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ABSTRACT

This report contains human factors engineering design review acceptance criteria developed by the Human Factors Engineering Branch (HFEB) of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to use in evaluating designs of the Safety Parameter Display System (SPDS). These criteria were developed in response to the functional design criteria for the SPDS defined in NUREG-0696, Functional Criteria for Emergency Response Facilities.

The purpose of this report is to identify design review acceptance criteria for the SPDS installed in the control room of a nuclear power plant. Use of computer driven cathode ray tube (CRT) displays is anticipated. General acceptance criteria for displays of plant safety status information by the SPDS are developed. In addition, specific SPDS review criteria corresponding to the SPDS functional criteria specified in NUREG-0696 are established.

These design review acceptance criteria define a basis for the NRC staff's human factors review of a Safety Parameter Display System. These review criteria do not impose any new functional design requirements.

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PREFACE

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The accident at Three Mile Island (TMI) and subsequent investigations have demonstrated the need for improving the presentation of plant and process information to reactor operators. This is especially true when a nuclear power plant undergoes a major transient. A major transient, such as the one at TMI, may develop slowly over an extended period of time. During a major transient, a reactor operator is required to monitor and process large amounts of data to ascertain the operating status and safety status of the plant.

NUREG-0696, Functional Criteria for Emergency Response Facilities (Ref. 1), describes Emergency Response Facilities (ERFs) that are designed to improve emergency response to an accident at a nuclear power plant. NUREG-0814, Methodology for Evaluation of Emergency Response Facilities, (a draft report for public comment), defines questions that will be used by the NRC staff to review conceptual designs for the ERFs. The Safety Parameter Display System (SPDS) is described in NUREG-0696. The SPDS will display a minimum set of plant parameters from which the safety status of plant operation may be assessed by reactor operators. The SPDS and the control room operating crew as a unit should be able to detect abnormal operating conditions that could adversely affect the safety of the plant. Section 5 of NUREG-0696 gives the functional criteria which the SPDS should meet.

These design review acceptance criteria define a basis for the NRC staff review of a Safety Parameter Display System. Use of other design review acceptance criteria that may exist is acceptable provided it is shown that the SPDS functional design criteria are satisfied. These review criteria do not impose any new functional design requirements.

Design specifications of SPDS systems and displays are not explicit in either the functional criteria of NUREG-0696 or the NRC regulations. Those examples of displays given in this report are provided to help designers, licencees/applicants, and reviewers interpret the design review acceptance criteria.

2.0 SCOPE

This document presents only SPDS design review acceptance criteria that are within the scope of review related to human factors engineering. The human factors engineering review covers about one-half of the SPDS functional criteria stated in NUREG-0696. The remaining functional criteria will be reviewed in accordance with existing NRC guidance.

The design review acceptance criteria emphasize review of SPDS designs that use computer driven cathode ray tube (CRT) displays. This approach reflects the types of SPDS designs proposed by the nuclear industry in most of the technical briefings presented to the NRC regulatory staff. It also reflects the general trend in the nuclear industry toward increased use of CRT displays.

Present functional criteria for the SPDS do not rule out the use of other types of displays in SPDS designs. These criteria generally apply to all types of SPDS displays with special emphasis on some aspects of CRT displays. It was time and cost effective for the staff to develop acceptance criteria with emphasis on the computer driven CRT displays proposed by industry. More specific design review acceptance criteria for other types of SPDS display designs will be developed and defined case by case as designs are submitted for review.

NUREG-0700, Guidelines for Control Room Design Reviews, (Ref. 2), are applicable for human factors engineering review of visual displays, process computers, and CRT displays. The NUREG-0700 guidelines alone are not sufficient to review an SPDS and assure that the SPDS functional requirements developed in NUREG-0696 are met. Therefore, it was necessary to develop additional design review acceptance criteria that apply to the SPDS functional requirements. These SPDS acceptance criteria provide the basis for a review of SPDS displays without limiting the types of acceptable SPDS displays to computer driven CRT displays.

General SPDS display criteria are defined and discussed in Section 3.0, General Acceptance Criteria for SPDS Displays. Then the functional criteria published in NUREG-0696 are organized into specific topic areas and design review acceptance criteria are defined for each functional criterion. These specific criteria are defined in Section 4.0, Specific SPDS Design Review Acceptance Criteria.

A reviewer should be familiar with the human factors guidelines in NUREG-0700. The most important of these guidelines are Section 6.5, Visual Displays, which includes principles of display, meters, light indicators, and graphic recorders; Section 6.6, Labels and Location Aids, which includes labeling principles, label location, label content, and location aids; Section 6.7, Process Computers, which includes computer access, CRT displays, and printers; and Section 6.8, Panel Layout, which includes panel contents, recognition and identification enhancement, and layout arrangement factors. Review criteria references to NUREG-0700 are made only where those human engineering guidelines are directly applicable to the review acceptance criteria.

A reviewer of SPDS systems also should be familiar with CRT technology and its application to nuclear power systems. Several references provide general information on the design of CRT-based display systems (Refs. 3-5). A document detailing human engineering design data for CRT based display systems is currently being developed by an NRC contractor (Ref. 6). This forthcoming document will be useful for reviewing many aspects of an SPDS design that uses CRT displays. However, a detailed comparison of this document with the control room human engineering guidelines presented in NUREG-0700 has not been conducted. Another recent NRC contractor report (Ref. 7) presents numerous ways of displaying multivariate data for use in nuclear process control. Although this report draws some conclusions on the applicability of various displays in reactor control rooms for process control applications, these conclusions do not necessarily apply to specialized functional requirements for SPDS displays*. All of these references contain extensive bibliographies for reference to more specific information.

* The use of display patterns such as Chernoff Faces and Fourier Plots would be unacceptable.

In summary the NUREG-0700 design guidelines are not necessarily the only acceptable guidelines which may be applied to the SPDS design reviews. Additional guidelines provided in the listed references or elsewhere which are exceptions to the NUREG-0700 guidelines may be equally acceptable provided the SPDS functional criteria are met. The source of these other acceptance criteria should be cited and justification for their use should be provided to the reviewer.

3.0 GENERAL ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA FOR SPDS DISPLAYS

The primary function of the SPDS is to help control room operating personnel make quick assessments of the plant safety status. The display should be monitored by the operators during normal operations in the course of performing assigned monitoring functions. During emergencies, the SPDS should serve as an aid to the control room operating crew in executing the symptom oriented emergency procedures. In this primary function, the SPDS provides the reactor operators plant status information from an integrated display during normal and emergency conditions in a manner analogous to the way the basic attitude and flight performance instruments of an aircraft provide aircraft status information to the pilot. The SPDS and the control room operators as a unit should be able to detect abnormal conditions that could have safety significance.

Operators must be trained in the use of the SPDS. The human operator is the key subsystem in the plant that can synthesize the plant process and assess the important plant functions from the data provided on the display. The displayed data is read and processed by the operator to determine the plant status. The design of the SPDS display should consider the operator's needs and should use perceptual aids that assist the operator in the plant synthesis and decision making tasks. A functional qualification program that demonstrates enhanced operator performance in correctly assessing safety status of the plant will be a key factor in the NRC review and acceptance of SPDS designs.

NUREG-0696 states that the SPDS should display a minimum set of plant parameters from which the safety status of the plant may be assessed. The minimum set of parameters was not defined. The staff recognized that the minimum set of parameters may be plant dependent. However, NUREG-0696 did define important plant functions to include, but not be limited to:

- Reactivity control
- Reactor core cooling and heat removal from primary system
- Reactor coolant system integrity
- Radioactivity control
- Containment integrity

Other plant functions may also be important. The primary display of the SPDS should consist of the minimum set of parameters from which the operator can assess the plant safety status. The status and performance of systems, subsystems, and components should be allocated to secondary display formats if this information is part of the SPDS data.

The mechanism for displaying the SPDS safety information is not rigidly specified by the functional requirements of NUREG-0696. The plant safety status information must be presented by the SPDS to enhance the functional effectiveness of control room personnel. Good human factors engineering of the SPDS is a functional requirement. It is anticipated that SPDS designs generally will use computer driven CRT displays since they allow more flexibility in data display format and data display enhancement than do analog meters and analog chart recorders. This display may consist of one or more CRTs as needed to meet the functions of the design. However, the use of non-CRT types of displays is not precluded. These review criteria are not intended to be so restrictive that they eliminate consideration of other useful displays that are presently available or that may be developed as techniques for data presentation evolve.

3.1 Detection of Abnormal Conditions

The SPDS is to provide an indication of plant parameters or derived variables representative of the safety status of the plant and is to aid the operator in the rapid detection of abnormal operating conditions significant to safety. A minimum set of plant parameters from which the plant safety status can be assessed are to be grouped in the SPDS display. The technical choice of the appropriate minimum set of plant parameters to be used by the SPDS is beyond the scope of these human factors design review acceptance criteria.

The display of abnormal operating conditions significant to safety must be distinctly different in appearance from the display depicting normal operating conditions. This distinction is to assist the control room operating crew in detecting abnormal operating conditions. Displays that present the minimum set of plant safety status parameters in a format that is readily interpretable by the operators and that is visible to the operators are acceptable.

Acceptable SPDS designs will assist operators to rapidly detect an abnormal condition and will assist in initiating diagnosis to localize the source of the abnormality at the function or system level. Such designs will enable operators to specifically identify what safety status parameters are abnormal.

