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CONSEQUENCE ASSESSMENTS AT NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS

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4 A. INTRODUCTION

5 Section 100.10 of 10 CFR Part 100 states that meteorological conditions  
6 at the site and surrounding area should be considered in determining the  
7 acceptability of a site for a power or testing reactor. Section 50.34 of  
8 10 CFR Part 50 requires that each applicant for a construction permit or  
9 operating license provide an analysis and evaluation of the design and per-  
10 formance of structures, systems and components of the facility with the  
11 objective of assessing the risk to public health and safety resulting from  
12 the operation of the facility. Section 50.34 of 10 CFR Part 50 also states  
13 that special attention should be directed to the site evaluation factors  
14 identified in 10 CFR Part 100 in the assessment of the site.

15 The Regulatory Position presented in this guide represents a substan-  
16 tial change from procedures previously used to determine relative concentra-  
17 tions for assessing the potential offsite radiological consequences for a  
18 range of postulated accidental releases of radiological material to the  
19 atmosphere. These procedures now include consideration of plume meander  
20 and of directional dependence of dispersion conditions, wind frequencies,  
21 exclusion area boundary distances, and low population zone (LPZ) boundary  
22 distances.

23 The direction-dependent approach was developed to provide an improved  
24 basis for the Part 100-related review of proposed reactor/site considerations.

25 Accordingly, this guide provides an acceptable methodology for determining  
26 site specific relative concentrations ( $\chi/Q$ ) and should be used in determin-  
27 ing  $\chi/Q$  values for the evaluations discussed in Regulatory Guide 1.3,  
28 Revision 2, "Assumptions Used for Evaluating the Potential Radiological  
29 Consequences of a Loss of Coolant Accident for Boiling Water Reactors," and  
30 Regulatory Guide 1.4, Revision 2, "Assumptions Used for Evaluating the  
31 Potential Radiological Consequences of a Loss of Coolant Accident for Pres-  
32 surized Water Reactors." A number of other Regulatory Guides also include  
33 requirements for or refer to radiological analyses of potential accidents.  
34 The applicability of the specific criteria discussed herein to these other  
35 analyses will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Until such time as  
36 generic guidelines are developed for such analyses, the methodology pro-  
37 vided in this guide is acceptable.

#### B. DISCUSSION

38 The atmospheric diffusion models described in this guide reflect review  
39 of recent experimental data on diffusion from releases at ground-level with-  
40 out buildings present and from releases at various locations on reactor  
41 facility buildings during stable atmospheric conditions with low wind  
42 speeds (Refs. 1-6). These tests verify the existence of effluent plume  
43 "meander" under light wind speed conditions and neutral (D) and stable  
44 (E, F and G) atmospheric stability conditions (as defined by the  $\Delta T$  criteria  
45 in Regulatory Guide 1.23) (Ref. 7). Effluent concentrations measured over  
46 a period of one hour under such conditions have been shown to be substan-  
47 tially lower than would be predicted using the traditional curves (Ref. 8)  
48 of lateral and vertical plume spread which are functions of atmospheric  
49 stability and downwind distance.

50 The procedures in this guide also recognize that atmospheric dispersion  
51 conditions and wind frequencies are usually directionally dependent; that  
52 is, certain air flow directions can exhibit substantially more or less  
53 favorable diffusion conditions than others, and the wind can transport  
54 effluents in certain directions more frequently than in others. The proce-  
55 dures also allow evaluations of atmospheric dispersion for directionally  
56 variable distances such as a non-circular exclusion area boundary.

### 57 C. REGULATORY POSITION

58 This section identifies acceptable methods for 1) calculating atmos-  
59 pheric relative concentration ( $\chi/Q$ ) values, 2) determining  $\chi/Q$  values on a  
60 directional basis, 3) determining  $\chi/Q$  values on an overall site basis, and  
61 4) choosing  $\chi/Q$  values to be used in evaluations of the types of events  
62 described in Regulatory Guides 1.3 and 1.4.

63 Selection of conservative, less detailed site parameters for the  
64 evaluation may be sufficient to establish compliance with Regulatory  
65 guidelines.

#### 66 C.1 Calculation of Atmospheric Relative Concentration ( $\chi/Q$ ) Values

67 Equations and parameters presented in this section should be  
68 used unless unusual siting, meteorological, or terrain conditions dictate  
69 the use of other models or considerations. High-quality, site-specific  
70 atmospheric diffusion tests may be used as a basis for modifying the equa-  
71 tions and parameters.

##### 72 C.1.1 Meteorological Data Input

73 The meteorological data needed for  $\chi/Q$  calculations include  
74 wind speed, wind direction, and atmospheric stability. These data should

75 represent hourly averages as defined in Section C.6.a of Regulatory Guide  
76 1.23 (Ref. 7).

77 Wind direction should be classed into 16 compass directions  
78 (22.5 degree sectors centered on true north, north-northeast, etc.)

79 Atmospheric stability should be determined by vertical  
80 temperature difference ( $\Delta T$ ) between the release height and the 10-meter  
81 level, or by other well-documented parameters that have been substantiated  
82 by diffusion data. Acceptable stability classes are given in Table 2 of  
83 Regulatory Guide 1.23 (Ref. 7).

84 Calms should be defined as hourly averaged wind speeds below  
85 the vane or anemometer starting speed, whichever is higher (to reflect  
86 limitations in instrumentation). If the instrumentation program conforms  
87 to the Regulatory Position in Regulatory Guide 1.23, calms should be assigned  
88 a wind speed equal to the vane or anemometer starting speed, whichever is  
89 higher. Otherwise, consideration of a conservative evaluation of calms, as  
90 indicated by the system, will be necessary. Wind directions during calm con-  
91 ditions should be assigned in proportion to the directional distribution of  
92 non-calm winds with speeds less than 1.5 meters per second.<sup>1</sup>

93 C.1.2 Determination of Distances for  $x/Q$  Calculations

94 For each wind direction sector,  $x/Q$  values for each signifi-  
95 cant release point should be calculated at an appropriate exclusion area

96 <sup>1</sup> Staff experience has shown that non-calm wind speeds below 1.5 meters per  
97 second provide a reasonable range for defining the distribution of wind  
98 direction during light winds.

99 boundary distance and outer low population zone (LPZ) boundary distance.  
100 The following procedure should be used to determine these distances. The  
101 procedure takes into consideration the possibility of curved airflow tra-  
102 jectories, plume segmentation (particularly in light wind, stable conditions),  
103 and the potential for wind speed and direction frequency shifts from year  
104 to year.

