



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

REGION IV

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Arizona Public Service Company  
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SUBJECT: PUBLIC MEETING WITH ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY (APS)

This refers to the management meeting, open to public observation, conducted on April 28, 1994, at the Region IV office in Arlington, Texas, concerning activities authorized by NRC Licenses NPF-41, NPF-51, and NPF-74 for the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station. Attendees at the meeting are listed in Attachment 1.

This was the first management meeting between APS and NRC Region IV, and the meeting provided the opportunity for members of your staff to present to the NRC an overview of Palo Verde's organization and operating history. Your staff also provided information regarding strategic issues which APS has identified as areas for improvement. The information presented in the meeting is provided as Attachment 2.

This meeting was beneficial in providing the regional staff with information about Palo Verde and the issues facing your organization. Specifically, we recognize that your Reengineering Program is a significant undertaking, and we reiterate our comments that implementation of the program should be monitored to ensure that the safe operation of your facility is not impacted. We look forward to observing improved performance as the reengineered processes are put into place and as your organization structure is changed to use the new processes.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room.

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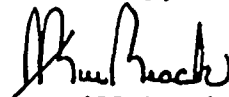
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Should you have any questions concerning this matter, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,



A. Bill Beach, Director  
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Attachments:

1. Attendance List
2. APS Presentation Material

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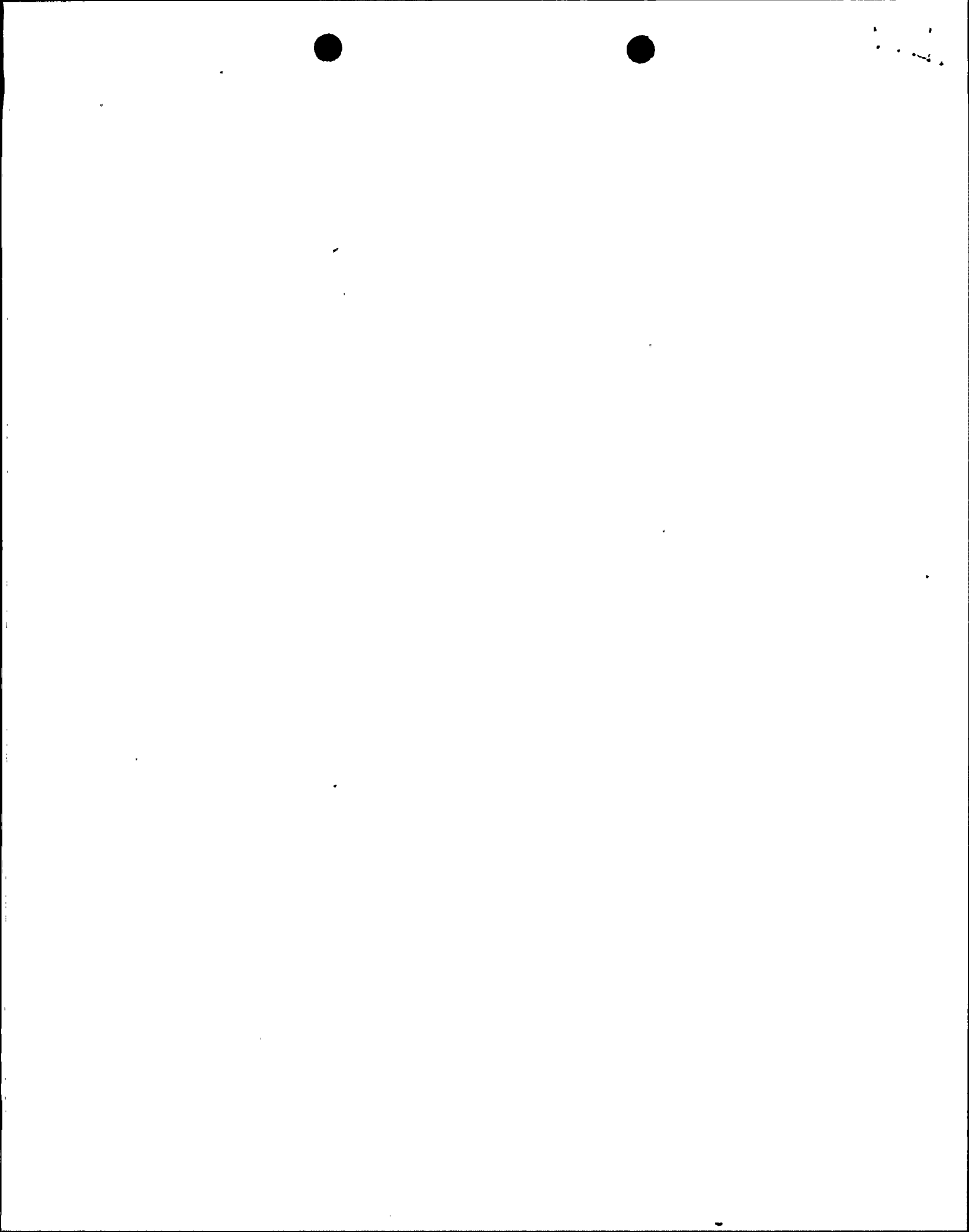
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ATTENDANCE LIST