3.2 SPDS Data Display Formats

The functional requirements specify that the SPDS must display the minimum set of plant parameters or derived variables and their trends in a single primary display format for each mode of plant operation. A common display format composed of the same plant parameters may be used for several modes of plant operation. However, the display must contain that minimum set of parameters needed to assess the safety status of the plant for each mode of operation. The SPDS may also have the capability to recall additional data on secondary display formats or displays. Acceptable SPDS display formats may present plant safety status information in combinations of alphanumeric, symbolic, or graphic form and may present plant parameter data in analog or digital form.

The primary display format may be presented on a single display device or a group of display devices concentrated in a single compact display at a location specifically designated for the SPDS. Primary display formats that remain continuously visible to the operators are acceptable.

The information displayed by the SPDS display must be presented in ways that are easy for the operators to read and understand. Display formats designed so that specific elements in the display correspond directly and unambiguously with each parameter are acceptable. A label or other readily understood identifier that appears on each element of the display and specifically identifies that element with the parameter it represents is acceptable.

Changes in value of a display element should be readily interpreted as a corresponding change in the magnitude of the measured or derived parameter. In most cases a linear relationship between the magnitude of the measured or derived value of the parameter and the display element used to depict the parameter is acceptable. In some cases a nonlinear relationship between the parameter and the display element may be acceptable if it can be demonstrated that such a relationship is more meaningful to the operators or that it will actually facilitate interpreting information. For example, a logarithmic relationship between reactor power level and the magnitude of the corresponding display element may be appropriate to display power during reactor startup if accurate readings of reactor power are needed over many decades of power level.

Quantitative information about the magnitude and trend behavior of the parameters used for the SPDS must be presented to help the operators assess the severity of abnormal plant conditions. Displays that provide quantitative data of the magnitude of each parameter on the primary display as part of the primary display format are acceptable. Properly designed numeric, analog, or graphic displays of parameter magnitude are acceptable.

In addition to magnitude, the operators should also be able to determine whether each parameter is increasing or decreasing and observe the trend or rate of change of a parameter from changes in the display. Operator monitoring of parameter trends is a key task in evaluating the safety status of the plant. This trend information is needed to assist the operators in determining the severity of an abnormality when a transient condition develops.

Primary SPDS displays that show quantitative rate of change information are acceptable provided the quantitative rate of change display will not be misleading to the operators during transient or oscillatory variations of the parameter that may occur. Primary SPDS displays that provide qualitative trend and rate of change information by observation of the variation in magnitude of the parameters are acceptable if quantitative rate of change and time history data for each parameter are available on a secondary SPDS display.

Time history displays of parameters over a recent time interval are a preferred means of displaying trend and rate of change data. A time history of each safety status parameter for the 30 minutes immediately preceding current real time is acceptable. This time period is consistent with the startup time required for activating the Technical Support Center (TSC). Availability of time history data displays on either the primary SPDS display format or on a secondary SPDS display format is acceptable.

3.3 Display Techniques

Since the primary function of the SPDS is to assist control room operating personnel in evaluating the safety status of the plant, the display should be enhanced to improve the operator's perception, comprehension, and detection of abnormal operating status significant to safety. Some display design techniques to enhance the detection function are discussed in the following sections. Review guidance is provided for each technique to assure that use of that technique will provide acceptable enhancement features for the SPDS display.

The display enhancement techniques discussed are:

1. Display Patterns
2. Scaling of Displays
3. Identification of Displayed Parameters
4. Perceptual Aids
 1. Color
 2. Symbols and mimics
 3. Overlays
 4. Setpoints
 5. Blinking and Flashing

Display techniques other than those listed may also be acceptable.

3.3.1 Display Patterns

Patterns can be an effective way to present data to an operator. When a pattern is used to enhance the operators' assessment of the safety status of the plant there should be a direct association between the display pattern and the status of the plant.

The pattern for normal operating conditions should have distinctive characteristics that distinguish it from the patterns produced by abnormal conditions. The change from normal to abnormal pattern configuration should be readily detectable. One change in pattern that is acceptable when properly designed and implemented is a change from a symmetric or regular geometric pattern during normal operating conditions to an asymmetric or irregular geometric pattern when an abnormal condition occurs. Another change in pattern that may be acceptable is a change from a pattern displaying uniform magnitude or length of all pattern elements during normal conditions to a pattern displaying unequal magnitudes or lengths of pattern elements representing parameters that are in an abnormal state. The use of Chernoff Faces and Fourier Plots are unacceptable display patterns.

3.3.2 Scaling of Displays

The displays of parameter magnitude should be scaled to optimize the operator recognition of plant changes from normal conditions. The choice of a parameter scale to produce an undistorted display pattern under normal conditions is an acceptable scaling technique provided adequate data readout accuracy for operator use is maintained. However, it may not be possible to normalize all parameters.

Parameter magnitude should be scaled to allow tracking over a wide range of abnormal conditions. Patterns for abnormal conditions that do not fill the entire display area are acceptable. Pattern displays that have means of reading parameter data if the display pattern should go offscale during abnormal conditions are also acceptable.

An operator is not likely to notice small changes in a pattern which normally appears distorted. During normal operation, a parameter being displayed may deviate from its nominal value. However, it is important that the display pattern remain undistorted to avoid giving false indication of abnormality to the operator. Displays should use appropriate parameters that have small deviations about a steady state value during normal operating conditions and that have distinctive large variations from the steady state value during abnormal conditions.

It may be acceptable to change the scaling factors used in a display if changes in relative magnitudes of the parameters occur during plant operations. For example, normal operation at reduced power may result in a display which appears distorted relative to the display exhibited during operation at 100% power. Since reduced power operation does not represent an abnormal condition, a change in display scale may be acceptable to provide a display that remains undistorted. It is preferable that this type of display scaling change only be made by operator command rather than by automatic action of the display signal or data processing system to assure that an abnormal condition is not misrepresented by the SPDS display system.

3.3.3 Identification of Displayed Parameters

The operator must be able to readily interpret the information conveyed by the SPDS display. When a display changes, the operator must know what parameters are changing and how they are changing in order to assess the nature of an abnormality. This will also help identify the system involved during an abnormal condition. An acceptable display format or display pattern must include labels to identify each parameter. Reliance upon the operator's memorization of the relationship between the display format or the display pattern and the specific variables being displayed is not acceptable.

3.3.4 Perceptual Aids

Perceptual aids can be used with all types of display mechanisms. Among the perceptual aids suitable for use in SPDS displays are color, symbols, overlays, and setpoints.

3.3.4.1 Color

Color may be used in SPDS displays to help identify and differentiate between elements of the display and to indicate a change in functional or operating status of a plant parameter. To be effective, the colors used in the SPDS display should conform to a color code. Conformance with the guidelines provided by NUREG-0700, Section 6.5.1.6, Color Coding, and Section 6.7.2.7, Graphic Coding and Highlighting is acceptable for SPDS displays.

When color changes are used to indicate a change in functional or operating status, they should be limited to no more than two levels in severity of the change in status. Acceptable displays may employ one color change when a parameter is outside its normal range but does not represent a serious problem. A second more noticeable color change when a parameter is in a range that indicates a serious abnormality is also acceptable. Use of the preferred color codes in NUREG-0700 to depict alerting and alarming conditions of parameters being displayed is acceptable.

Acceptable displays will avoid conflicts between the use of color to enhance identification of display elements and the use of color to enhance changes in status of displays or display elements.

3.3.4.2 Symbols and Mimics

Graphic symbols and mimics may be used as distinctive means of presenting information in a pictorial format. Conformance with the guidelines of NUREG-0700, Section 6.6.3.4, Symbols, and Section 6.6.6.4, Use of Mimics, is acceptable for SPDS displays.

3.3.4.3 Overlays

Overlays can be an effective means of enhancing displays. An overlay which provides a reference to normal conditions, or provides an indication of normal limits for individual parameters, or provides an indication of abnormal operating ranges is acceptable. An overlay of a normal pattern can enhance some graphic displays by providing a reference to normal operating conditions to facilitate pattern recognition or to detect deviation from normal conditions. Electronic overlays for CRT displays are acceptable when they improve the operator's interpretation of the operating conditions. Transparent overlays that interfere with observation or interpretation of plant operating conditions are not acceptable.

3.3.4.4 Setpoints

Setpoints for a parameter that are used to initiate changes in display presentation and to alert operators to changes in operating status are acceptable. Setpoints used for display changes and overlays must be established using appropriate technical considerations. Arbitrarily establishing setpoints as some nominal percentage of normal value or maximum range will not necessarily provide any display enhancement. Poorly chosen setpoints can have negative effects if they result in frequent false alarms. Setpoints used for display enhancement that are chosen specifically for their appropriateness to perform that function are acceptable. Arbitrarily setting a setpoint at some fixed fraction of the normal operating value without supporting justification is not acceptable.

3.3.4.5 Blinking and Flashing

Blinking of symbols or data on a CRT, blinking of illuminated graphic displays, and flashing of indicator lights and annunciator displays are effective and acceptable means of calling operator attention to an abnormal condition. Conformance with the guidelines of NUREG-0700, Section 6.3.3.2, Visual Alarm Recognition and Identification, and with Section 6.7.2.7, Graphic Coding and Highlighting is also acceptable for use in SPDS displays.