105 For each of the 16 sectors, the distance for exclusion area  
106 boundary or outer LPZ boundary  $\chi/Q$  calculation should be the minimum distance  
107 to the exclusion area boundary or outer LPZ boundary within a 45 degree  
108 sector centered on the compass direction of interest.

109 For stack releases, the maximum ground level concentration  
110 in a sector may occur beyond the exclusion area boundary distance or outer  
111 LPZ boundary distance. Therefore, for stack releases,  $\chi/Q$  calculations  
112 should be made in each sector at each boundary distance and at various dis-  
113 tances beyond the exclusion area boundary distance to determine the maximum  
114 relative concentration for consideration in subsequent calculations.

### 115 C.1.3 Calculation of $\chi/Q$ Values at Exclusion Area Boundary Distances

116 Relative concentrations that can be assumed to apply at the  
117 exclusion area boundary for two hours immediately following an accident  
118 should be determined.<sup>2</sup> Calculations based on meteorological data averaged  
119 over a one-hour period should be assumed to apply for the entire two-hour  
120 period. This assumption is reasonably conservative considering the small  
121 variation of  $\chi/Q$  values with averaging time (Ref. 9). If releases associated  
122 with a postulated event are estimated to occur in a period substantially

123 <sup>2</sup>See Section 100.11 of 10 CFR Part 100.

124 less than one hour (i.e., less than 20 minutes), the applicability of the  
125 models should be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

126 Procedures for calculating "two-hour"  $x/Q$  values depend on  
127 the mode of release. The procedures are described below.

### 128 C.1.3.1 Releases Through Vents or Other Building Penetrations

129 This class of release modes includes all release  
130 points or areas which are effectively lower than two and one-half times  
131 the height of adjacent solid structures (Ref. 10). Within this class, two  
132 sets of meteorological conditions are treated differently, as follows.

133 (1) During neutral (D) or stable (E, F, or G)  
134 atmospheric stability conditions when the wind speed at the 10-meter level  
135 is less than 6 meters per second, horizontal plume meander can be considered.  
136  $x/Q$  values may be determined through selective use of the following set of  
137 equations for ground-level relative concentrations at the plume centerline:

$$138 \quad x/Q = \frac{1}{\bar{U}_{10}(\pi\sigma_y\sigma_z + A/2)} \quad (1)$$

$$139 \quad x/Q = \frac{1}{\bar{U}_{10}(5\pi\sigma_y\sigma_z)} \quad (2)$$

$$140 \quad x/Q = \frac{1}{\bar{U}_{10}\pi\sigma_y\sigma_z} \quad (3)$$

141 where  $x/Q$  is relative concentration (sec/m<sup>3</sup>),

142  $\pi$  is 3.14159,

143  $\bar{U}_{10}$  is wind speed at 10 meters above plant grade<sup>3</sup> (m/sec),

144 <sup>3</sup> The 10-meter level is representative of the depth through which the plume  
145 is mixed with building wake effects.



146  $\sigma_y$  is lateral plume spread (m), a function of atmospheric  
147 stability and distance (Figure 1),  
148  $\sigma_z$  is vertical plume spread (m), a function of atmospheric  
149 stability and distance (Figure 2),  
150  $\Sigma_y$  is lateral plume spread with meander and building wake  
151 effects (m), a function of atmospheric stability,  
152 wind speed  $\bar{U}_{10}$ , and distance [For distances of 800 meters  
153 or less,  $\Sigma_y = M\sigma_y$ , where M is determined from Figure 3.  
154 For distances greater than 800 meters,  $\Sigma_y = (M - 1)\sigma_{y800m}$   
155 +  $\sigma_y$ .], and  
156 A is the smallest vertical-plane cross-sectional area of the  
157 reactor building (m<sup>2</sup>). (Other structures and/or a direc-  
158 tional consideration may be justified when appropriate.)

159  $\chi/Q$  values should be calculated using Equations 1, 2, and 3. The values  
160 from Equations 1 and 2 should be compared and the higher selected. This  
161 value should be compared with the value from Equation 3, and the lower of  
162 these two should be selected as the appropriate  $\chi/Q$  value. Examples and a  
163 detailed explanation of the rationale for determining the controlling con-  
164 ditions are given in Appendix A.

165 (2) During all other meteorological conditions [unstable  
166 (A, B, or C) atmospheric stability and/or 10-meter level wind speeds of  
167 6 meters per second or more], plume meander should not be considered. The  
168 appropriate  $\chi/Q$  value is the higher value calculated from Equation 1 or 2.

### 169 C.1.3.2 Stack Releases

170 This class of release modes includes all release points  
171 which are equal to or higher than two and one-half times the height of

172 adjacent solid structures (Ref. 10). Non-fumigation and fumigation conditions  
173 are treated separately.

174 (1) For non-fumigation conditions, the equation for  
175 ground-level relative concentration at the plume centerline for stack  
176 releases is:

$$177 \quad x/Q = \frac{1}{\pi \bar{U}_h \sigma_y \sigma_z} \exp \frac{-h_e^2}{2\sigma_z^2} \quad (4)$$

178 where  $\bar{U}_h$  is wind speed representing conditions at the release height (m/sec),

179  $h_e$  is effective stack height (m):  $h_e = h_s - h_t$ ,

180  $h_s$  is the initial height of the plume (usually the stack height)  
181 above plant grade (m),

182  $h_t$  is the maximum terrain height above plant grade between the release  
183 point and the point for which the calculation is made (m);  $h_t$  can-  
184 not exceed  $h_s$ , and

185 the other parameters have been defined previously.

186 (2) For fumigation conditions, a "fumigation  $x/Q$ " should  
187 be calculated for each sector as follows. The equation for ground-level  
188 relative concentration at the plume centerline for stack releases during  
189 fumigation conditions is:

$$190 \quad x/Q = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{1/2} \bar{U}_{h_e} \sigma_y h_e}, \quad h_e > 0 \quad (5)$$

191 where  $\bar{U}_{h_e}$  is wind speed representative of the layer of depth  $h_e$  (m/sec);

192 in lieu of information to the contrary, the staff considers a value of 2

193 meters per second as a reasonably conservative assumption for  
194  $h_e$  of about 100 meters,  
195  $\sigma_y$  is the lateral plume spread (m) which is representative of  
196 the layer at a given distance; a moderately stable (F) atmos-  
197 pheric stability condition is usually assumed, and  
198  $h_e$  is as defined for Equation 4.

