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Dear Sir or Madam:

Waterford 3 Technical Specification 6.9.1.11.3 requires submittal of the Core Operating Limits Report for each reload cycle including any mid-cycle revisions or supplements thereto. Attached is Revision 1 to the Waterford 3 Core Operating Limits Report.

If you have any questions concerning this submittal, please contact William Steelman at (504) 739-6685.

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Waterford 3 Core Operating Limits Report
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Revision Summary

Revision 0 Initial issue of the report.

Revision 1 This revision changes the Methodologies Section of the Core Operating Limits Report (COLR) to reflect the guidance provided in Amendment 226 to the Waterford-3 Technical Specifications (TS) and the NRC approval of a revision to an existing methodology (WCAP-16500-P).

Amendment 226, issued May 25, 2010, allowed for the deletion of approved NRC methodologies that are no longer used to determine core operating limits consistent with the guidance provided in NRC Generic Letter 88-16. The methodologies no longer used were deleted and the list of methods renumbered.

The revised WCAP document was added to the list of renumbered methodologies.

Revision bars are included in the COLR included in Attachment 9.1 of this report; revision bars reflecting the initial creation (revision 0 – Cycle 16 to Cycle 17) are removed.

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CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT

FOR CYCLE 17

REVISION 1

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CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT
CYCLE 17, REVISION 1

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 1 of the Cycle 17 COLR.

The major changes between the Cycle 17, Revision 1, COLR and the Cycle 17, Revision 0, COLR are listed below:

- Methodologies no longer used to develop cycle dependent core limits were deleted in Section III (methods numbered as 1, 6, 7 and 8 in Revision 0).
- The remaining items were renumbered.
- The changes affect Revision 0 pages 38 – 40.

The basis for the changes noted above is Amendment 226 to the Technical Specifications. That amendment allows for the consolidation of methods used in the determination of core operating limits. As such, several methods no longer in use were deleted and the remaining items were renumbered.

As the Amendment 226 changes were being made, the NRC approved a revision to methodology WCAP-16500-P. The revised document was added to the renumbered methodologies noted above.

II. AFFECTED TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

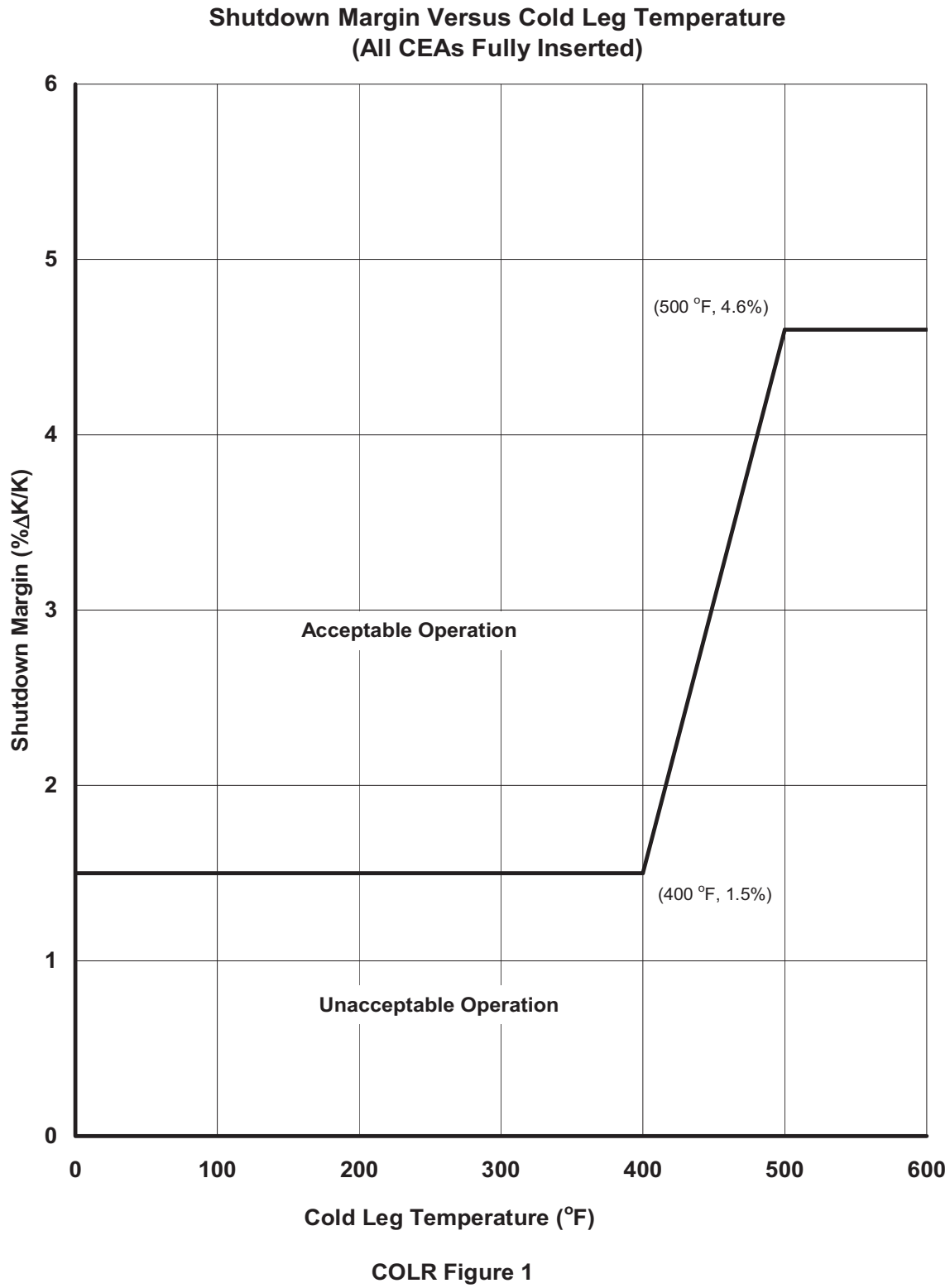
CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT

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.

