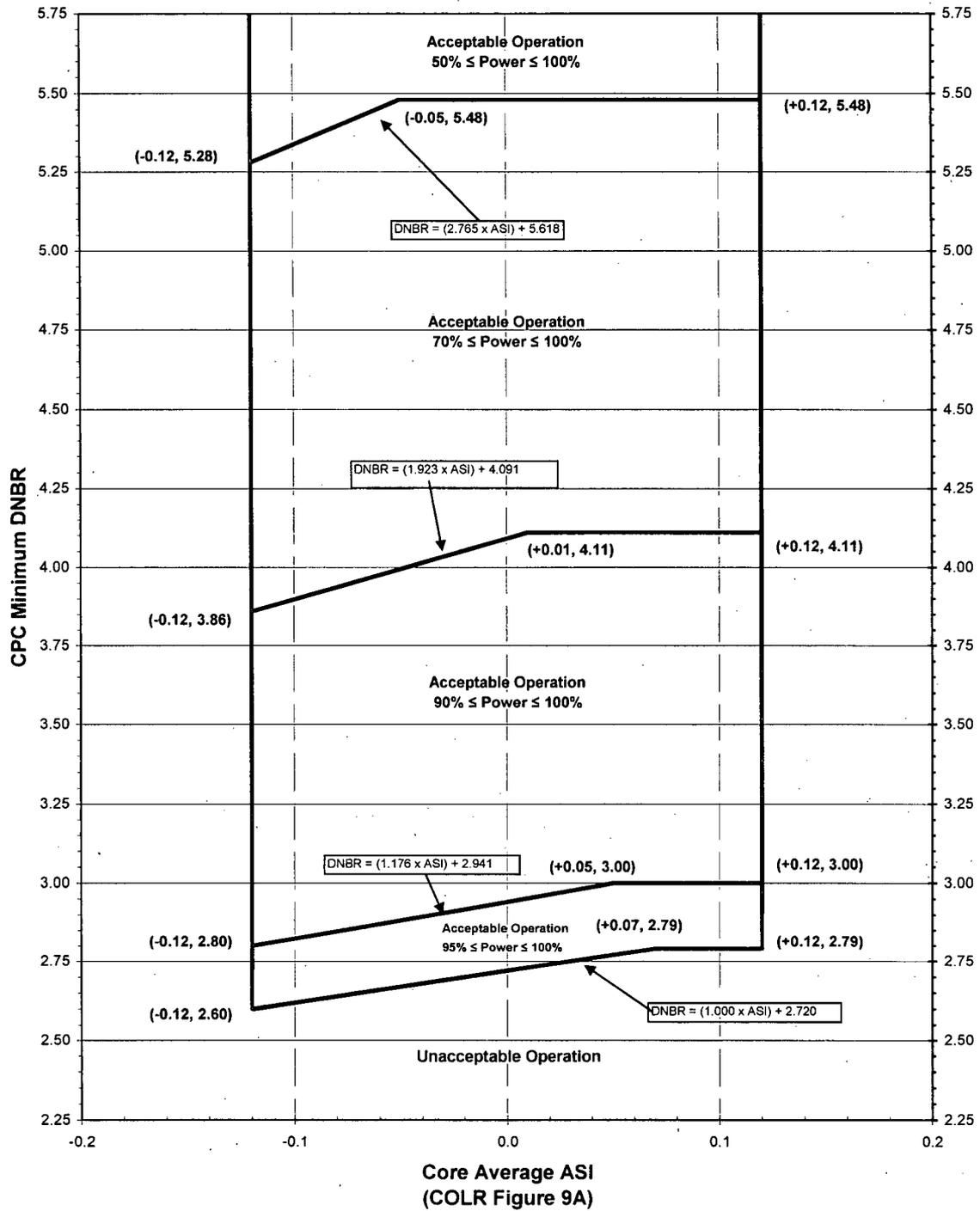
COLR Figure 8.1A

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**Allowable DNBR with No CEAC(s) Operable
(COLSS Out of Service)**



**Subset of Allowable DNBR with No CEAC(s) Operable
(COLSS Out of Service)**



COLR Figure 9.1

(Not Used)

COLR Figure 9.1A

(Not Used)

CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT
AXIAL SHAPE INDEX

3.2.7 The AXIAL SHAPE INDEX (ASI) shall be maintained within the following limits:

COLSS Operable

$$-0.16 \leq \text{ASI} \leq +0.16$$

for THERMAL POWERS \geq 50% of
RATED THERMAL POWER

$$-0.26 \leq \text{ASI} \leq +0.26$$

for THERMAL POWERS from 20% to <50%
of RATED THERMAL POWER

COLSS Out of Service

$$-0.12 \leq \text{ASI} \leq +0.12$$

for THERMAL POWERS \geq 50% of
RATED THERMAL POWER

$$-0.22 \leq \text{ASI} \leq +0.22$$

for THERMAL POWERS from 20% to <50%
of RATED THERMAL POWER

CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT

BORON CONCENTRATION

- 3.9.1 While in Mode 6, the RCS boron concentration shall be maintained sufficiently to ensure that the more restrictive of the following reactivity conditions is met:
- a. Either K_{eff} of 0.95 or less, or
 - b. A boron concentration of greater than or equal to 2050 ppm.

III. METHODOLOGIES

The analytical methods used to determine the core operating limits listed above are those previously reviewed and approved by the NRC in:

1. "The ROCS and DIT Computer Codes for Nuclear Design," CENPD-266-P-A, April 1983; and "C-E Methodology for Core Designs Containing Gadolinia-Urania Burnable Absorber," CENPD-275-P-A, May 1988. (Methodology for Specifications 3.1.1.1 and 3.1.1.2 for Shutdown Margins, 3.1.1.3 for MTC, 3.1.3.6 for Regulating and Group P CEA Insertion Limits, 3.1.2.9 Boron Dilution (Calculation of CBC & IBW), and 3.9.1 Boron Concentration).
2. "C-E Method for Control Element Assembly Ejection Analysis," CENPD-0190-A, January 1976. (Methodology for Specification 3.1.3.6 for Regulating and Group P CEA Insertion Limits and 3.2.3 for Azimuthal Power Tilt).
3. "Modified Statistical Combination of Uncertainties" CEN-356(V)-P-A, May 1988. (Methodology for Specification 3.2.4 for DNBR Margin and 3.2.7 for ASI).
4. "Calculative Methods for the CE Large Break LOCA Evaluation Model For The Analysis of C-E and W Designed NSSS," CENPD-132, Supplement 3-P-A, June 1985. (Methodology for Specification 3.1.1.3 for MTC, 3.2.1 for Linear Heat Rate, 3.2.3 for Azimuthal Power Tilt and 3.2.7 for ASI).
5. "Calculative Methods for the ABB CE Small Break LOCA Evaluation Model," CENPD-137-P, August 1974; Supplement 2-P-A, April 1998. (Methodology for Specification 3.1.1.3 for MTC, 3.2.1 for Linear Heat Rate, 3.2.3 for Azimuthal Power Tilt and 3.2.7 for ASI).
6. "CESEC - Digital Simulation of a Combustion Engineering Nuclear Steam Supply System," (CE letter LD-82-001 and NRC SE to CE dated April 3, 1984). (Methodology for Specification 3.1.1.1 and 3.1.1.2 for Shutdown Margins, 3.1.1.3 for MTC, 3.1.3.1 for Movable Control Assemblies – CEA Position, 3.1.3.6 for Regulating and Group P CEA Insertion Limits, and 3.2.3 for Azimuthal Power Tilt).
7. "Qualification of Reactor Physics Methods for the Pressurized Water Reactors of the Entergy System," ENEAD-01-P; Revision 0, December 21, 1993. (Methodology for Specifications 3.1.1.1 and 3.1.1.2 for Shutdown Margins, 3.1.1.3 for MTC, 3.1.3.6 for Regulating and Group P CEA Insertion Limits, 3.1.2.9 Boron Dilution (calculation of CBC & IBW), and 3.9.1 Boron Concentration).
8. "Fuel Rod Maximum Allowable Gas Pressure," CEN-372-P-A, May 1990. (Methodology for Specification 3.2.1, Linear Heat Rate).

9. "Technical Description Manual for the CENTS Code," WCAP-15996-P-A, April 2004. (Methodology for Specification 3.1.1.1 and 3.1.1.2 for Shutdown Margins, 3.1.1.3 for MTC, 3.1.3.1 for Movable Control Assemblies – CEA Position, 3.1.3.6 for Regulating and group P CEA Insertion Limits, and 3.2.3 for Azimuthal Power Tilt).
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