199 Ground-level relative concentrations for fumigation conditions cannot  
200 be higher than those produced by non-fumigation stable atmospheric condi-  
201 tions. Therefore, if the  $\chi/Q$  value from Equation 5 exceeds that from  
202 Equation 4 assuming F stability and a wind speed of 2 meters per second, use  
203 the value from Equation 4 as the fumigation  $\chi/Q$  for the sector.

#### 204 C.1.4 Calculation of $\chi/Q$ Values at Outer LPZ Boundary Distances

205 "Two-hour"  $\chi/Q$  values should also be calculated at outer LPZ  
206 boundary distances. The procedures described above for exclusion area  
207 boundary distances (Section C.1.3) should be used.

208 An annual average (8760-hour)  $\chi/Q$  should be calculated for each  
209 sector at the outer LPZ boundary distance for that sector, using the method  
210 described in Section C.1.c of Regulatory Guide 1.111 (Ref. 13). (For stack  
211 releases,  $h_e$  should be determined as described in Section C.1.3.2 of  
212 this Guide.)

213 These calculated "two-hour" and annual average values are used  
214 in Section C.2.2 to determine sector  $\chi/Q$  values at outer LPZ boundary  
215 distances for various longer time periods.<sup>4</sup>

216 <sup>4</sup> See Section 100.11 of 10 CFR Part 100.

217 C.2 Determination of Maximum Sector  $\chi/Q$  Values

218 The  $\chi/Q$  values calculated in Section C.1 are used to determine  
219 "sector  $\chi/Q$  values" and "maximum sector  $\chi/Q$  values" for the exclusion area  
220 boundary and the outer LPZ boundary as follows.

221 C.2.1 Exclusion Area Boundary

222 General Method: Using the  $\chi/Q$  values calculated for each  
223 hour of data according to Section C.1.3, a cumulative probability distri-  
224 bution of  $\chi/Q$  value should be constructed for each of the 16 sectors. Each  
225 distribution should be described in terms of probabilities of given  $\chi/Q$   
226 values being exceeded in that sector during the total time. A plot of  $\chi/Q$   
227 versus probability of being exceeded should be made for each sector and a  
228 curve should be drawn to form an upper bound of the data points. From  
229 each of the 16 curves, the  $\chi/Q$  value which is exceeded 0.5% of the total  
230 time should be selected (Ref. 14). These are the sector  $\chi/Q$  values. The  
231 highest of the 16 sector values is defined as the maximum sector  $\chi/Q$  value.

232 Fumigation Conditions for Stack Releases: Section C.1.3.2  
233 gave procedures for calculating a fumigation  $\chi/Q$  for each sector. These  
234 sector fumigation values, along with the general (non-fumigation) sector  
235 values obtained above, are used to determine appropriate sector  $\chi/Q$ 's for  
236 fumigation conditions, based on conservative assumptions concerning the  
237 duration of fumigation. These assumptions differ for inland and coastal  
238 sites and certain modifications may be appropriate for specific sites.

239 Inland Sites: For stack releases at sites located 3200  
240 meters or more from large bodies of water (e.g., oceans or Great Lakes),

24: a fumigation condition should be assumed to exist at the time of the accident  
242 and continue for one-half hour (Ref. 11). For each sector, if the sector  
243 fumigation  $\chi/Q$  exceeds the sector non-fumigation  $\chi/Q$ , use the fumigation  
244 value for the 0 to 1/2-hour time period and the non-fumigation value for the  
245 1/2 to 2-hour time period. Otherwise, use the non-fumigation sector value  
246 for the entire 0 to 2-hour time period. The 16 (sets of) values thus deter-  
247 mined will be used in dose assessments requiring time-integrated concentra-  
248 tion considerations.

249 Coastal Sites: For stack releases at sites located less than  
250 3200 meters from large bodies of water, a fumigation condition should be  
251 assumed to exist at the exclusion area boundary at the time of the accident  
252 and continue for the entire two-hour period. For each sector, if the sector  
253 fumigation  $\chi/Q$  exceeds the sector non-fumigation  $\chi/Q$ , use the fumigation value  
254 for the two-hour period. Otherwise, use the non-fumigation value for the  
255 two-hour period. Of the 16 sector values thus determined, the highest is  
256 the maximum sector  $\chi/Q$  value for fumigation.

257 Modifications: These conservative assumptions do not consider  
258 frequency and duration of fumigation conditions as a function of airflow  
259 direction. If information can be presented to substantiate the likely direc-  
260 tional occurrence and duration of fumigation conditions at a site, the  
261 assumptions of fumigation in all appropriate directions and of duration of  
262 one-half hour and two hours for the exclusion area boundary may be modified.  
263 Then fumigation need only be considered for airflow directions in which

264 fumigation has been determined to occur and of a duration determined from  
265 the study of site conditions.<sup>5</sup>

### 266 C.2.2 Outer LPZ Boundary

267 General Method: Sector  $\chi/Q$  values for the outer LPZ boundary  
268 should be determined for various time periods throughout the course of the  
269 postulated accident.<sup>6</sup> The time periods should represent appropriate meteor-  
270 ological regimes, e.g. 8 and 16 hours and 3 and 26 days as presented in  
271 Section 2.3.4 of Regulatory Guide 1.70 (Ref. 12).

272 For a given sector, the average  $\chi/Q$  values for the various time  
273 periods should be approximated by a logarithmic interpolation between the  
274 "two-hour"<sup>7</sup> sector  $\chi/Q$  and the annual average (8760-hour)  $\chi/Q$  for the same  
275 sector. The "two-hour" sector  $\chi/Q$  for the outer LPZ boundary is determined  
276 using the general method given for the exclusion area boundary in Section  
277 C.2.1. The annual average  $\chi/Q$  for a given sector is determined as in  
278 Section C.1.4.

279 <sup>5</sup>For example, examination of site-specific information at a location in a  
280 pronounced river valley may indicate that fumigation conditions occur only  
281 during the down-valley "drainage flow" regime and persist for durations  
282 of about one-half hour. Therefore, in this case airflow directions other  
283 than the down-valley directions can be excluded from consideration of fumi-  
284 gation conditions, and the duration of fumigation would still be considered  
285 as one-half hour. On the other hand, data from sites in open terrain (non-  
286 coastal) may indicate no directional preference for fumigation conditions, but  
287 may indicate durations much less than one-half hour. In this case, fumi-  
288 gation should be considered for all directions, but with durations less than  
289 one-half hour.

290 <sup>6</sup>See Section 100.11 of 10 CFR Part 100.

291 <sup>7</sup>The  $\chi/Q$ 's are based on one-hour averaged data, but are assumed to apply for  
two hours.