4.0 SPECIFIC SPDS DESIGN REVIEW CRITERIA

The specific design review acceptance criteria address all SPDS display systems with emphasis on review criteria applicable to CRT display systems. The SPDS functional criteria, as defined in Section 5 of NUREG-0696, have been grouped into nine broad categories.

These categories are:

- 1) Functions,
- 2) Data Set,
- 3) Data Validation,
- 4) Display,
- 5) Location and Size,
- 6) Staff,
- 7) Procedures,
- 8) Alarms,
- 9) Design Criteria.

The functional design criteria for each category are stated and referenced to NUREG-0696. Specific design review acceptance criteria are presented for each functional criterion and are referenced to NUREG-0700, Section 6., Control Room Human Engineering Guidelines, where applicable.

4.1 FUNCTIONS

4.1.1 Primary Function

The primary function of the SPDS is to serve as an operator aid in the rapid detection of abnormal conditions by providing a display of plant parameters from which the safety status of operation may be assessed in the control room.

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This criterion is satisfied when:

a) the primary SPDS display format contains functional information to assist the operator in rapidly evaluating the safety status of the plant.

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and

b) abnormal conditions which impact safety of the plant are easily identified and recognized from the primary SPDS display format.

and

c) the SPDS supplements the control room annunciator system when severe plant transients occur.

4.1.2 Secondary Functions

The display system may include other functions that aid operating personnel in evaluating plant status.

5.5

The secondary functions are acceptable provided:

a) they do not impair the operator's use of the SPDS in executing the primary function.

and

b) the control room operating crew has been trained in the use of the secondary functions.

Secondary functions, such as the performance monitoring of plant systems or safety systems and the presentation of data to assist the operator to diagnose abnormal operating conditions may be used. No acceptance criteria for the secondary functions are specified in this report.

4.1.3 Future Functions

The design of the display system should be flexible to allow for future incorporation of advanced diagnostic concepts and evaluation techniques and systems.

5.5

The criterion may be satisfied in designs using a computer based system when either:

- a) the design is expandable to accept new functions.

or

- b) the design allows for the addition of processors, memories or additional computers, such as in a distributed network.

This criterion may be satisfied by a hardwired system when:

- a) the design allows for the addition of new displays to the SPDS panel/ workspace;
- and
- b) the design allows for the installation of equipment to support the displays.

The addition of diagnostic techniques must not compromise the primary SPDS function and is subject to review prior to implementation.

4.2 DATA SET

4.2.1 Basis of Parameter Selection

The basis for selection of the minimum set of parameters in the primary display shall be documented as part of the design.

5.5

This criterion is satisfied when: it can be demonstrated that the primary display format, using the parameters selected meets the guidelines or criteria of Section 3.

4.3 DATA VALIDATION

4.3.1 Real Time Validation

Display data shall be validated on a real time basis where practicable.

5.1

This criterion is satisfied by:
a) comparing redundant sensor readings prior to the display of the parameter.
or
b) using analytical redundancy among different parameters and using models and equations that have been documented and validated. Operating regimes where the equations used are not valid should be identified and documented.

6.7.2.7

4.3.2 Unvalidated Data

Display data which is unvalidated shall be so indicated to operators.

5.1

This criterion is satisfied when:

- a) validated parameters, unvalidated parameters, and invalid data are identified, where practical
- and
- b) validated parameters are coded in a manner whereby they are easily distinguished from unvalidated parameters.
- and
- c) coding of invalid data is distinct from the coding of data for which data validation is unsuccessful.
- and
- d) operating procedures for use of the SPDS provides guidance for treatment of invalid data and resolution of unsuccessful data validation.
- and
- e) operator training in the use of the SPDS includes practice in dealing with unvalidated data and application of procedures to resolve unsuccessful data validation.

6.7.2.7

Operator knowledge of the validity of data is important in correctly assessing the safety status of the plant.

4.4 DISPLAY

4.4.1 Design Principles

The display format shall be designed to accepted human factors principles.

5.5

This criterion is satisfied when:

a) the design conforms to the display guidelines presented in NUREG 0700,

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and

b) the primary display format conforms to the general criteria in Section 3.

4.4.2 Parameters Displayed4.4.2.1 Individual Parameters

The primary display may be a continuous indication of individual plant parameters or may be composed of a number of measured variables or derived variables.

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5.5

This criterion is satisfied when:

a) a dedicated display, such as a CRT, with a single primary display format continuously displays the minimum parameter set necessary to assess the safety status of the plant.

or

b) reduction in size of the primary display format is provided when it is necessary to display secondary information.

or

c) audio or visual cues are provided on the display to alert a well trained operator to return to the primary display format while viewing secondary information.

or

d) the seismically qualified, concentrated backup display of primary format information is visible to the operator while viewing secondary information on the CRT.

4.4.2.2 Timeliness and Accuracy
of Data

Displayed data shall
present current and
accurate status of the
plant.

5.1

This criterion is satisfied when:

- a) the sampling rate for each parameter is chosen such that there is no meaningful loss of information in the data presented to the operator.
- and
- b) the time delay from when the sensor signal is sampled to when it is displayed is no greater than 2 seconds.
- and
- c) maintaining the control room SPDS display is given processor priority over display and processing requests from the TSC, EOF, or other sources.
- and
- d) each parameter is displayed with an accuracy sufficient for the operator to discriminate between abnormal conditions which impact safety and normal operating conditions.

4.4.2.3 Scope of Data

The display should be responsive to transient and accident sequences.

5.5

This criterion is satisfied when:

a) operator comprehension of a change in the safety status of the plant from the primary SPDS display could be achieved in a matter of seconds. If closure of this task takes several minutes, the design is unacceptable.

and

b) the display system correctly portrays the plant process status for all design basis events and events specified by NUREG-0737, Section I.C.1, Guidance For The Evaluation and Development of Procedures For Transients and Accidents

4.4.3 Pattern and Coding4.4.3.1 Parameter Grouping

Parameters must be grouped to enhance operators assessment of the plant and to assist in making functional comparisons.

5.1

This criterion is satisfied when:

- a) the minimum set of parameters are presented on the single primary display format. The minimum set of parameters must be the ones by which the operator evaluates the safety status of the plant.

and

- b) the parameters displayed are grouped so that all are visible to the operator within one field of view.

and

- c) the parameters are sequenced in a logical manner to facilitate operator comparison of parameters in evaluating the safety status of the plant.

and

- d) the primary display format utilizes patterns and display enhancements as discussed in Section 3.

4.4.3.2 Pattern and Coding
Techniques

Pattern and coding techniques shall be used to assist operator detection and recognition of unsafe operating conditions.

5.1

This criterion can be satisfied by:

a) the use of color coding to indicate the approach to unsafe operation and to indicate unsafe operation.

6.7.2.7

or

b) the use of limit marks for each parameter displayed. The limit marks should be representative of operational limits established by technical specifications, process limits, and safety system actuation setpoints, if applicable.

or

c) the use of patterns which noticeably distort when an unsafe condition is approached.

Also see Section 3.3, Display Techniques.

4.4.4 Additional Data

4.4.4.1 Magnitude, Trend

The display shall be capable of presenting magnitudes and trends of parameters or derived variables. The display of time derivatives in lieu of trends may be acceptable.

5.1

This criterion is satisfied when:

a) the primary display format contains the magnitude for all variables being displayed.

and

b) the primary display format has the capability of indicating trends, or trends of operator selected parameters are available in a secondary display format.

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and

c) trend data is displayed with sufficient resolution in time and magnitude to ensure that rapidly changing parameters are accurately displayed. The frequency bandwidth of the signal measurement system, consisting of sensor, signal processing devices and trend display device should be broad enough to transmit all meaningful information of the measured parameter or derived variable.

The display of time derivatives of variables is acceptable only when the derivatives unambiguously reflect the trends in the variables. The algorithm used for time derivatives must be adequate to track oscillating plant variables that may exist during the design basis events for the plant.

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4.4.4.2 Recall Capabilities

The recall of additional data on secondary formats or displays is desirable.

5.5

This criterion is met when:

- a) operator requests to the display system will result in displays, of additional data, on secondary formats, such as trend data of the safety status parameters.
- and
- b) data is available for retrieval and is not lost as a result of an electrical power failure.
- and
- c) data stored for retrieval is stored on a secure medium and is available upon demand.
- and
- d) response times to operator requests for information on secondary displays conforms with NUREG-0700 guidelines for computer response time to operator queries.

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6.7.1.7

4.4.5 Mode of Operation4.4.5.1 Mode of Plant Operation

The design of the display shall contain a single primary display format for each mode of plant operation.

5.5

This criterion is satisfied when:

- a) the design contains a primary display format for each mode of plant operation defined by the technical specifications of operation.

A common display format composed of the same parameters may be used for several modes of plant operation. However, for any one mode, the display must contain that minimum set of parameters needed to assess the safety status of the plant.

Typical modes of plant operation are:

1. Power Operation
2. Startup
3. Hot Standby
4. Hot Shutdown
5. Cold Shutdown
6. Refueling

4.4.5.2 Display Format Selection
For each plant operating mode, display formats may either be automatically displayed or manually selected.

5.5

This criterion is satisfied when:

a) a manually operated switch or input from an alpha-numeric keyboard, touch panel, light pen, cursor, or equivalent interface is provided by the design to allow the operator to adjust the display format for the mode of plant operations.

or

b) an automatic display format change occurs with a change in the mode of plant operation.