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.



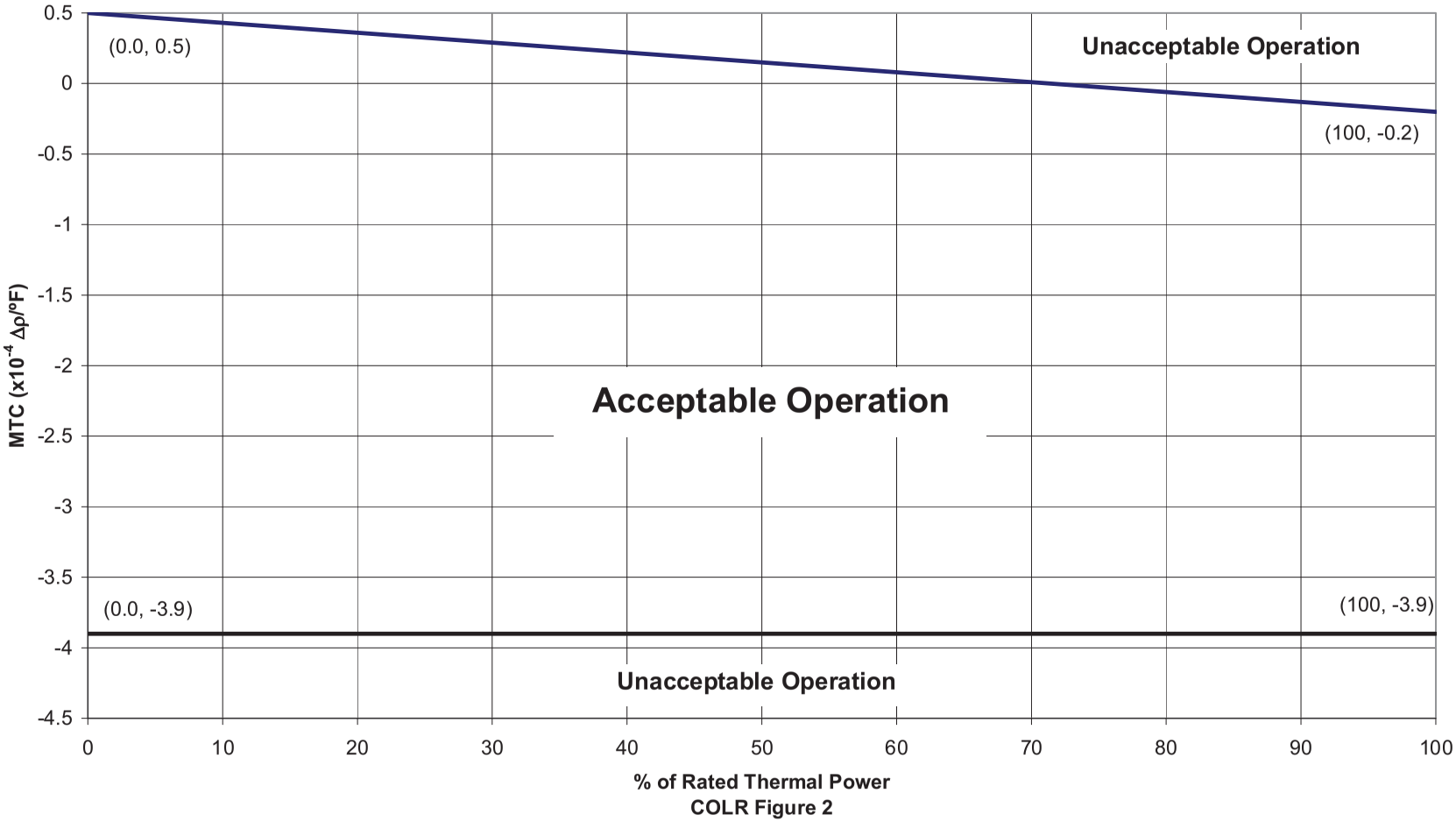
COLR Figure 1

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



COLR Figure 2

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 $\geq$ 0.5 hour but < 4 hours

c. At least once per hour if the reactor has been shutdown $\geq$ 4 hours but < 10 hours.

d. At least once per 5 hours if the reactor has been shut down $\geq$ 10 hours but < 25 hours.

e. At least once per 24 hours if the reactor has been shut down $\geq$ 25 hours but < 40 days.

f. At least once per 3 days if the reactor has been shut down $\geq$ 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	Number of Operating Charging Pumps* 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	Number of Operating Charging Pumps* 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.