292 The logarithmic interpolation procedure produces results which  
293 are consistent with studies of variations of average concentrations with  
294 time periods to 100 hours (Ref. 9). Alternative methods should also be  
295 consistent with these studies.

296 For each time period, the highest of the 16 sector  $\chi/Q$  values  
297 should be identified. In most cases these highest values will occur in the  
298 same sector for all time periods. These are then the maximum sector  $\chi/Q$   
299 values. However, if the highest sector  $\chi/Q$ 's do not all occur in the same  
300 sector, the 16 (sets of) values will be used in dose assessments requiring  
301 time-integrated concentration considerations. The  $\chi/Q$  values for the various  
302 time periods within that sector should be considered the maximum sector  
303  $\chi/Q$  values.

304 Fumigation Conditions for Stack Releases: Determination of  
305 sector  $\chi/Q$  values for fumigation conditions at the outer LPZ boundary  
306 involves the following assumptions concerning the duration of fumigation  
307 for inland and coastal sites.

308 Inland Sites: For stack releases at sites located 3200 meters  
309 or more from large bodies of water, a fumigation condition should be assumed  
310 to exist at the outer LPZ boundary at the time of the accident and continue  
311 for one-half hour. Sector  $\chi/Q$  values for fumigation should be determined  
312 as for the exclusion area boundary in Section C.2.1.

313 Coastal Sites: For stack releases at sites located less than 3200  
314 meters from large bodies of water, a fumigation condition should be assumed  
315 to exist at the outer LPZ boundary following the arrival of the plume and  
316 continue for a four-hour period. Sector  $\chi/Q$  values for fumigation should be  
317 determined as for the exclusion area boundary in Section C.2.1.

318 The modifications discussed in Section C.2.1 may also be considered  
319 for the outer LPZ boundary.

### 320 C.3 Determination of 5% Overall Site $\chi/Q$ Value

321 The  $\chi/Q$  values which are exceeded no more than 5% of the total  
322 time around the exclusion area boundary and around the outer LPZ boundary  
323 should be determined as follows (Ref. 14).

324 Using the  $\chi/Q$  values calculated according to Section C.1, an  
325 overall cumulative probability distribution for all directions combined  
326 should be constructed. A plot of  $\chi/Q$  versus probability of being exceeded  
327 should be made, and an upper bound curve should be drawn. The two-hour  
328  $\chi/Q$  value which is exceeded 5% of the time should be selected from this  
329 curve as the dispersion condition indicative of the type of release being  
330 considered. In addition, for the outer LPZ boundary the maximum of the 16  
331 annual average  $\chi/Q$  values should be used along with the 5% two-hour  $\chi/Q$   
332 value to determine  $\chi/Q$  values for the appropriate time periods by logarithmic  
333 interpolation.

### 334 C.4 Selection of $\chi/Q$ Values to be Used in Evaluations

335 The  $\chi/Q$  value for exclusion area boundary or outer LPZ boundary  
336 evaluations should be the maximum sector  $\chi/Q$  (Section C.2) or the 5% overall  
337 site  $\chi/Q$  (Section C.3), whichever is higher. All direction-dependent sector  
338 values should be presented for consideration of the appropriateness of the  
339 exclusion area and outer LPZ boundaries, and the efficacy of evacuation  
340 routes and emergency plans. Where the basic meteorological data necessary



341 for the analyses described herein substantially deviate from the Regulatory  
342 Position stated in Regulatory Guide 1.23 (Ref. 7), consideration should be  
343 given to the resulting uncertainties in dispersion estimates.

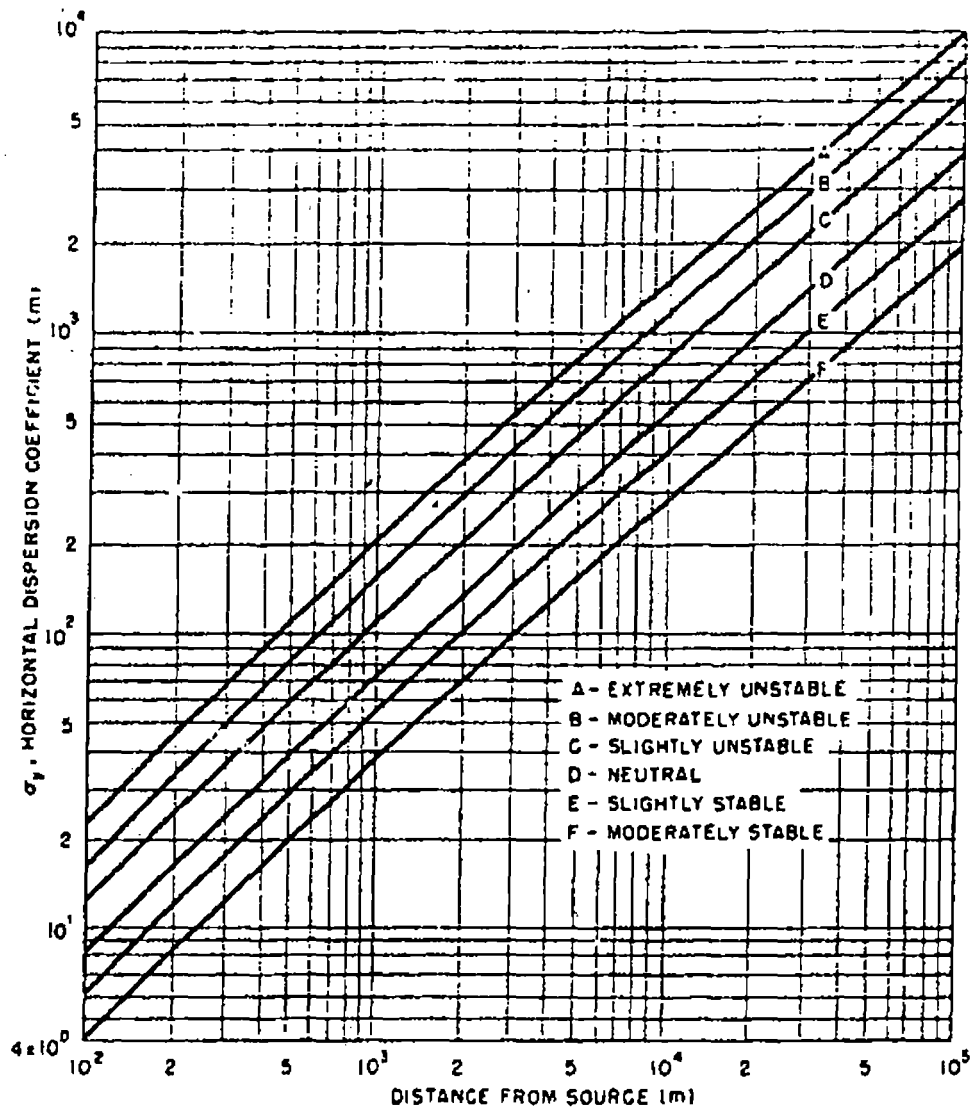
#### 344 D. IMPLEMENTATION

345 This proposed guide has been released to encourage public participa-  
346 tion in its development and is not intended to foreclose other options in  
347 siting evaluations. Except in those cases in which an applicant proposes  
348 an acceptable alternative method for complying with specified portions of  
349 the Commission's regulations, the method to be described in the active  
350 guide reflecting public comments will be used in the evaluation of applica-  
351 tions for Construction Permits and Early Site Reviews tendered after the  
352 implementation date to be specified in the active guide. This implementation  
353 date will in no case be earlier than November 1, 1979.