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- J. Levine, Vice President, Nuclear Production
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- C. Seaman, Director, Quality Assurance
- G. Overbeck, Assistant to Vice President, Nuclear Production
- A. Krainik, Manager, Nuclear Licensing

NRC Region IV

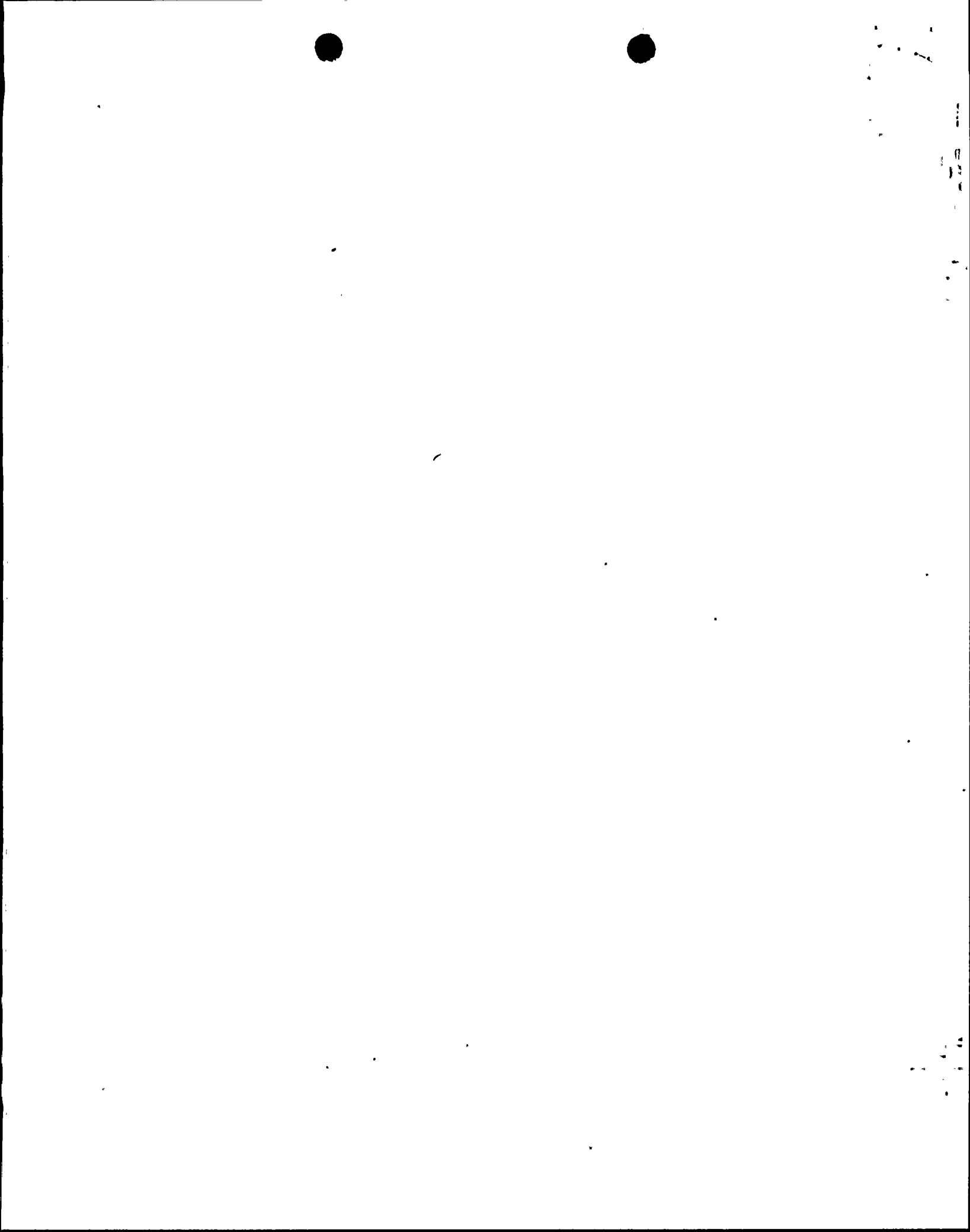
- J. Callan, Regional Administrator
- J. Montgomery, Deputy Regional Administrator
- K. Perkins, Director, Walnut Creek Field Office (WCFO)
- S. Collins, Director, Division of Radiation Safety and Safeguards
- T. Gwynn, Director, Division of Reactor Safety (DRS)
- J. Mitchell, Acting Deputy Director, DRS
- D. Powers, Chief, Maintenance Branch, DRS
- H. Wong, Chief, Project Branch F, Division of Reactor Projects (DRP), WCFO
- G. Sanborn, Enforcement Officer
- R. Huey, Enforcement Officer, WCFO
- C. Hackney, Regional State Liaison Officer
- B. Olson, Project Inspector, Project Branch F, DRP, WCFO