MOVABLE CONTROL ASSEMBLIES - CEA POSITION

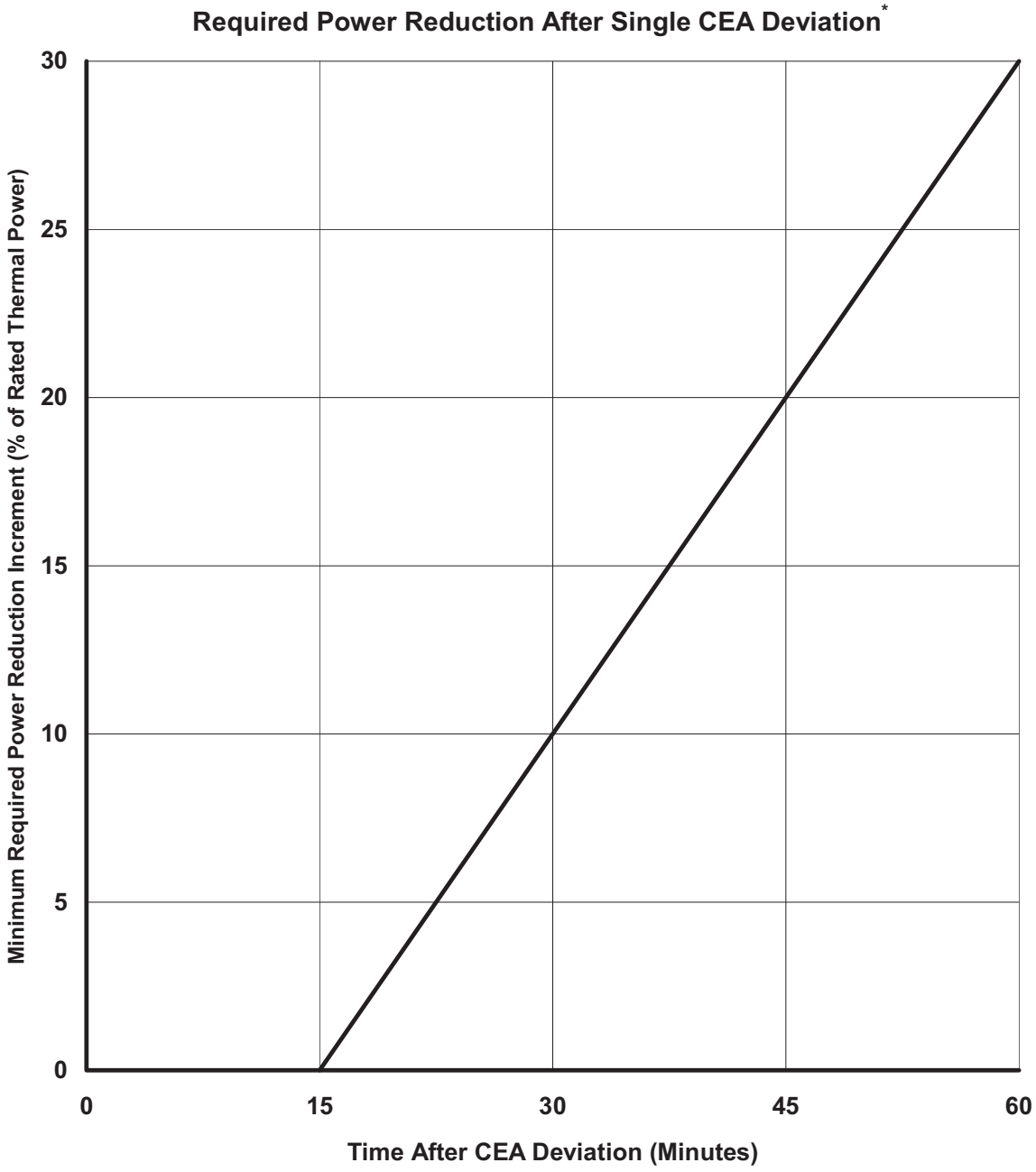
3.1.3.1.a With one CEA trippable but misaligned from any other CEA in its group by more than 19 inches, operation in MODES 1 and 2 may continue, provided that core power is reduced in accordance with COLR Figure 3.

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.