354 For Construction Permit applications tendered before the implementation  
355 date and for Operating License applications whose construction permits precede  
356 the active implementation date, either the proposed guide or the procedures  
357 described in Standard Review Plan Section 2.3.4 (1974) may be used. The  
358 staff will use both the procedures described in the guide and the Standard  
359 Review Plan Section 2.3.4 (1974) to judge the conservatism of an applicant's  
360 assessment of diffusion conditions. Except in the unlikely event that direc-  
361 tion dependent evaluations reveal a significant bias of high relative con-  
362 centrations in specific directions, the staff expects the results obtained  
363 using the SRP method to provide acceptably conservative estimates. The

364 method described in the proposed guide will be considered for licensing  
365 actions concerning operating reactors on an individual case basis.

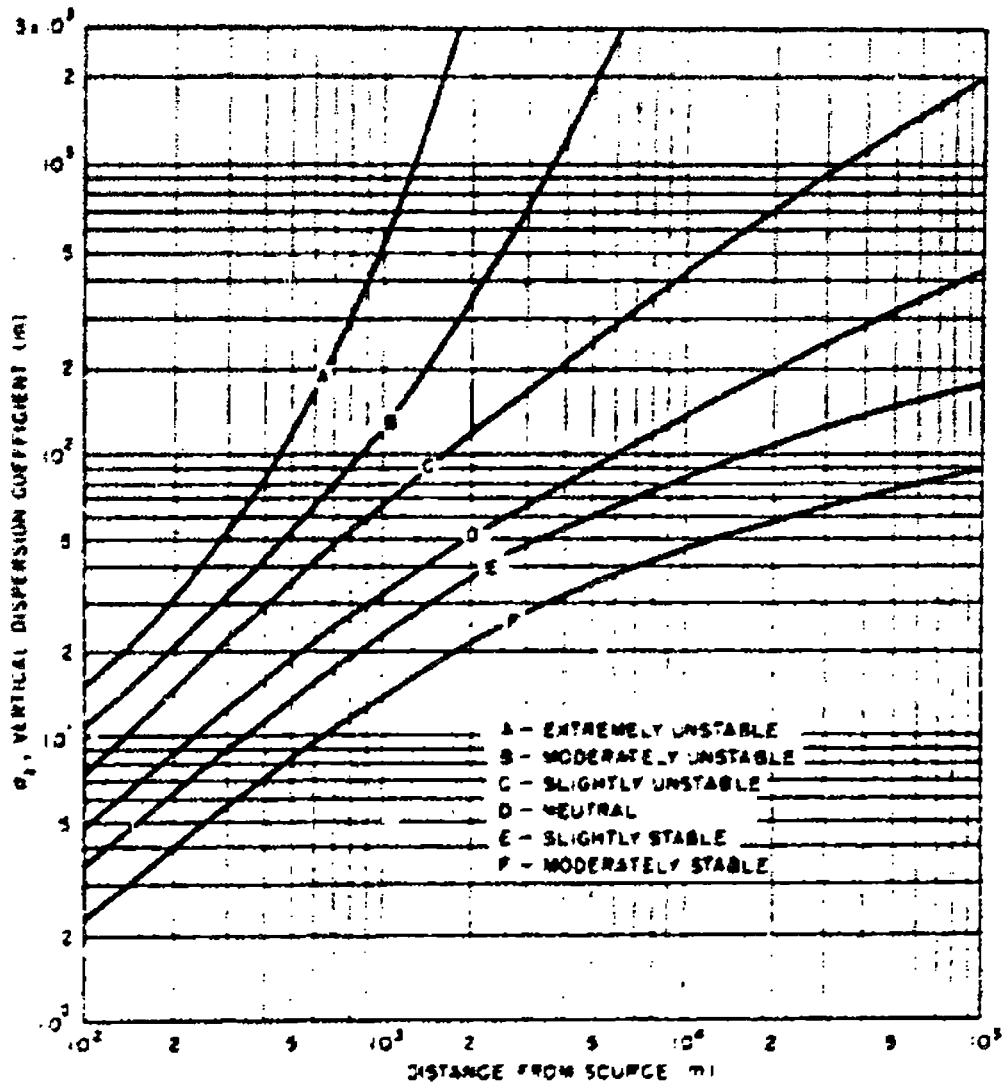
366 In all cases, selection of conservative, less detailed site parameters  
367 for the evaluation should be sufficient to establish compliance with  
368 Regulatory guidelines.



361 Figure 1. Lateral diffusion without meander and building wake effects,  
 362  $\sigma_y$ , vs. downwind distance from source for Pasquill's turbulence  
 363 types (atmospheric stability) (Ref. 8).

364 For purposes of estimating  $\sigma_y$  during extremely stable (G) atmospheric  
 365 stability conditions, without plume meander or other lateral enhancement,  
 366 the following approximation is appropriate:

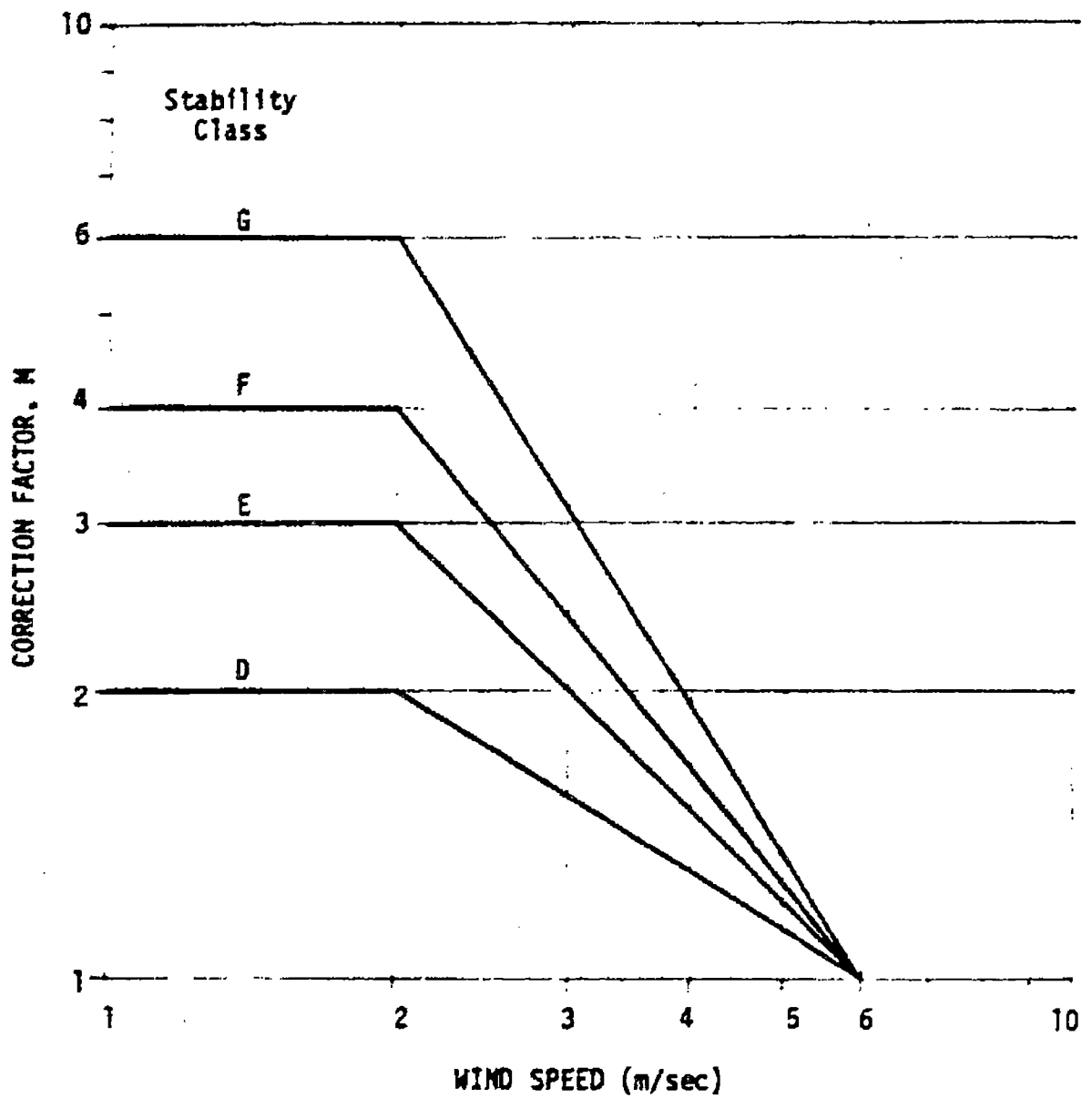
367 
$$\sigma_y (G) = \frac{2}{3} \sigma_y (F)$$



368 Figure 2. Vertical diffusion without meander and building wake effects,  
 369  $\sigma_z$ , vs. downwind distance from source for Pasquill's turbulence  
 370 types (atmospheric stability) (Ref. 8).

371 For purposes of estimating  $\sigma_z$  during extremely stable (G) atmospheric  
 372 stability conditions, the following approximation is appropriate:

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$$\sigma_z(G) = \frac{3}{5} \sigma_z(F)$$



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Figure 3. Correction factors for Pasquill-Gifford  $\sigma_y$  values by atmospheric stability class (see Appendix A)

APPENDIX A

ATMOSPHERIC DIFFUSION MODEL FOR RELEASES  
THROUGH VENTS AND BUILDING PENETRATIONS

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380 Rationale

381 The effects of building wake mixing and ambient plume meander on atmospheric  
382 dispersion are expressed in this guide in terms of conditional use of  
383 Equations 1, 2, and 3.

384 Equations 1 and 2 are formulations which have been acceptable for evaluating  
385 nuclear power plant sites over a period of many years (Ref. 8 and Reg. Guides  
386 1.3 and 1.4), but have been recently found to provide estimates of ground-  
387 level concentrations which are consistently too high during light wind  
388 and stable or neutral atmospheric conditions for one-hour release durations  
389 (Refs. 1-6).

390 Equation 3 is an empirical formulation based on staff analysis of atmospheric  
391 diffusion experiment results (Ref. 2). The staff examined values of lateral  
392 plume spread with meander and building wake effects ( $\Sigma_y$ ) by atmospheric  
393 stability class (based on  $\Delta T$ ), calculated from measured ground-level con-  
394 centrations from the experimental results. Plots of the computed  $\Sigma_y$  values  
395 by atmospheric stability class and downwind distance were analyzed conser-  
396 vatively, but within the scatter of the data points by virtually enveloping  
397 most test data. The resultant analysis is the basis for the correction  
398 factors applied to the Pasquill-Gifford  $\sigma_y$  values (see Figure 3). Thus,

399 Equation 3 identifies conservatively the combined effects of increased  
400 plume meander and building wake on diffusion in the horizontal crosswind  
401 direction under light wind and stable or neutral atmospheric conditions,  
402 as quantified in Figure 3. These experiments also indicate that vertical  
403 building wake mixing is not as complete during light wind, stable condi-  
404 tions as during moderate wind, unstable conditions, although the results  
405 could not be quantified in a generic manner.

406 The conditional use of Equations 1, 2, and 3 is considered appropriate  
407 because 1) horizontal plume meander tends to dominate dispersion during  
408 light wind and stable or neutral conditions and 2) building wake mixing  
409 becomes more effective in dispersing effluents than meander effects as the  
410 wind speed increases and the atmosphere becomes less stable.