6.7.1.1

Automatic change must be designed so that gradual change due to an abnormal condition is not interpreted as a change in mode of operation. There must also be provisions to indicate to operators that a change in the mode of plant operation has occurred. Provisions must be included for the operator to override automatic change when necessary.

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4.5 LOCATION AND READABILITY

4.5.1 Display Location

The SPDS shall be located in the control room with additional displays provided in the TSC and EOF.

5.2

This criterion is satisfied when: provisions are made for locating the SPDS display and associated controls in the control room, TSC, and EOF.

4.5.2 Control Board

If the SPDS is part of the control board, it must be easily recognizable and readable

5.2

This criterion is satisfied when:

- a) the SPDS is readily distinguished from other displays on the control board.
- and
- b) the display conforms to the appropriate display readability guidelines stated in NUREG 0700.

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REF. NO.4.5.3 Display Readability

The display shall be readable from the emergency station of the Senior Reactor Operator.

5.3

This criterion is satisfied when:

a) the displays design conforms to the appropriate display readability guidelines stated in NUREG-0700, such as viewing distance, viewing angle, and screen location for standing and seated operators at the Senior Reactor Operator's Station.

6.7.2.1

and

b) the data displayed on the CRT's has acceptably low flicker and noise.

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and

c) Alpha-numeric characters generated with a 7 x 9 dot matrix or larger are preferable; characters with 5 x 7 dot matrix are acceptable, if necessary.

6.7.2.2

and

d) density of display is less than 25% when complex symbology (e.g. mimics) are displayed.

and

e) for ease of detection, acceptable symbol to background contrast ratio should fall in a range of 3:1 to 4:1. for all important data.

and

f) motion of data displayed on a CRT to prevent screen burnout is at a rate slow enough to avoid distracting the operator.

4.5.4 Display Accessibility

The display shall be readily accessible and visible to the:
 Shift Supervisor
 Control Room Senior Reactor Operator
 Shift Technical Advisor
 One Reactor Operator.

5.2

This criterion is satisfied when:

a) physical obstructions do not block a person's field of view when the person is at the normal work station.

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and

b) if the SPDS is not in the operator's direct field of view at the workstation, a reorientation of his/her field of view allows viewing the SPDS from the workstation.

and

c) members of the control room operating crew have physical access to the SPDS from their normal workstation. For example, a short direct walk to the SPDS is acceptable.

and

d) glare from normal or emergency lighting does not restrict viewing of the SPDS from within the control room. The use of antiglare techniques and devices are acceptable when they are in accord with other criteria stated in this report.

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and

e) luminance levels and luminance contrast do not limit viewing from locations throughout control room.

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4.5.5 Control Accessibility

The display system shall not interfere with the normal movement of the control room operation crew. The display system shall not interfere with full visual access to other control room operating systems and displays.

5.3

This criterion is satisfied when:

a) the display system does not obstruct the normal movement of the control room operating crew.

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and

b) the display system does not interfere with the full visual access to other control room operating systems and displays.

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4.6 STAFF

4.6.1 Control Room Staff

No additional operating staff other than the normal control room operating staff should be needed for operation of the display.

5.4

This criterion is satisfied when:

a) no additional operating staff other than the normal control room operating staff need be added for operation of the SPDS.

and

b) the operator training program contains instructions on the use of the SPDS.

and

c) an SPDS user's manual is available for operator reference in the control room.

and

d) interaction with an SPDS computer is designed such that training in computer programming is not required.

4.6.2 Operator Interaction

Flexibility to allow for interaction by the operator is desirable in the design of the display designs.

5.5

This criterion is satisfied when:

a) the system contains operator interactive devices.

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b) the display system positively acknowledges each request that the design allows the operator to make.

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c) system response times to operator request conform to the guidelines of NUREG 0700. Undue time delays in response to a request are unacceptable.

6.7.1.7

Function keys for the recall of data are the preferred type of interactive devices. Keyboards are acceptable for use in the recalling of data provided the necessary syntax is simple and straightforward to use. Alpha-numeric keyboards added to SPDS should have the same keyboard layout as other keyboards in control room. Other interactive devices such as touch panels or

4.7 PROCEDURES

4.7.1 Failure Recognition

The control room operations staff shall be provided with sufficient information and criteria for performance of an operability evaluation of the SPDS.

5.6

This criterion may be satisfied by:

a) designing a monitoring system in the display which may be automatic or operator activated.

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or

b) a display of calendar date and time of day, with some means of indicating the passage of seconds. The display should be updated only when the system is operating properly so that a static time would indicate a system failure. The data and time should be located in a corner of the display so as not to distract the operator.

6.5.1.1

or

c) the operable status of the display system is available upon operator demand.

or

d) An equivalent means of evaluating display system operability is available.

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NUREG-0696
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ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

NUREG-0700
REF. NO.

4.7.2 Technical Specification

A technical specification of operations is required to define compensatory measures for the operator when the SPDS is inoperable.

5.6

This criterion is satisfied when:
a) the technical specification defines acceptable compensatory measure for each function performed by the SPDS.

The use of the seismic qualified back-up display, monitored on a frequent basis, may be an acceptable compensatory measure. The same minimum set or comparable set of safety status parameters on the SPDS primary display format should be present on the backup. Also, the backup display must be readily interpretable by the operator.

4.8 AUDIBLE ALARMS

Where feasible, the SPDS should include some audible notification to alert personnel of an unsafe operating condition.

5.5

This criterion is met when:

- a) the display system emits a distinct audible sound, such as the beeper available on computer terminals, upon detecting an abnormal operating condition. 6.2.2
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- and
- b) the SPDS alarm system has provisions to silence, acknowledge, reset and test these functions, as appropriate. 6.3.4

An audible alarm from the SPDS need not meet the intensity requirements given in NUREG-0700.

SPDS alarms should be independent of the annunciator system and should not result in the generation of the same audible alarms as the annunciator system.

4.9 DESIGN CRITERIA

4.9.1 Functional Qualification

A functional qualification program should be established to demonstrate SPDS operational conformance with the functional design criteria.

5.1

This criterion is satisfied when:

a) a test plan is available for the display system. The test plan shall define a minimum of one test case for each major functional criterion of the display system. The object of the test case is to illustrate the correct performance of the implemented design.

and

b) a test report containing the results of the test cases is compiled. All major functional criteria must be tested successfully.

and

c) all display formats in the design are tested, including mode dependent formats.

and

d) a human factors review of the SPDS in accordance with appropriate portions of NUREG-0700 is performed with results evaluated in accordance with the guidelines presented in NUREG 0801. The results of this effort are to be documented by the licensee/applicant as part of the control room design review.

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and

e) a trained control room operating crew can effectively use the SPDS to detect abnormal plant operating conditions which impact safety.

4.9.2 Backup Displays

Displays designated as a seismically qualified backup to the SPDS must be designed to accepted human engineering principles.

5.6

This criterion is satisfied when:

a) the back-up displays contain the same minimum set of safety status parameters as presented in the primary display format of the SPDS or an equivalent comparable set of safety status parameters.

and

b) the back-up display is capable of operating during and following earthquakes, to the same degree as control room displays needed to comply with Regulatory Guide 1.97.

and

c) the needed seismically qualified displays are concentrated into one segment of the control board. Dependence on poorly human-engineered Class IE seismically qualified instruments that are scattered throughout the control room is not acceptable.

and

d) the backup displays, when reviewed as a group, conform with the guidelines of NUREG-0700.

and

e) meters on the control board which are part of the SPDS backup display are readily identified and are not likely to be confused with similar meters in the vicinity.

4.9.3 Primary Display, Seismically Qualified

It is preferred that only one display system be used for evaluating the safety status of the plant. However, an alternative is to design the overall SPDS function with a primary and a backup display.

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When the option for a seismically qualified primary display is selected, this option is satisfied when:

a) the design of the primary display conforms to Regulatory Guide 1.97, Revision 2, December 1980, "Instrumentation For Light-Water Cooled Nuclear Power Plants to Assess Plant and Environs Conditions During and Following An Accident"

and

b) the design conforms to the acceptance criteria defined in this report, with the exception of the context of Section 4.9.2, Backup Displays.

5.0 HUMAN FACTORS ENGINEERING REVIEW PROCESS

The major steps in reviewing the design are:

- (1) Evaluate the process used by the licensee/applicant to verify and validate the design.
- (2) Audit the functional conformance of the design against functional criteria stated in Section 4, Specific SPDS Design Review Acceptance Criteria.
- (3) Audit the design's conformance to the acceptance criteria stated in Section 3, General Acceptance Criteria for SPDS CRT Displays, and Section 4, Specific SPDS Design Review Acceptance Criteria.
- (4) Audit the as-built system for conformance with the validated design.
- (5) Audit the functional qualification test plan and test results.

In evaluating the process used by the licensee/applicant to verify and validate the design, the staff will assess the adequacy and thoroughness of the design verification and validation processes. This effort involves an assessment of the type of activities performed by verifiers and validators, the design discrepancies found, and how these discrepancies were resolved. This allows the staff to determine how well versed the verifiers and validators are with the functional criteria for NUREG-0696 and to determine the quality of the original design effort.

The type of design discrepancies established by the verification and validating processes will also be assessed to determine if a generic pattern exists among them. The purpose of this effort is to determine if the discrepancies are random or are inherent to the design process. The discrepancies which are inherent to the design process have a much greater significance with respect to the actions needed to achieve an acceptable design. Should a generic pattern among the discrepancies be detected, the staff may determine that the design is unacceptable.