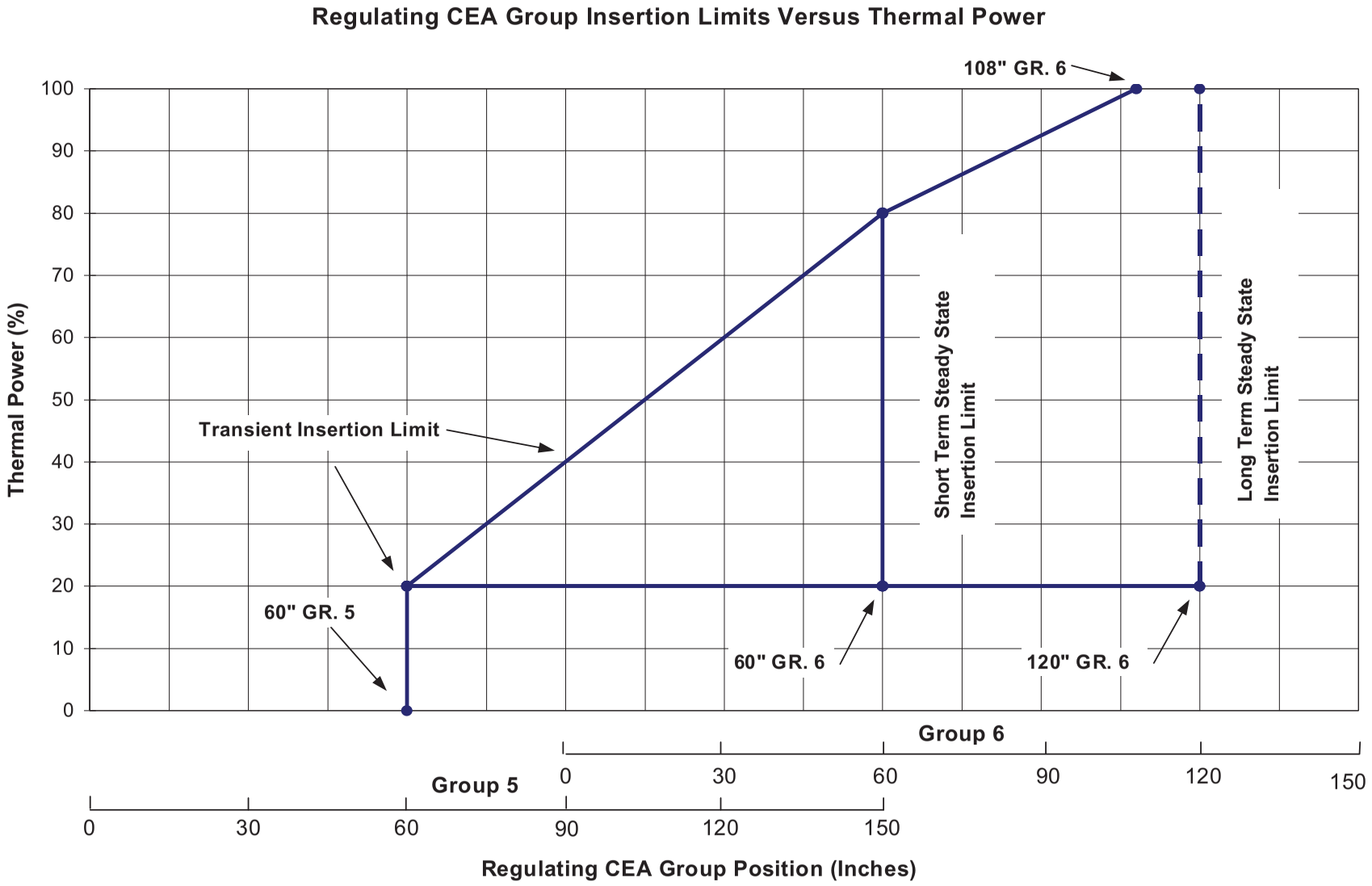


COLR Figure 3

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

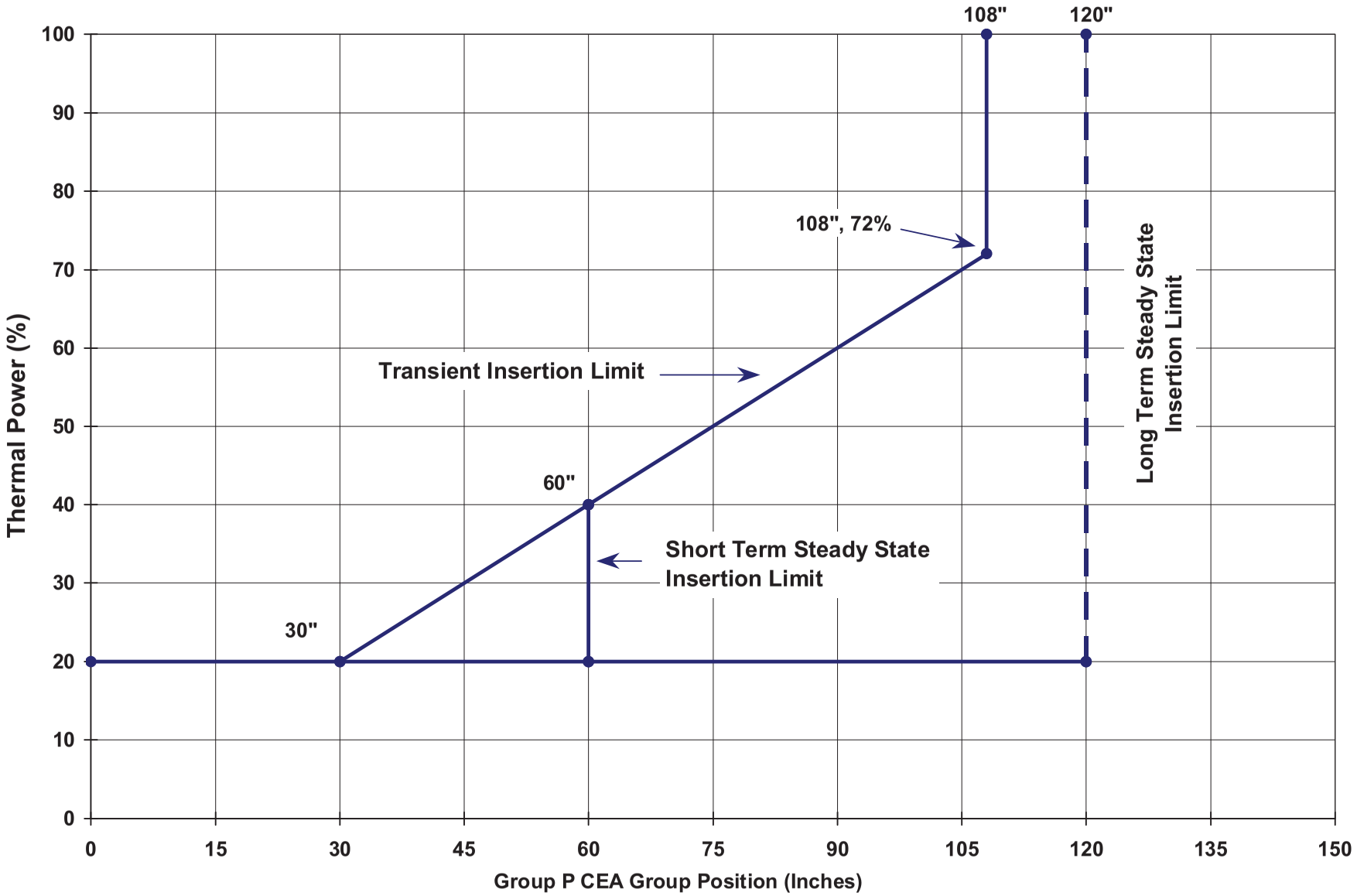
REGULATING AND GROUP P CEA INSERTION LIMITS

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).