#### 411 Examples of Conditional Use of Diffusion Equations

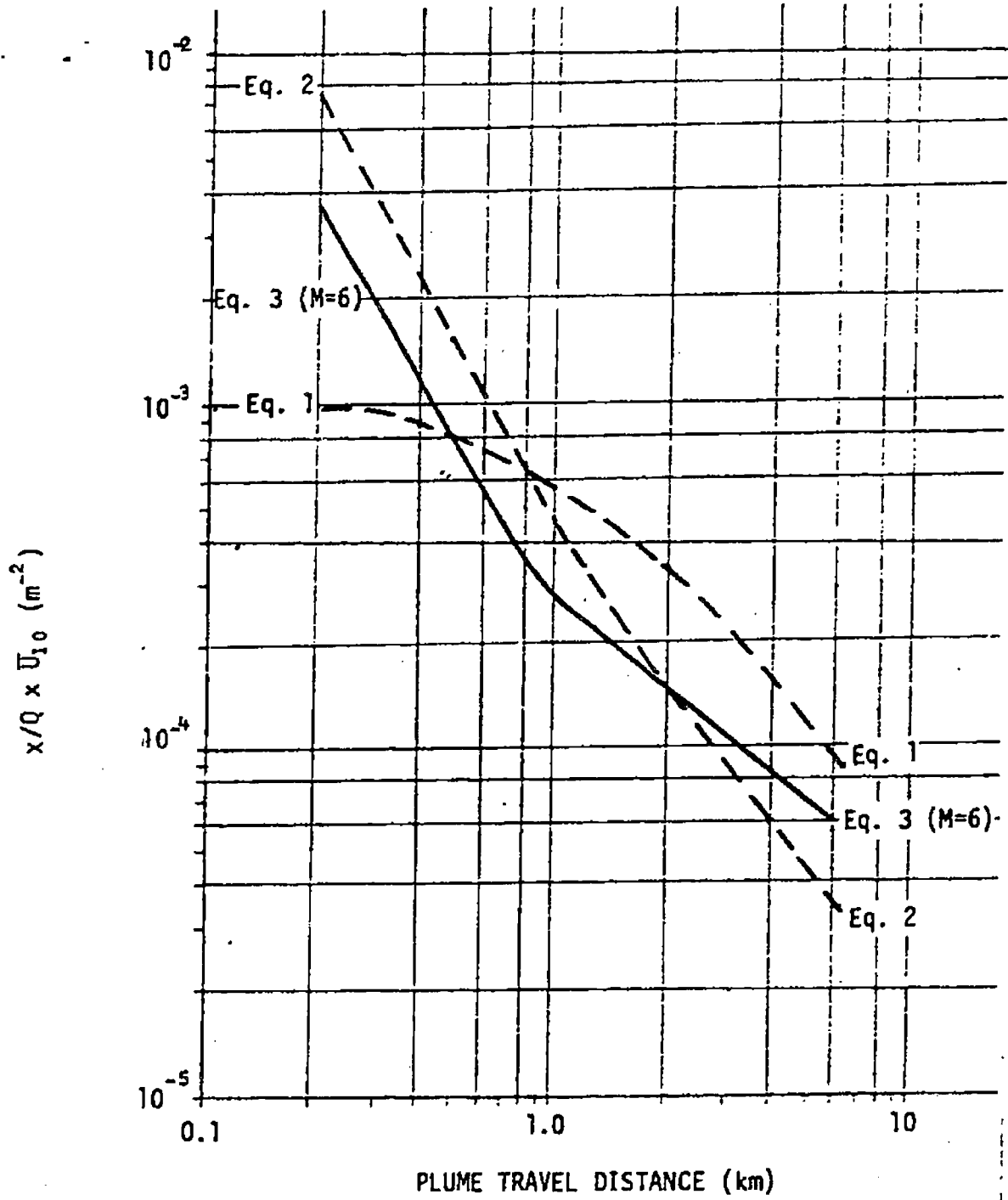
412 Figures A-1, A-2, and A-3 show plots of  $\chi\bar{U}_{10}/Q$  ( $\chi/Q$  multiplied by the wind  
413 speed  $\bar{U}_{10}$ ) versus downwind distance based on the conditional use (as des-  
414 cribed in Section C.1.3.1) of Equations 1, 2, and 3 during atmospheric  
415 stability class G. The variable M for Equation 3 equals 6, 3, and 2 res-  
416 pectively in Figures A-1, A-2, and A-3 (M is as defined in Section C.1.3.1).  
417 The wind speed conditions are those appropriate for G stability and M = 6,  
418 3, and 2.

419 In Figure A-1, the  $\chi\bar{U}_{10}/Q$  from Equation 3 (M = 6) is less than the higher  
420 value from Equation 1 or 2 at all distances. Therefore, for M = 6, Equation  
421 3 is used for all distances.

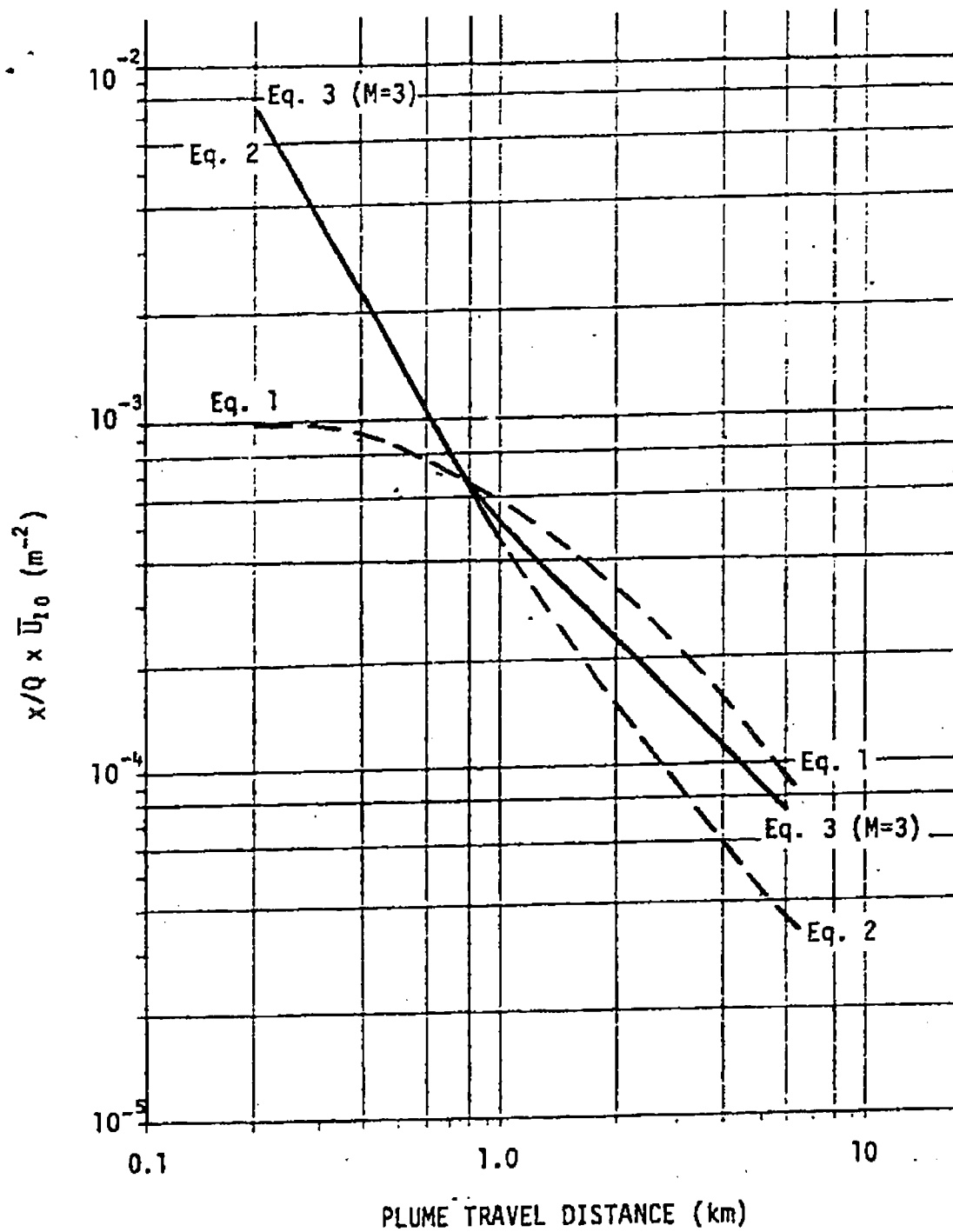
422 In Figure A-2, the  $\chi\bar{U}_{10}/Q$  from Equation 3 ( $M = 3$ ) is less than the higher  
423 value from Equation 1 or 2 beyond 0.8 km. Therefore, for  $M = 3$ , Equation 3  
424 is used beyond 0.8 km. For distances less than 0.8 km, the value from  
425 Equation 3 equals that from Equation 2. Equation 2 is used in this case.