Subsequent to the evaluation of the verification and validation processes, the staff will conduct audits of the design and tests. The depth and scope of the audits will be dependent upon the verification and validation evaluation results, the functional criteria of NUREG-0696, and the acceptance criteria defined in Section 3, General Acceptance Criteria, and Section 4, Specific Acceptance Criteria of this report. The test plan and test results for qualifying the as-built system should also be audited.

In conducting the audit, the NRC reviewer should first select a sub-set of the functional guidelines of the design. As an audit is planned, the sub-set of functions chosen should as a minimum be no less than 10-15% of the total set. A different set of functional guidelines should be selected for each design reviewed. The second step is to audit the design to ensure that these functions have been incorporated into the design. Then the following steps

are to audit the design to ensure that it meets the acceptance criteria for the functions selected. The final step is to audit the test plan and test results to ensure that all of the selected functions are being fully tested and that the test results demonstrate functional conformance to the design.

Should the audit process define design or test discrepancies, then the Safety Evaluation Report should define the nature of the discrepancies and why the design/test feature is unacceptable. Conversely, for acceptable designs/test results, the Safety Evaluation Report should clearly define the basis for acceptance along with the scope and depth of the review.

To conduct these reviews, the staff will need:

- (1) A description of the verification and validation program for the SPDS.
- (2) The results of the verification and validation program.
- (3) Access to or submittal of the SPDS design, test plan, and test results.

The staff will evaluate the program for the results of the design verification and validation. The staff will also audit the design, audit the test plan, and audit the test results. These audits could take the form of:

- (1) Assessing submitted material.
- (2) Assessing material at the plant/vendor site.
- (3) Assessing material obtained electronically from the utility or vendor.

The first two forms have been traditional methods used by the staff. The third form is currently technically feasible and holds the potential for cost savings to the regulated as well as regulators. However electronic transmission of material would require significant changes in the regulatory process.

The staff plans to conduct all of the above defined reviews in a single effort. All of the material needed to conduct the review is to be available prior to starting the review. Upon completion of the review, the NRC staff plans to publish their findings in a Safety Evaluation Report. This review plan minimizes staff resource requirements as only one review effort is made instead of the usual two. Industry comments on this review plan are welcome.

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APPENDIX A

APPLICATION OF GENERAL CRITERIA TO DISPLAY PATTERNS

NOTE: The material in this appendix supplements Section 3, General Acceptance Criteria for SPDS Displays, but has not yet been integrated. We invite Industry comments on the usefulness of this material.

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APPENDIX-A

APPLICATION OF GENERAL CRITERIA TO DISPLAY PATTERNS

The purpose of this Appendix is to provide guidance in the application of the General Acceptance Criteria. This Appendix is not intended as an endorsement of the display techniques presented.

A recent report (Ref. 7) presents numerous ways of displaying multivariate data for use in nuclear process control. Although this report draws some conclusions on the applicability of various displays for process control, these conclusions do not necessarily apply to the SPDS functional requirements. Many of the display techniques presented would be acceptable for the SPDS primary display format provided they are designed to satisfy the functional requirements of NUREG-0696.

The following are a selection of display techniques, primarily taken from Reference 7, which are presented and reviewed in accordance with the criteria set forth in the previous sections.

A.1 Bar Chart

The bar chart, Figure 1, synthesizes an array of analog meters. Each bar represents a specific parameter. The length of each bar is generally proportional to the magnitude of the measured parameter it represents. The reactor operator can easily associate with this type of display because of the multitude of analog meters in the control room used to display the magnitude of operating parameters.

Each bar on the display has a unique identification label. The label provides a positive identification of the parameter each bar represents. While an operator might learn the positions of each parameter bar, the labels provides a reference identification of the parameter that is always available for the operator's use. It would not be acceptable for an operator to have to memorize the position of each parameter on the display.

The bar chart, as presented in Figure 1, would not, by itself, allow a quick assessment of the plant safety status. Each bar has a different length. There is no display enhancement to distinguish normal parameter values from abnormal ones. A small change in any one bar indicating the onset of an abnormal condition might not be detected by the reactor operator.

An acceptable enhancement to the bar chart would be to provide a reference to the normal operating condition. With references showing normal parameter operating values, the operators are more likely to notice deviations from normal conditions. This enhancement might include an indication of the normal value of each parameter together with pointers for the normal operating range of each parameter. Such indications would facilitate interpreting the importance of a parameter change.

The scaling of the magnitude of each parameter displayed may be changed so that under normal conditions each bar is of the same length. When each bar is the same length during normal operating conditions, as shown in Figure 2, a change in any one bar becomes more noticeable. A bar chart such as Figure 2 would be acceptable to satisfy the requirement for a quick assessment of plant safety status provided abnormal values of each parameter produce noticeable changes from the normal value.

Other enhancements which improve the ability of the operator to identify an abnormal condition would also be acceptable. The labels or bars may change colors to signify an abnormal condition. Blinking of a label is also acceptable to call attention to an out of range parameter. These types of enhancements can be added to most display patterns to assure detection of abnormal operating conditions.

A.2 Deviation Bar Chart

The deviation bar chart, Figure 3, is similar to the bar chart discussed above. However, each displayed bar consists of the difference between the measured value of the parameter and the normal value of the parameter. Note that while the magnitude of the parameters measured are always positive, the deviations from the normal value can be either positive or negative. A parameter which deviates significantly from its normal value is easily detected by the operator.

Like the bar chart, each parameter is uniquely identified. Thus a change in one deviation is readily associated with the corresponding parameter. There is a direct association with the status of the plant since under normal conditions the deviations are small. In the event of an abnormality, the magnitude and direction of a parameter change is readily determined.

The choice of scaling for the deviations is important in assuring that there is a distinct difference between normal and abnormal conditions. Deviation bars that can vary over the entire display range under normal conditions would be unacceptable. The range of normal condition deviations should represent no more than 10% of the total range provided to display deviations. An indication of the normal range for each deviation is acceptable.

Some means of indicating the magnitude of each parameter is needed with the display for use a primary SPDS display since this information is not included in the deviation bar chart.

A.3 Linear Profile

In a linear profile, the wide bars in the bar chart are replaced by thin lines. As presented in Ref. 7, percent range is displayed vertically and the individual parameters are defined and spaced horizontally. The vertical height of the parameter line represents the magnitude of the parameter. The end points of each parameter line are connected to establish a profile line, Figure 4. Abnormal operating conditions are generally represented by an irregular profile line. Labels are provided along the bottom to identify each parameter.

Scaling considerations for the linear profile are the same as for the bar chart. A horizontal line, representing normal operating conditions superimposed on the display is an acceptable enhancement.

Shading below the profile line is also acceptable to provide a more distinguishable profile.

A.4 Circular Profile

In a circular profile, the parameter lines of a linear profile join in a common origin. Parameter lines radiate from the origin with equal angular spacing relative to each other, Figure 5. The length of each line represents the magnitude of the parameter. Under normal operating conditions the profile should be circular. An irregular profile is indicative of an abnormal operating conditions. Labels are provided to identify each radial line.

Shading within the profile is acceptable to enhance the operator's perception of plant status.

A.5 Time History Plot

A time history plot, Figure 6, provides a continuous graph of past values of a parameter vs. time. This display technique incorporates trend information into the display. When a parameter becomes abnormal a history of the abnormality is readily apparent. The trend should be a straight line, with possible minor fluctuations, during normal conditions.

It is acceptable to display the minimum parameter set using several plots, each plot containing one or more variables. When more than one parameter is presented in a plot there should be means of identifying each individual parameter. Color coding of traces is acceptable. Color codes used, however, must not conflict with other uses of color in the display.

A display of two variables where the vertical axis and/or the horizontal axis for each variable do not intersect, should be considered as distinct plots. In accordance with NUREG-0700, the number of parameters in one plot should not exceed five (5).

When more than one parameter is presented on each plot, then the grouping of parameters should enhance the operators assessment of the safety status of the plant.

A.6 Chernoff Face

The Chernoff face is a graphic technique which maps multivariate data into facial features. Changes in data are translated into a change in the facial expression. Figure 7, shows an example of a Chernoff face. The assignment of facial features to parameters is also shown in Figure 7.

Many linear and non-linear mappings relate the data being displayed to the different facial features. Thus it is difficult to relate a change in the face to a specific change in the safety status of the power plant. There is not a direct association that an operator can make between the facial features and the magnitude of parameters or the safety status of the plant. Also, the Chernoff face does not allow simple identification of individual parameters. The frowning mouth shown in Figure 7 is a composite of three parameters. Extensive training and memorization of patterns are required to interpret these displays. Studies using Chernoff faces have shown that certain combinations of changes in the facial characteristics can result in a face that does not appear distorted (Ref. 8). Thus, there may not be a noticeable distinction between normal and abnormal conditions.

These characteristics make the Chernoff face unacceptable for use as the primary display of an SPDS.

A.7 Fourier Representations

Two other techniques presented in Ref. 7 are the linear and polar Fourier representations.

A Fourier series is used to generate the function:

$$Y = A_1 + A_2 \cos X + A_3 \sin X + A_4 \cos 2X + \dots$$

where

A_1, A_2, \dots are the parameters to be displayed

and

X is an angle between 0 and 2π .