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.

DNBR MARGIN

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

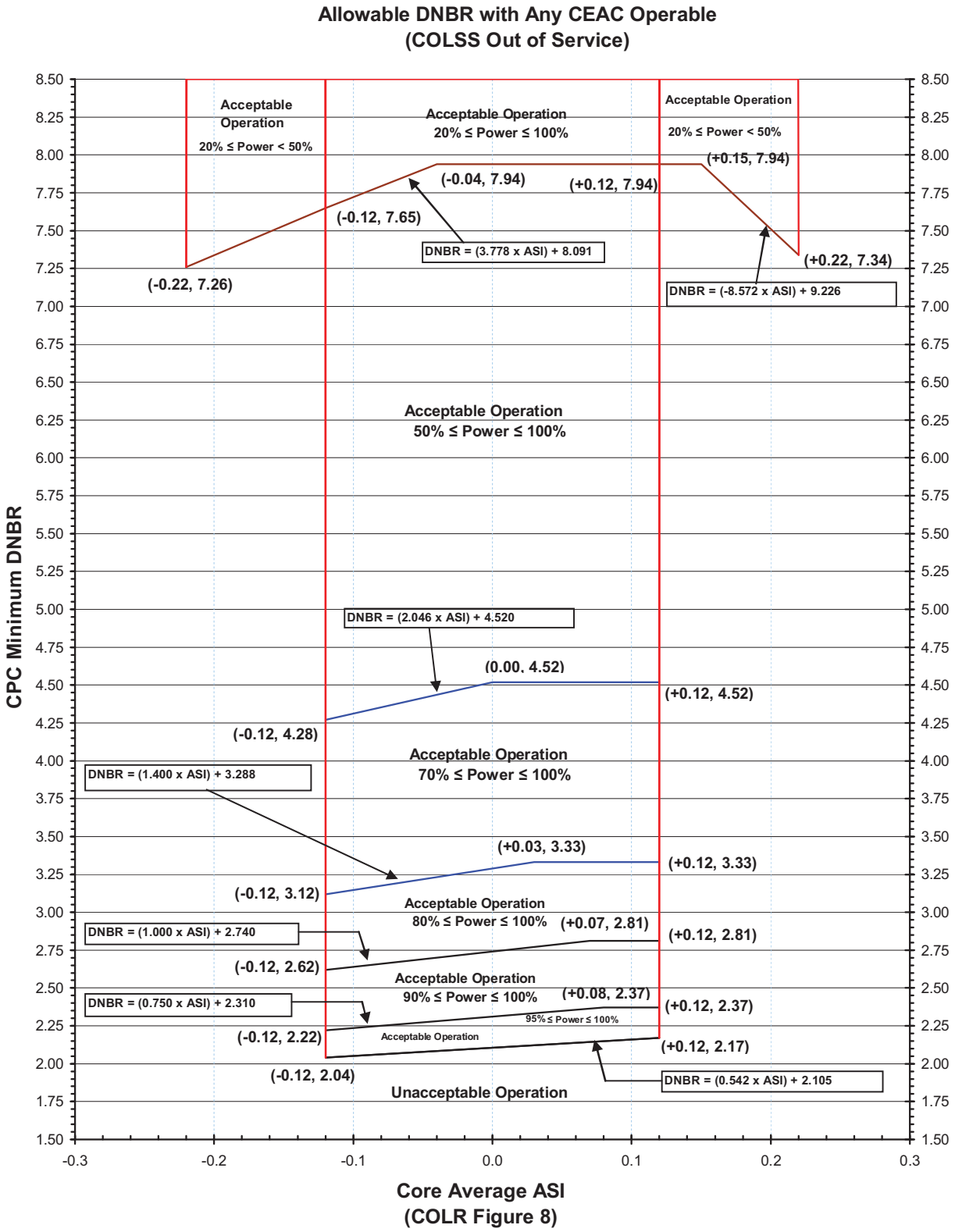
a) When COLSS is in service and neither CEAC is operable: maintain COLSS calculated core power less than or equal to COLSS calculated core power operating limit based on DNBR decreased by 13% RATED THERMAL POWER.