NRC NRR

- E. Adamsam, Assistant Director, Region IV Reactors
- B. Holian, Senior Project Manager

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- F. Growers, Site Representative, El Paso Electric
- R. Henry, Site Representative, Salt River Project
- D. Summers, Manager, Nuclear Services, Public Service Company New Mexico





**ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY**



**Palo Verde  
Nuclear Generating Station**

**Presented to  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
April 28, 1994**

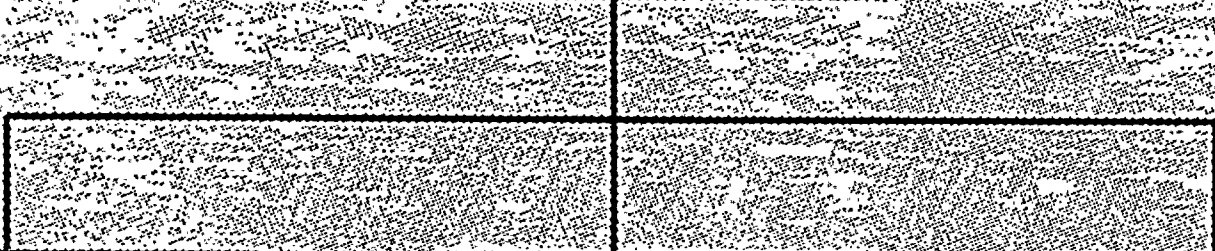
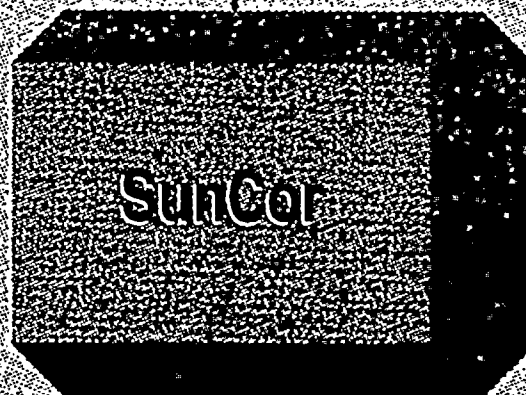
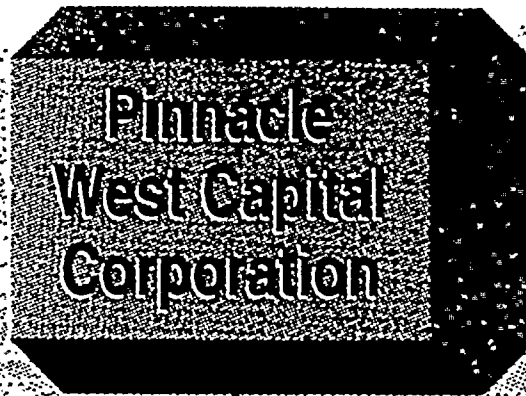