The linear Fourier plot representation is a plot of $Y = F(X)$ vs. X using rectangular coordinates. The polar Fourier plot representation is a polar plot of $Y = F(X)$ vs. X . The linear Fourier plot representation is shown in Figure 8.

The Fourier representations are complex nonlinear transformations where individual parameters are no longer presented in readily identifiable form. Thus it is not possible to associate the status of the plant with the display. These qualities make Fourier representations unacceptable for a primary SPDS display.

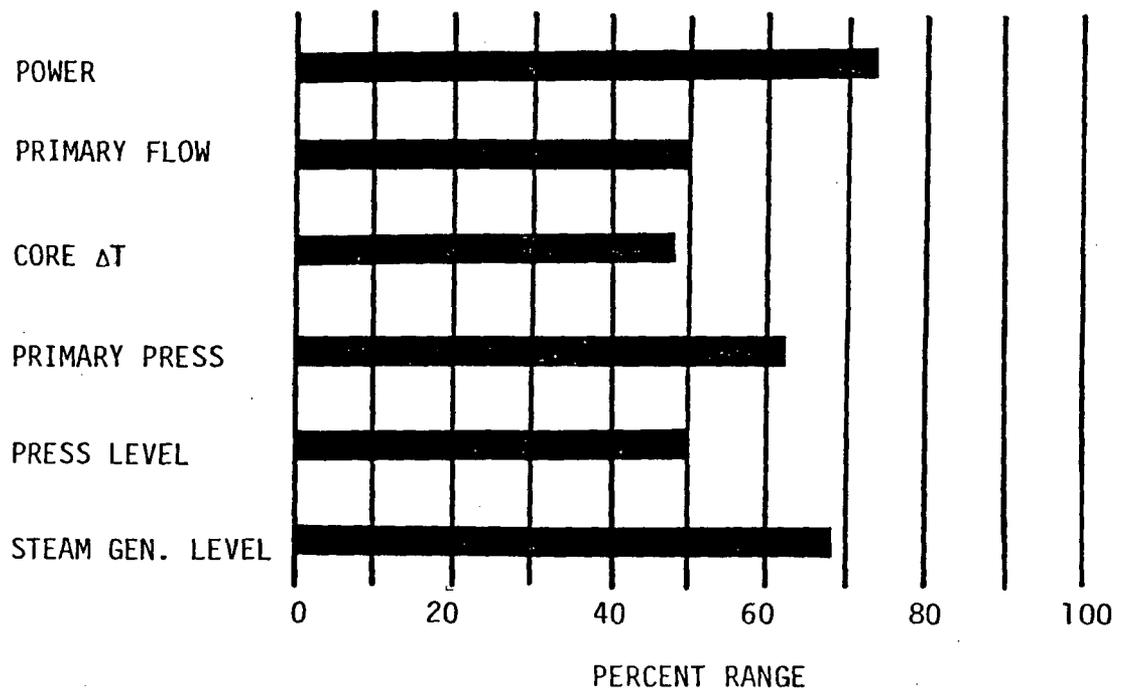