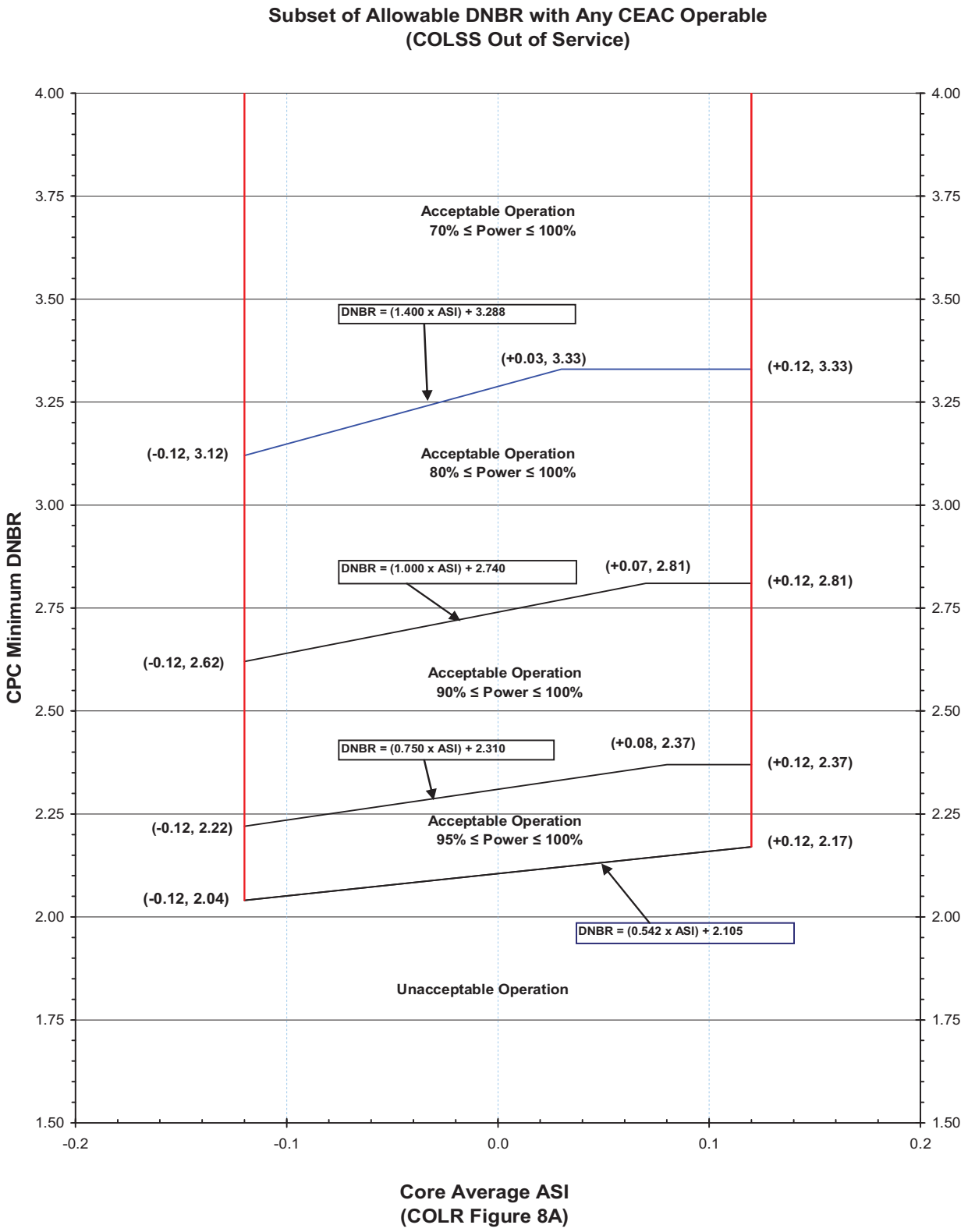
b) When COLSS is out of service and at least one CEAC is operable: operate within the region of acceptable operation shown on COLR Figure 8 (or 8A as appropriate), using any operable CPC channel.

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)
CPC Minimum DNBR
Core Average ASI
(COLR Figure 8)
Acceptable Operation
20% ≤ Power < 50%
Acceptable Operation
20% ≤ Power ≤ 100%
Acceptable Operation
20% ≤ Power < 50%
(-0.22, 7.26)
(-0.12, 7.65)
(-0.04, 7.94)
(+0.12, 7.94)
(+0.15, 7.94)
(+0.22, 7.34)
DNBR = (3.778 x ASI) + 8.091
DNBR = (-8.572 x ASI) + 9.226
Acceptable Operation
50% ≤ Power ≤ 100%
DNBR = (2.046 x ASI) + 4.520
(0.00, 4.52)
(+0.12, 4.52)
(-0.12, 4.28)
Acceptable Operation
70% ≤ Power ≤ 100%
DNBR = (1.400 x ASI) + 3.288
(+0.03, 3.33)
(+0.12, 3.33)
(-0.12, 3.12)
Acceptable Operation
80% ≤ Power ≤ 100%
(+0.07, 2.81)
(+0.12, 2.81)
DNBR = (1.000 x ASI) + 2.740
(-0.12, 2.62)
Acceptable Operation
90% ≤ Power ≤ 100%
(+0.08, 2.37)
(+0.12, 2.37)
DNBR = (0.750 x ASI) + 2.310
95% ≤ Power ≤ 100%
Acceptable Operation
(-0.12, 2.22)
(+0.12, 2.17)
(-0.12, 2.04)
DNBR = (0.542 x ASI) + 2.105
Unacceptable Operation


Subset of Allowable DNBR with Any CEAC Operable
(COLSS Out of Service)
CPC Minimum DNBR
Core Average ASI
(COLR Figure 8A)
Acceptable Operation
70% ≤ Power ≤ 100%
DNBR = (1.400 x ASI) + 3.288
(+0.03, 3.33)
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DNBR = (0.542 x ASI) + 2.105
Unacceptable Operation
4.00
3.75
3.50
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3.00
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COLR Figure 8.1