# **Corporate Organization**

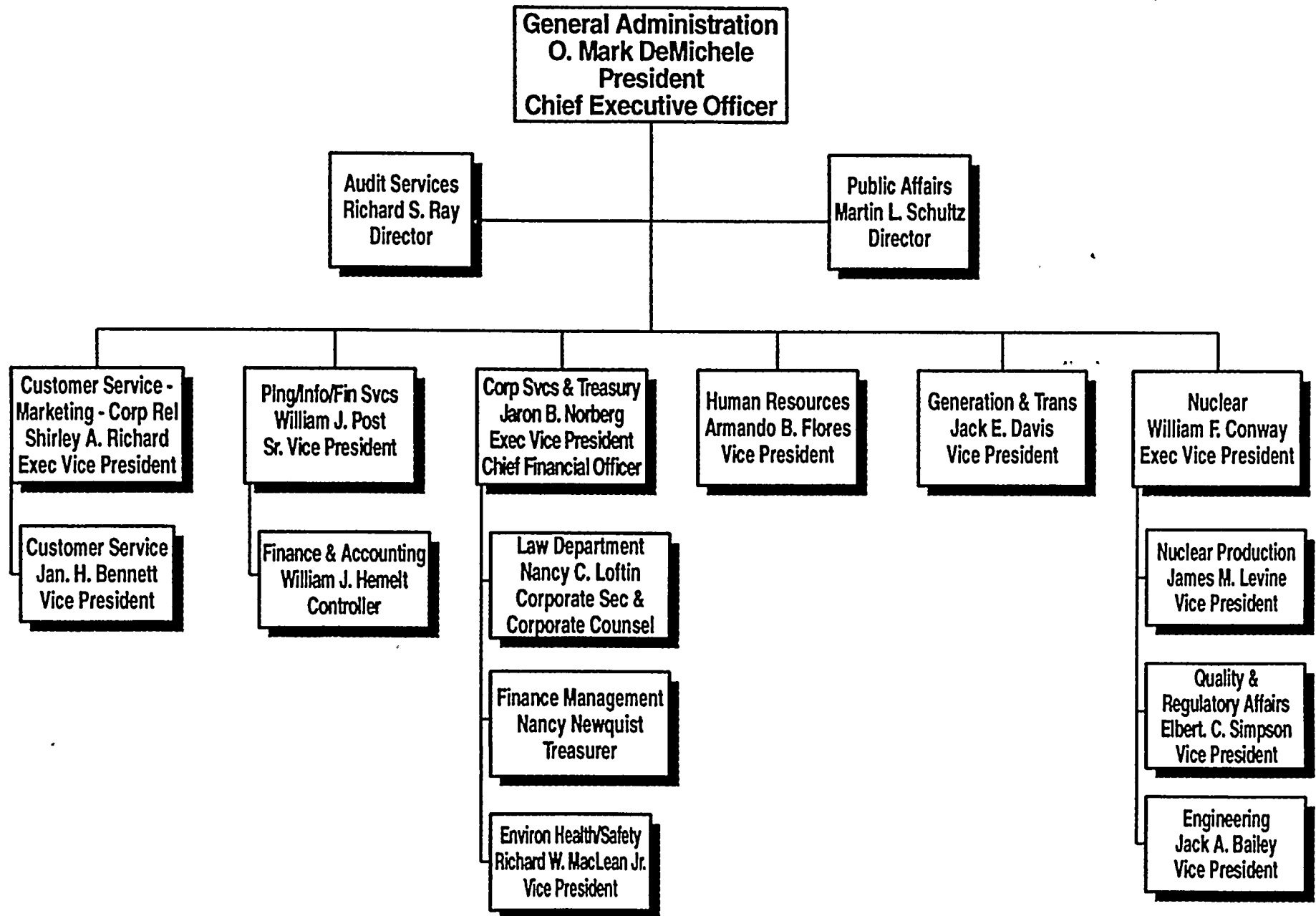


# Pinnacle West Capital Corporation





# Arizona Public Service Company