FIGURE 1. Bar Chart Display

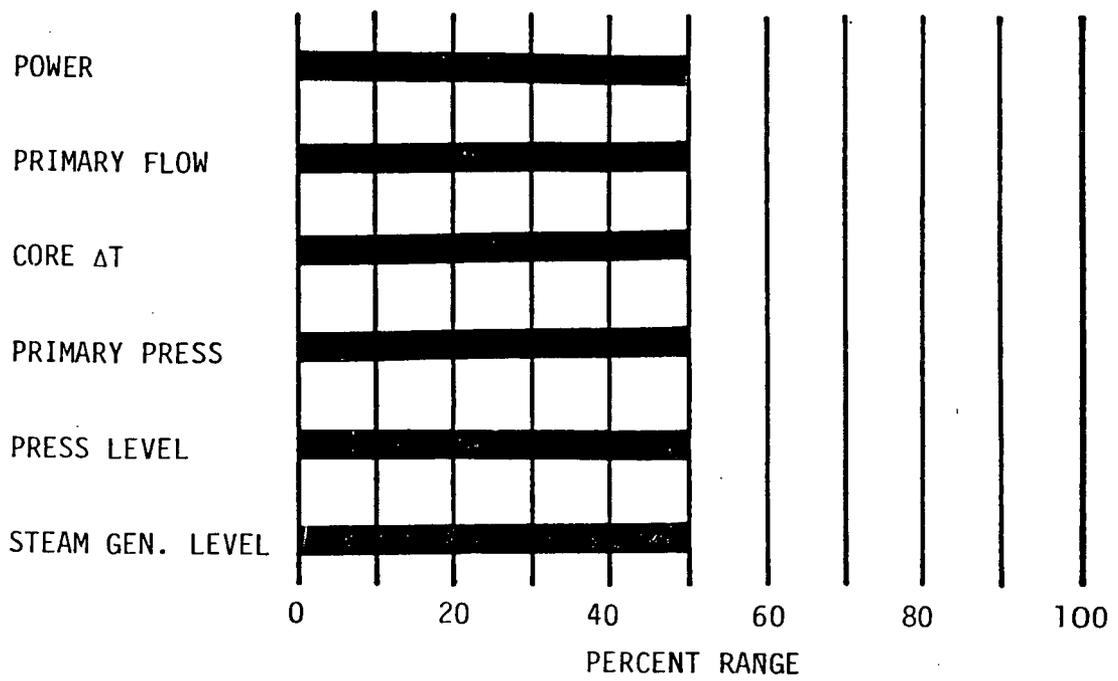


FIGURE 2. Scaled Bar Chart Display of Normal Conditions

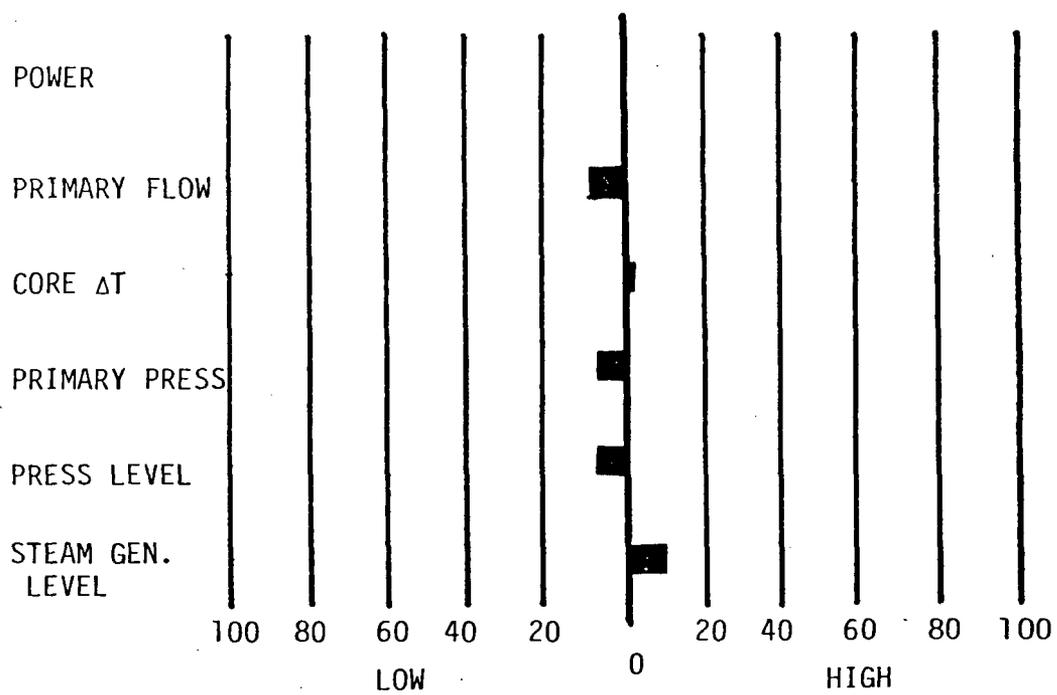


FIGURE 3. Deviation Bar Chart Representation of Normal Operating Conditions

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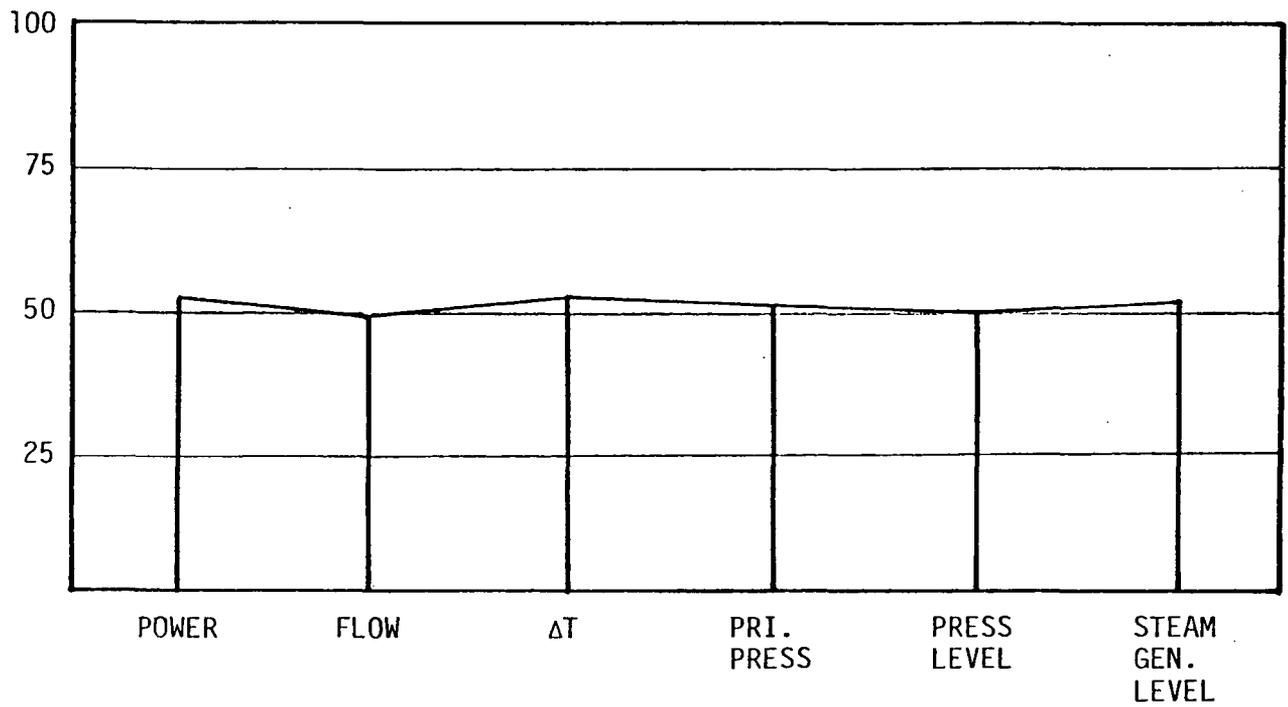


FIGURE 4. Linear Profile of Normal Operating Conditions

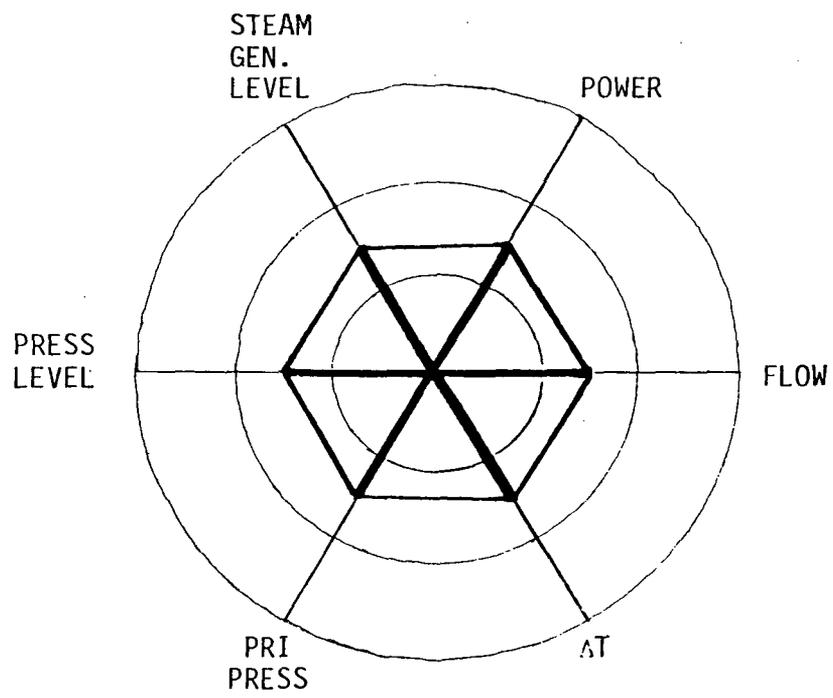


FIGURE 5. Circular Profile of Normal Operating Conditions

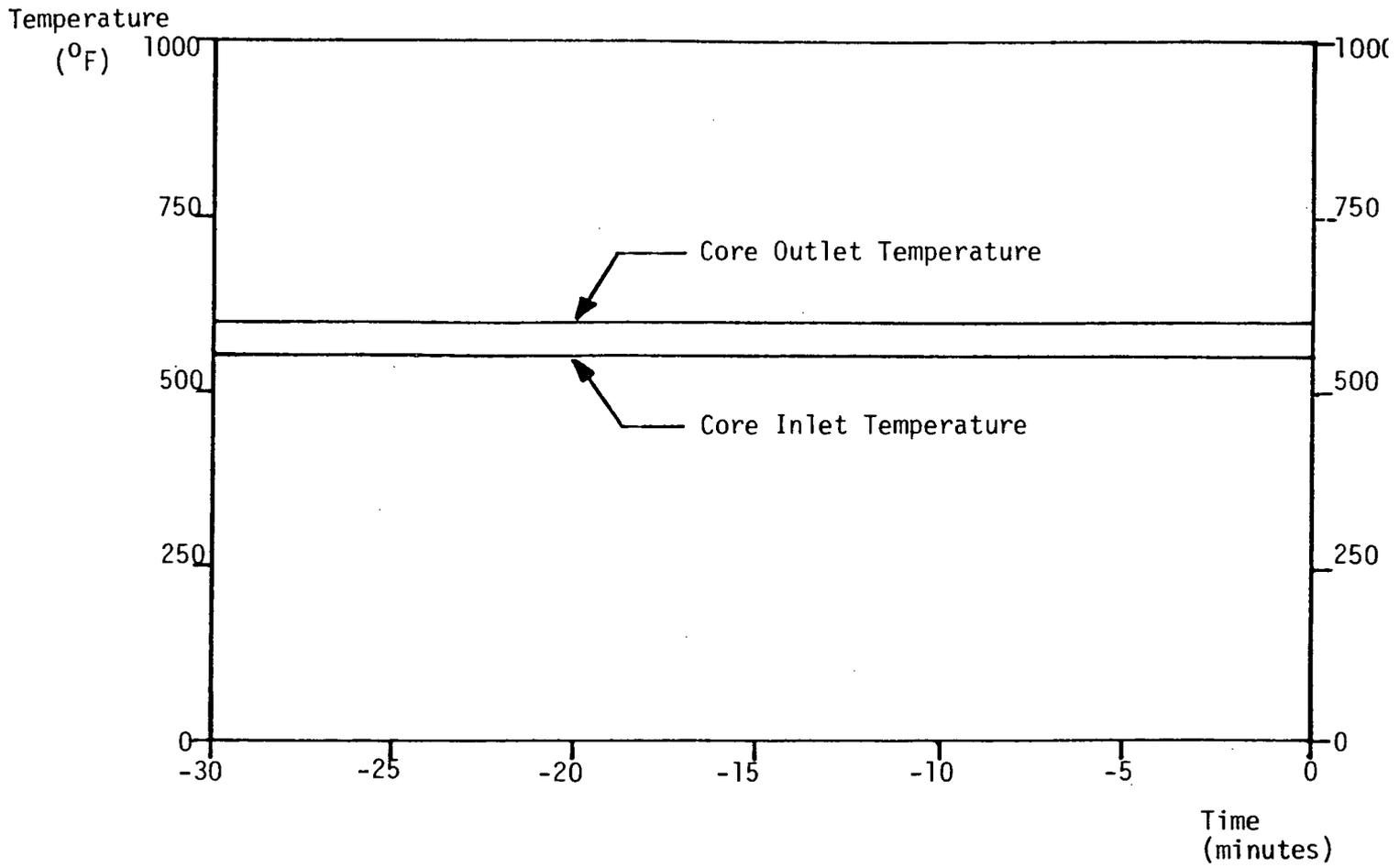
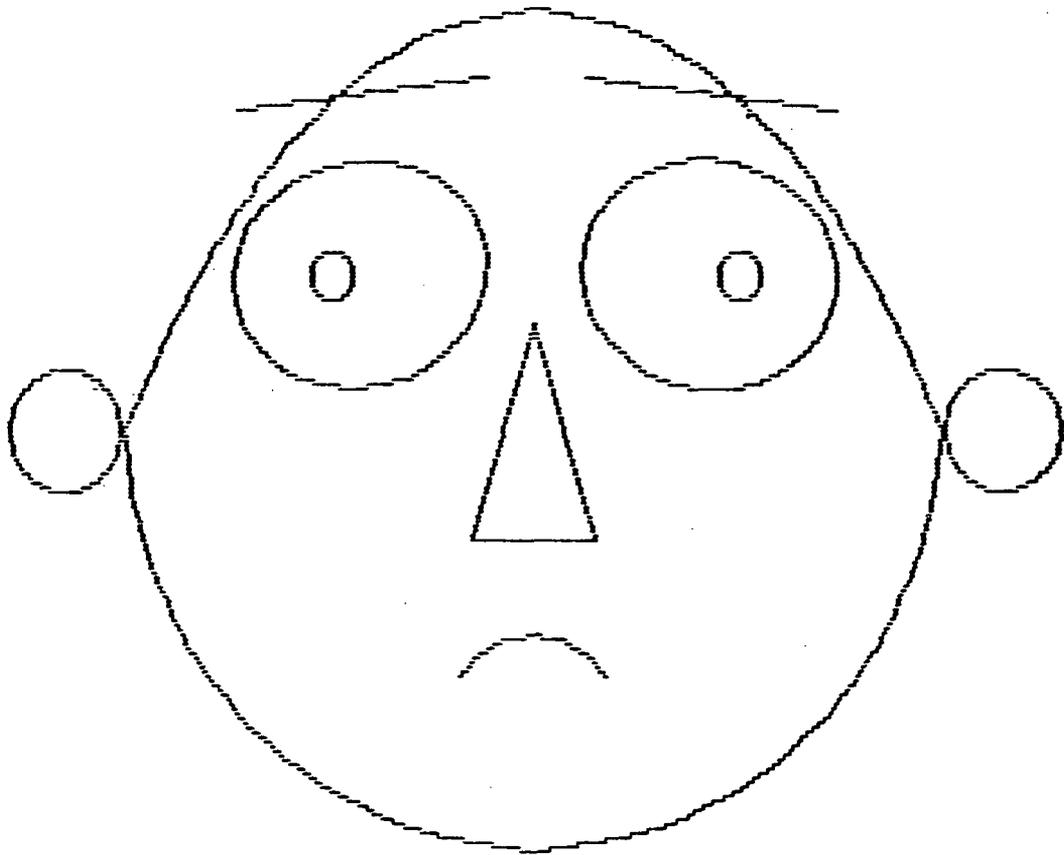