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COLR Figure 8.1A

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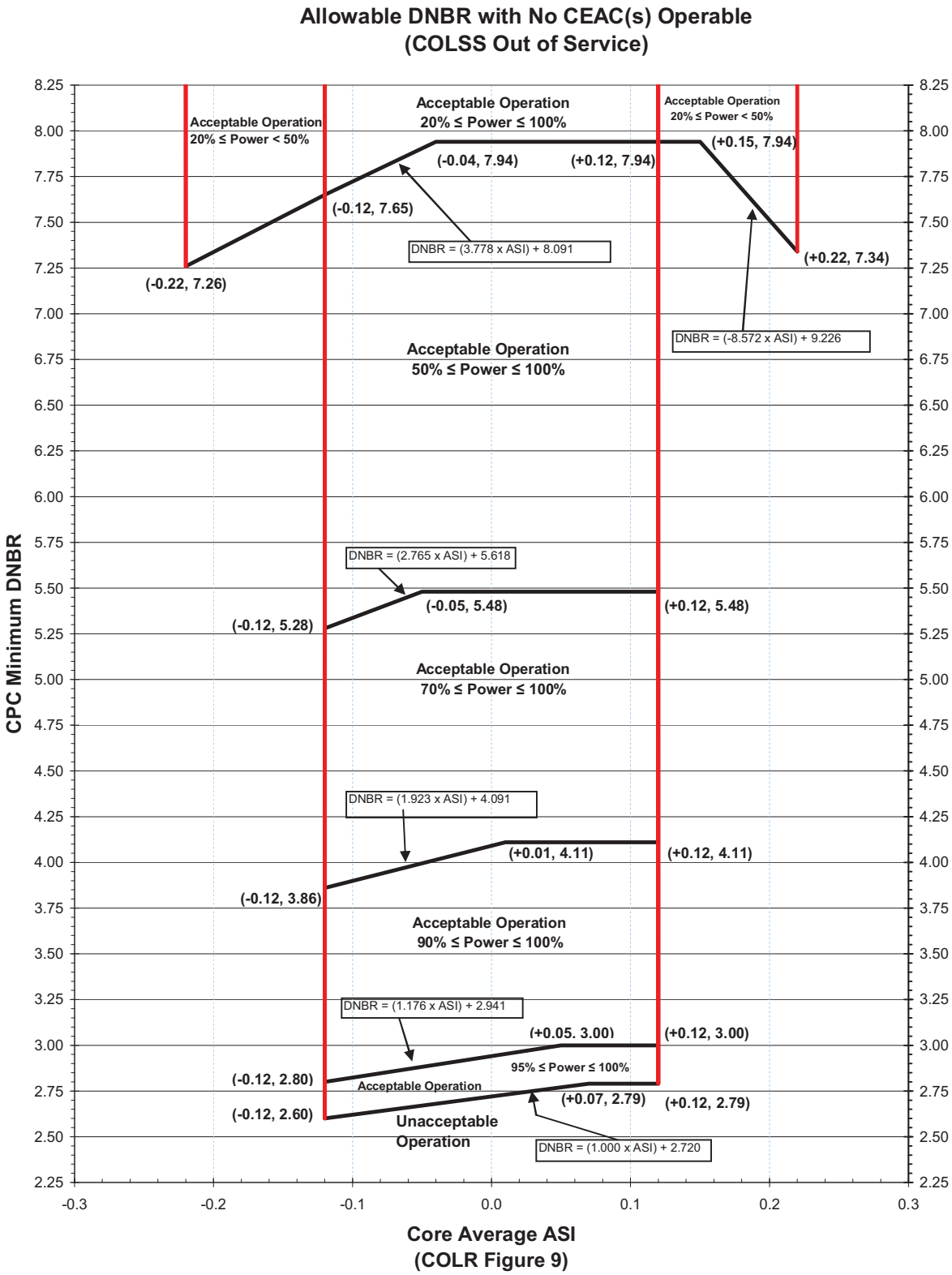
Allowable DNBR with No CEAC(s) Operable
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CPC Minimum DNBR
Core Average ASI
(COLR Figure 9)
Acceptable Operation
20% ≤ Power < 50%
Acceptable Operation
20% ≤ Power ≤ 100%
Acceptable Operation
20% ≤ Power < 50%
(-0.22, 7.26)
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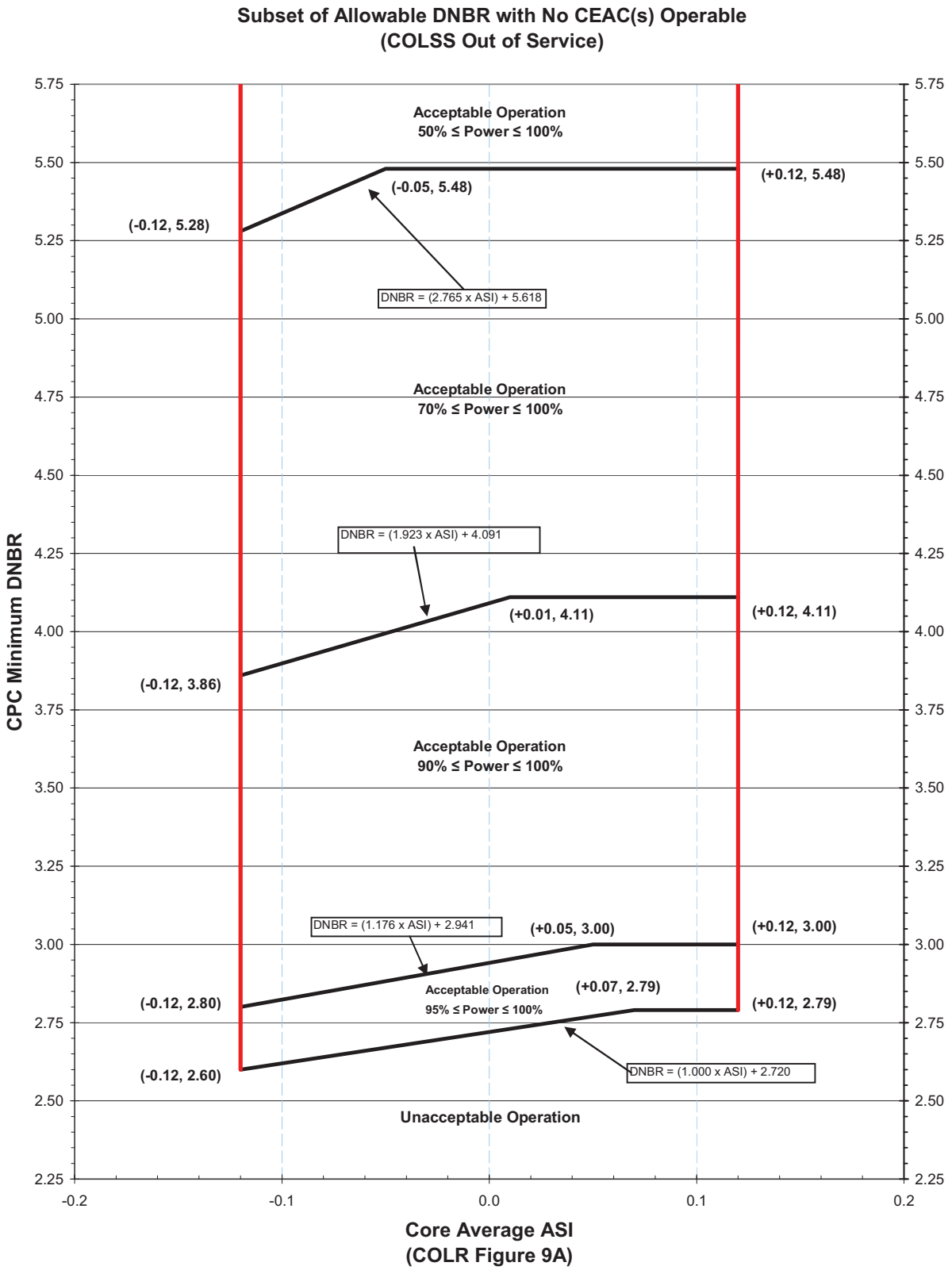
(+0.15, 7.94)
(+0.22, 7.34)
DNBR = (3.778 x ASI) + 8.091
DNBR = (-8.572 x ASI) + 9.226
Acceptable Operation
50% ≤ Power ≤ 100%
DNBR = (2.765 x ASI) + 5.618
(-0.12, 5.28)
(-0.05, 5.48)
(+0.12, 5.48)
Acceptable Operation
70% ≤ Power ≤ 100%
DNBR = (1.923 x ASI) + 4.091
(+0.01, 4.11)
(+0.12, 4.11)
(-0.12, 3.86)
Acceptable Operation
90% ≤ Power ≤ 100%
DNBR = (1.176 x ASI) + 2.941
(+0.05. 3.00)
(+0.12, 3.00)
95% ≤ Power ≤ 100%
Acceptable Operation
(-0.12, 2.80)
(+0.07, 2.79)
(+0.12, 2.79)
(-0.12, 2.60)
Unacceptable
Operation
DNBR = (1.000 x ASI) + 2.720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50% ≤ Power ≤ 100%
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Acceptable Operation
90% ≤ Power ≤ 100%
DNBR = (1.176 x ASI) + 2.941
(+0.05, 3.00)
(+0.12, 3.00)
Acceptable Operation