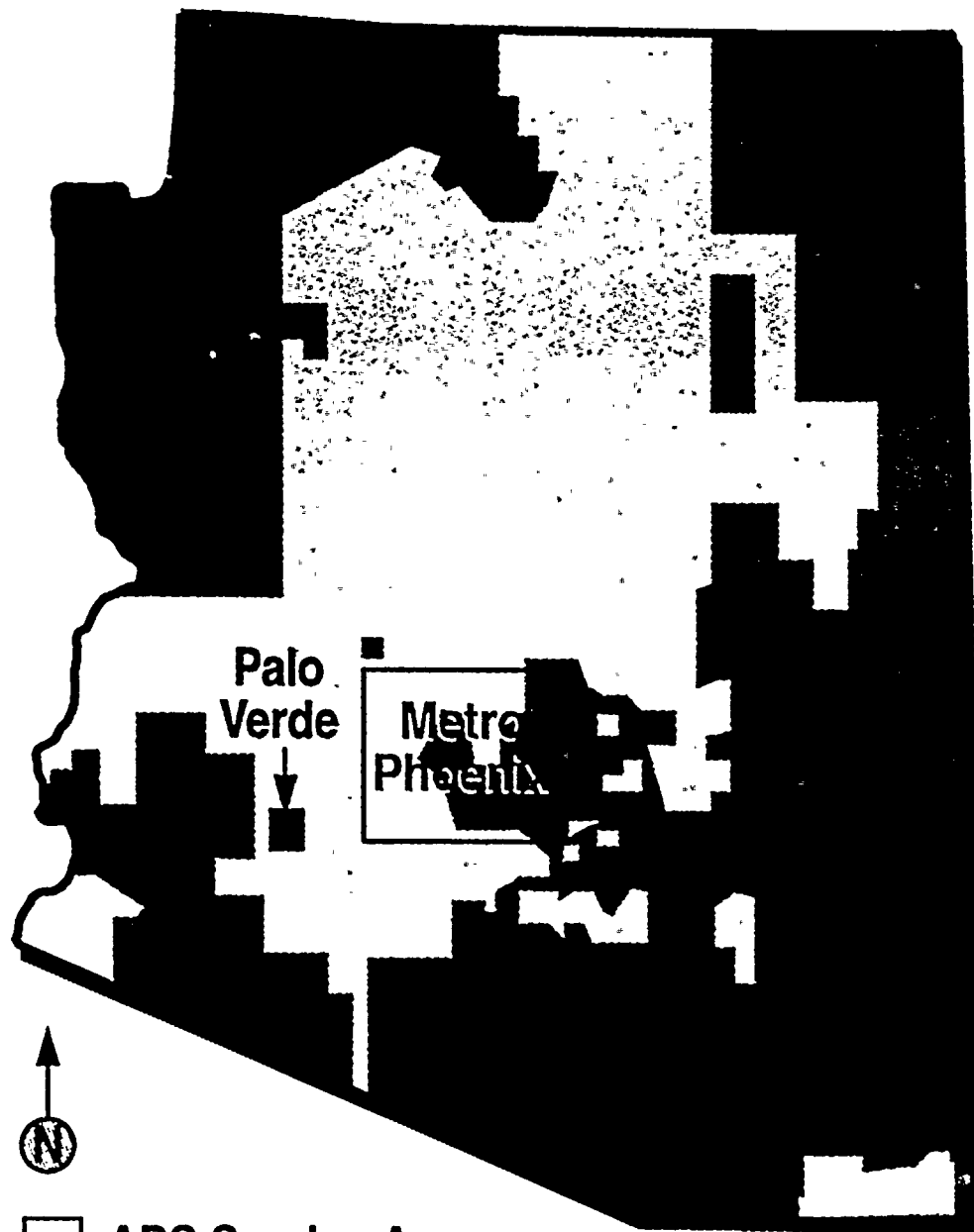


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# Arizona Public Service Company Electric Service Area