FIGURE 6. Time History Plot



NOTE: THIS DISPLAY PATTERN UNACCEPTABLE FOR AN SPDS

Assignment of variables to facial features for Chernoff faces

<u>Variable</u>	<u>Facial Feature</u>
Power	Size (half length) of eyes
Primary Flow	Slant of eyes
Cold Leg Temperature	Eccentricity of eyes
Delta Temperature	Position of pupils
Primary Pressure	Separation of eyes
Pressurizer Level	Height of center of eyes
Secondary Pressure	Length of nose
Secondary Feed Flow	Nose width
Steam Control Valve Position	Curvature of mouth
Steam Generator Level	Length of mouth
Condenser Pressure	Position of center of mouth

FIGURE 7 Chernoff Face Representation of an Abnormal Operating Condition

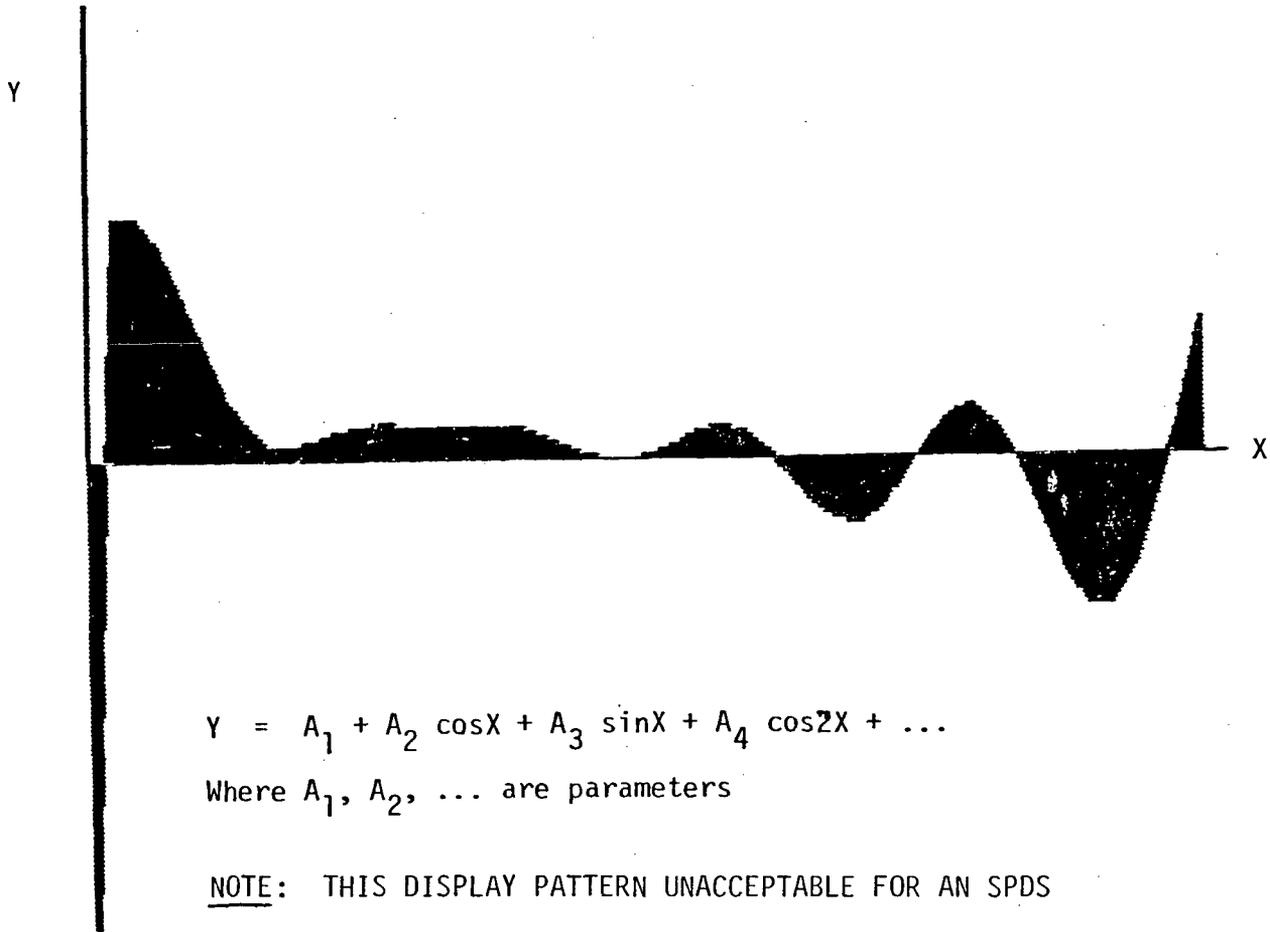
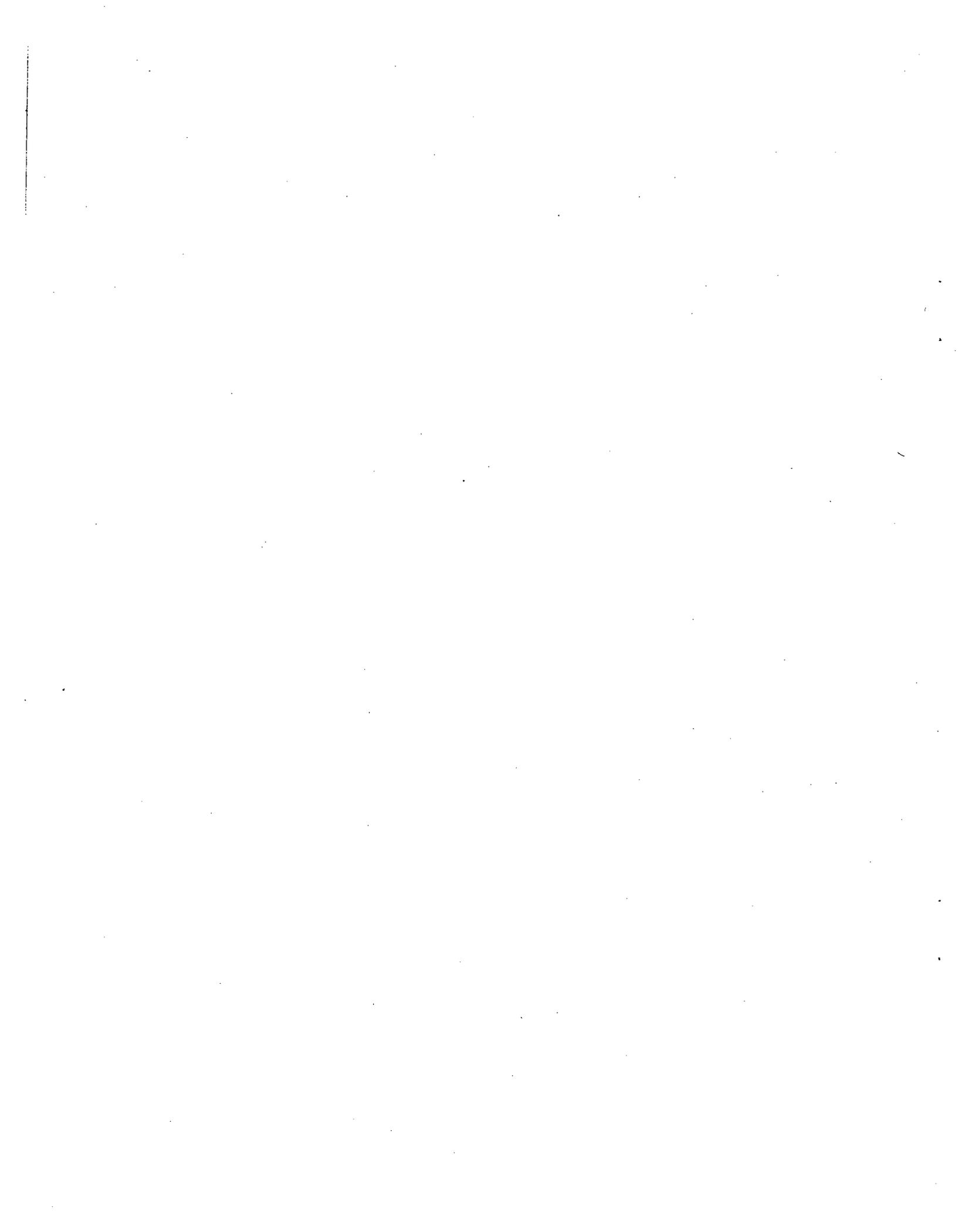


FIGURE 8. Linear Fourier Plot of Normal Operating Conditions



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