95% ≤ Power ≤ 100%
(+0.07, 2.79)
(-0.12, 2.80)
(+0.12, 2.79)
(-0.12, 2.60)
DNBR = (1.000 x ASI) + 2.720
Unacceptable Operation
CPC Minimum DNBR
Core Average ASI
(COLR Figure 9A)
5.75
5.50
5.25
5.00
4.75
4.50
4.25
4.00
3.75
3.50
3.25
3.00
2.75
2.50
2.25
-0.2
-0.1
0.0
0.1
0.2

COLR Figure 9.1

(Not Used)

COLR Figure 9.1A

(Not Used)

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

COLSS Operable

−0.16 ≤ ASI ≤ +0.16	for THERMAL POWERS ≥ 50% of RATED THERMAL POWER
−0.26 ≤ ASI ≤ +0.26	for THERMAL POWERS from 20% to <50% of RATED THERMAL POWER

COLSS Out of Service

−0.12 ≤ ASI ≤ +0.12	for THERMAL POWERS ≥ 50% of RATED THERMAL POWER
−0.22 ≤ ASI ≤ +0.22	for THERMAL POWERS from 20% to <50% of RATED THERMAL POWER

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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. “Qualification of the PHOENIX-P/ANC Nuclear Design System for Pressurized Water Reactor Cores,” WCAP-11596-P-A, June 1988; “ANC: A Westinghouse Advanced Nodal Computer Code,” WCAP-10965-P-A, September 1986; and “ANC: A Westinghouse Advanced Nodal Computer Code: Enhancements to ANC Rod Power Recovery,” WCAP-10965-P-A Addendum 1, April 1989. (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 and IBW), and 3.9.1 Boron Concentration).

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