426 In Figure A-3, the  $\chi\bar{U}_{10}/Q$  from Equation 3 ( $M = 2$ ) is never less than the  
427 higher value from Equation 1 or 2. Therefore, for  $M = 3$ , Equation 3 is  
428 not used at all. Instead, Equation 2 is used up to 0.8 km and Equation 1  
429 is used beyond 0.8 km.

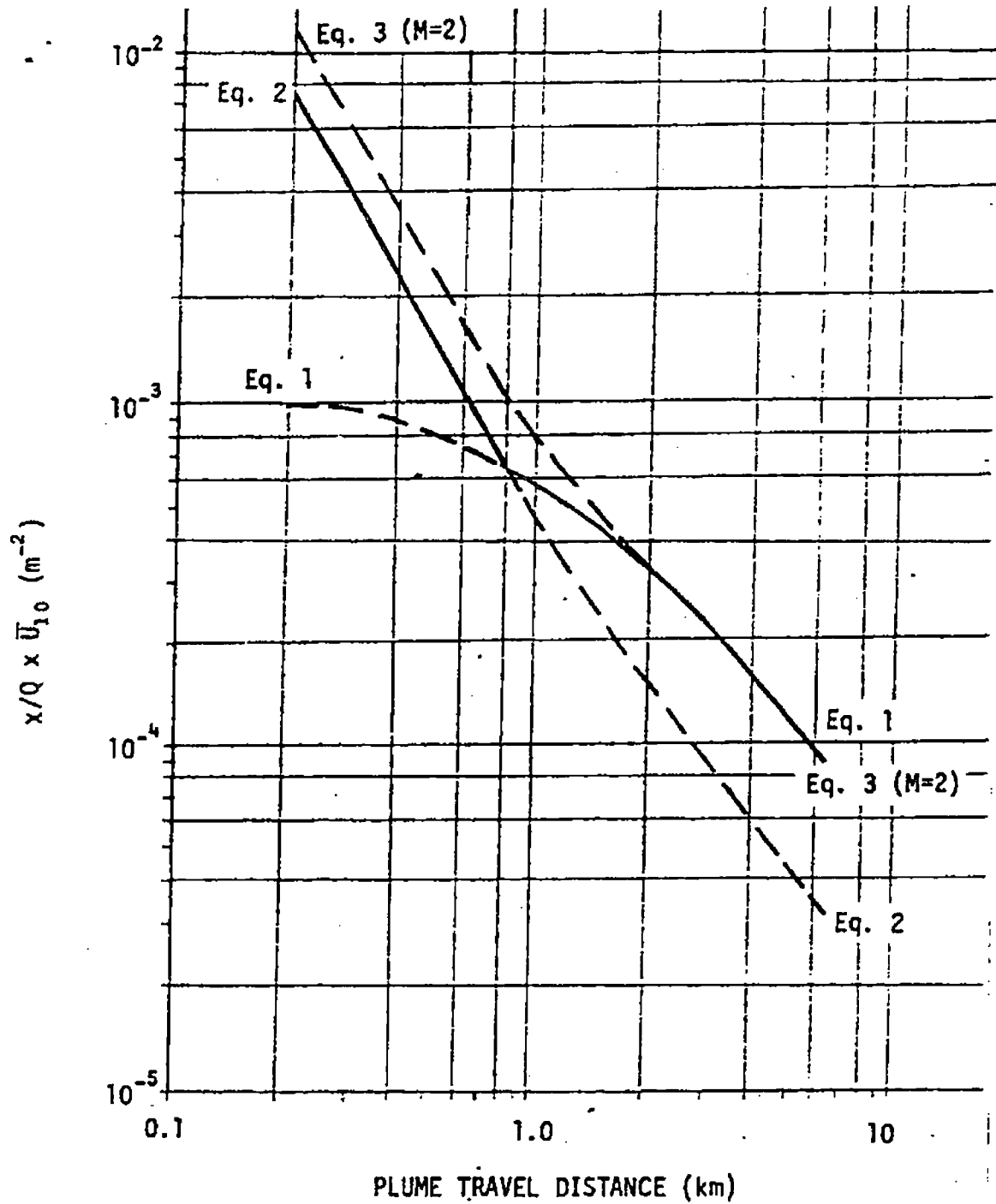




430 Figure A-1.  $\bar{x} \bar{U}_{10} / Q$  as a function of plume travel distance for G stability  
 431 condition using Equations 1, 2, and 3 (M = 6).



432 Figure A-2.  $\bar{U}_{10} / Q$  as a function of plume travel distance for G stability  
 433 using Equations 1, 2, and 3 (M = 3).



434 Figure A-3.  $\bar{x}\bar{U}_{10}/Q$  as a function of plume travel distance for G stability  
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