- *7,053 employees*
- *653,979 customers*
- *37,410 square miles of service territory*
- *4,022 MW installed capacity*
- *1,109 MW nuclear generation capability  
(28% of total)*
- *3,802.3 MW all time record peak  
(Aug. 2, 1993)*



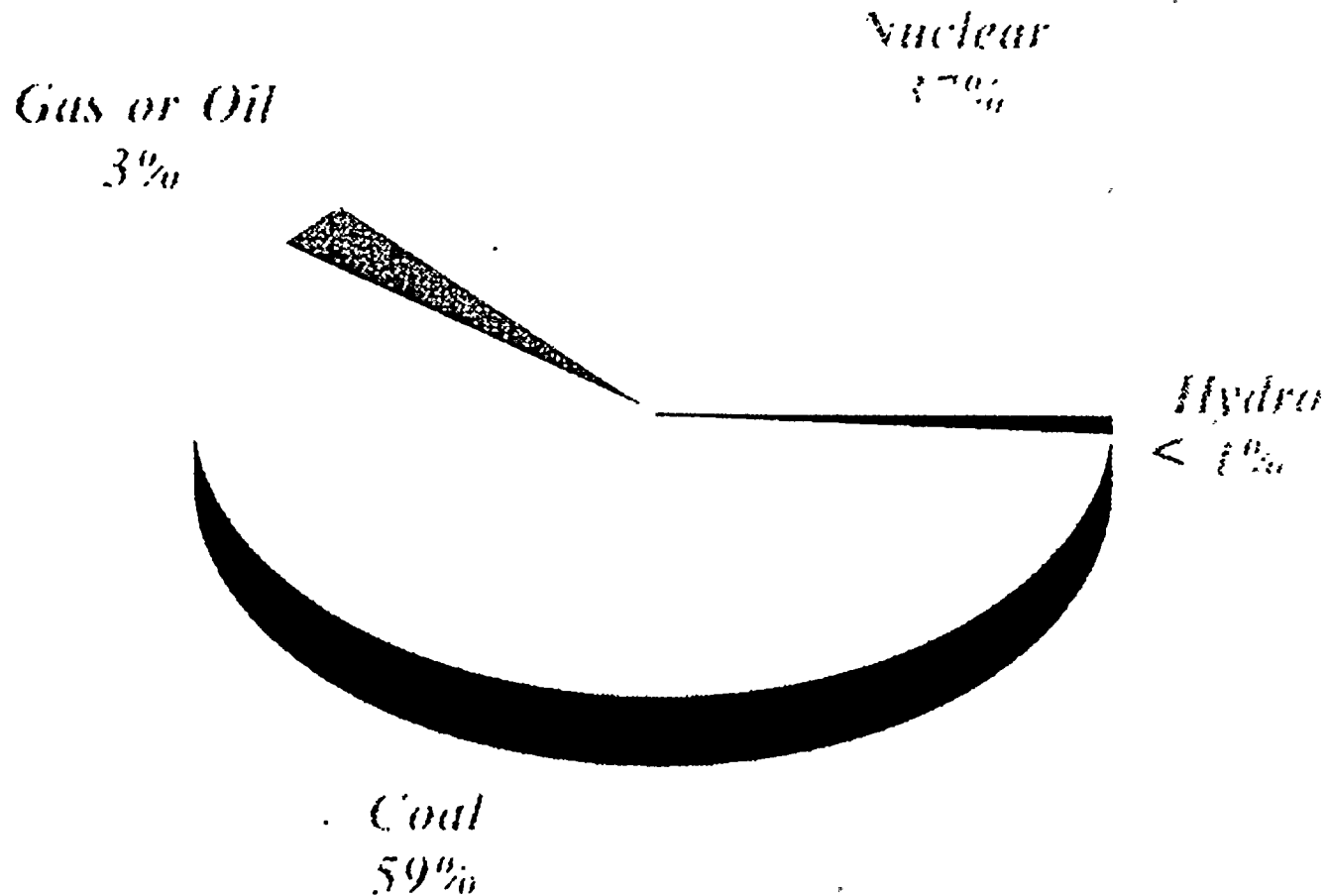
□ APS Service Area



# *Arizona Public Service Company*

## *Sources of Generation*

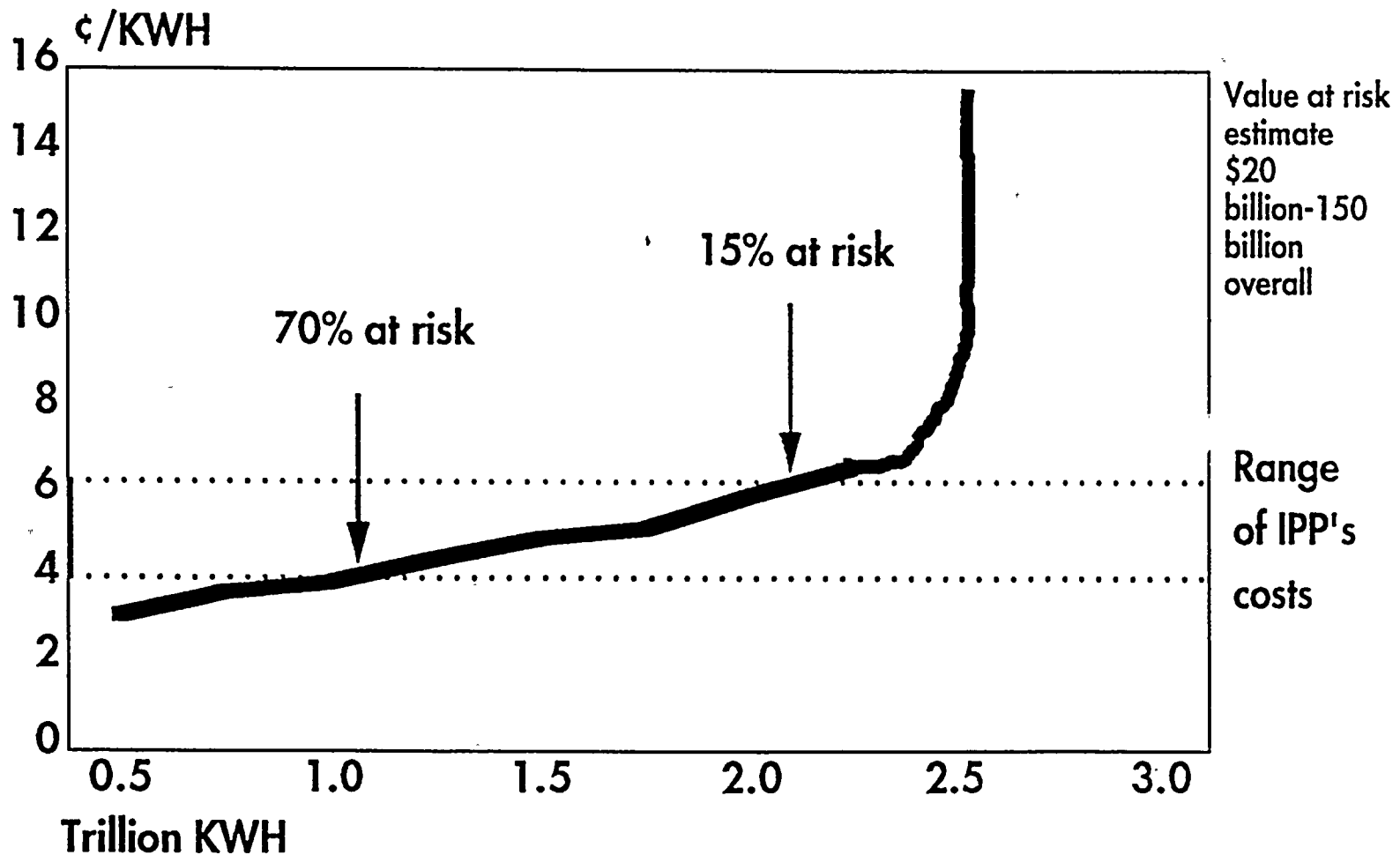
*12 Months Ending 12/31/93*





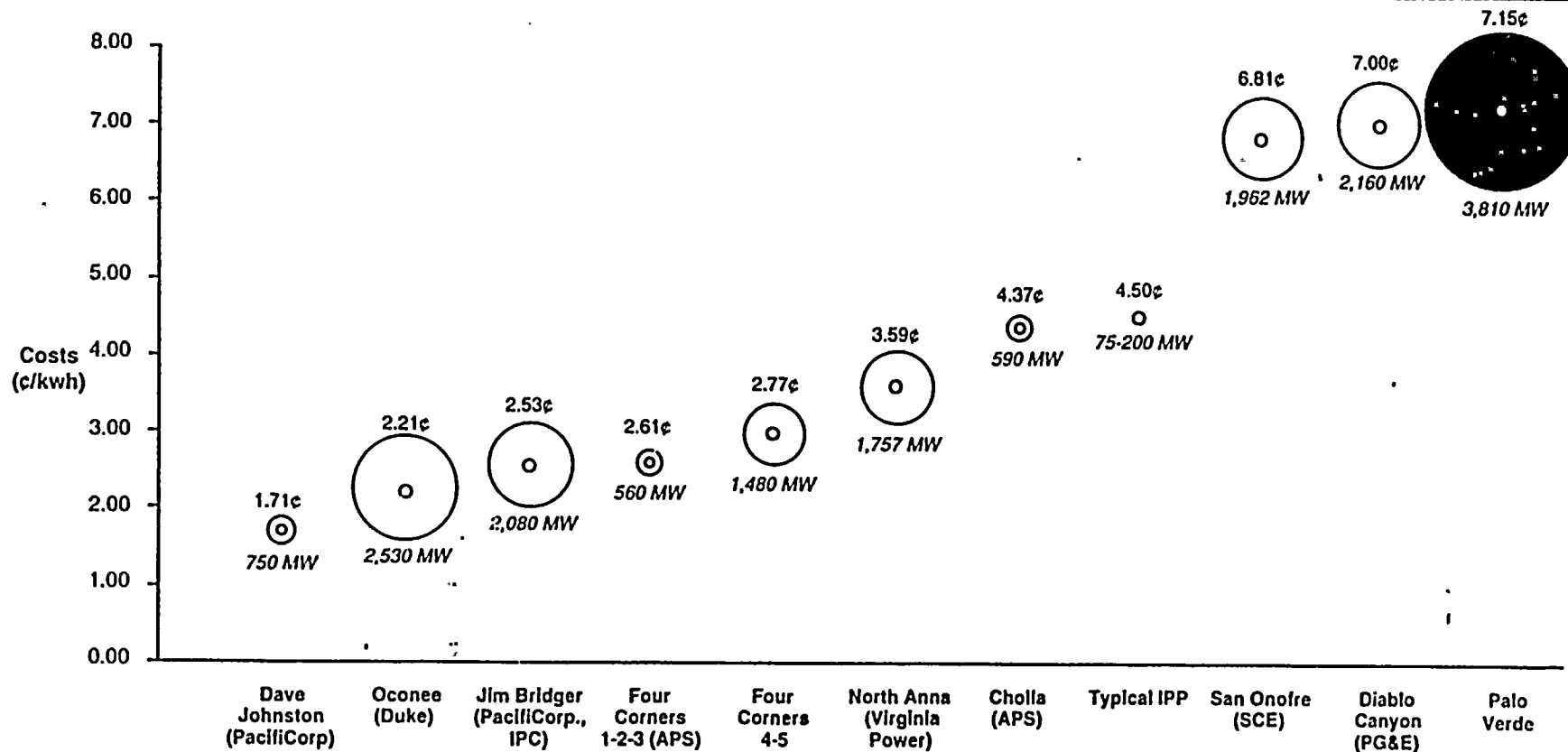
# At Risk Capacity

Investor Owned Utility Generation  
Supply Curve in 1990





## Total Production Expense



*The center of the circle represents cost; the area of the circle represents plants' MW output relative to Palo Verde's output.*

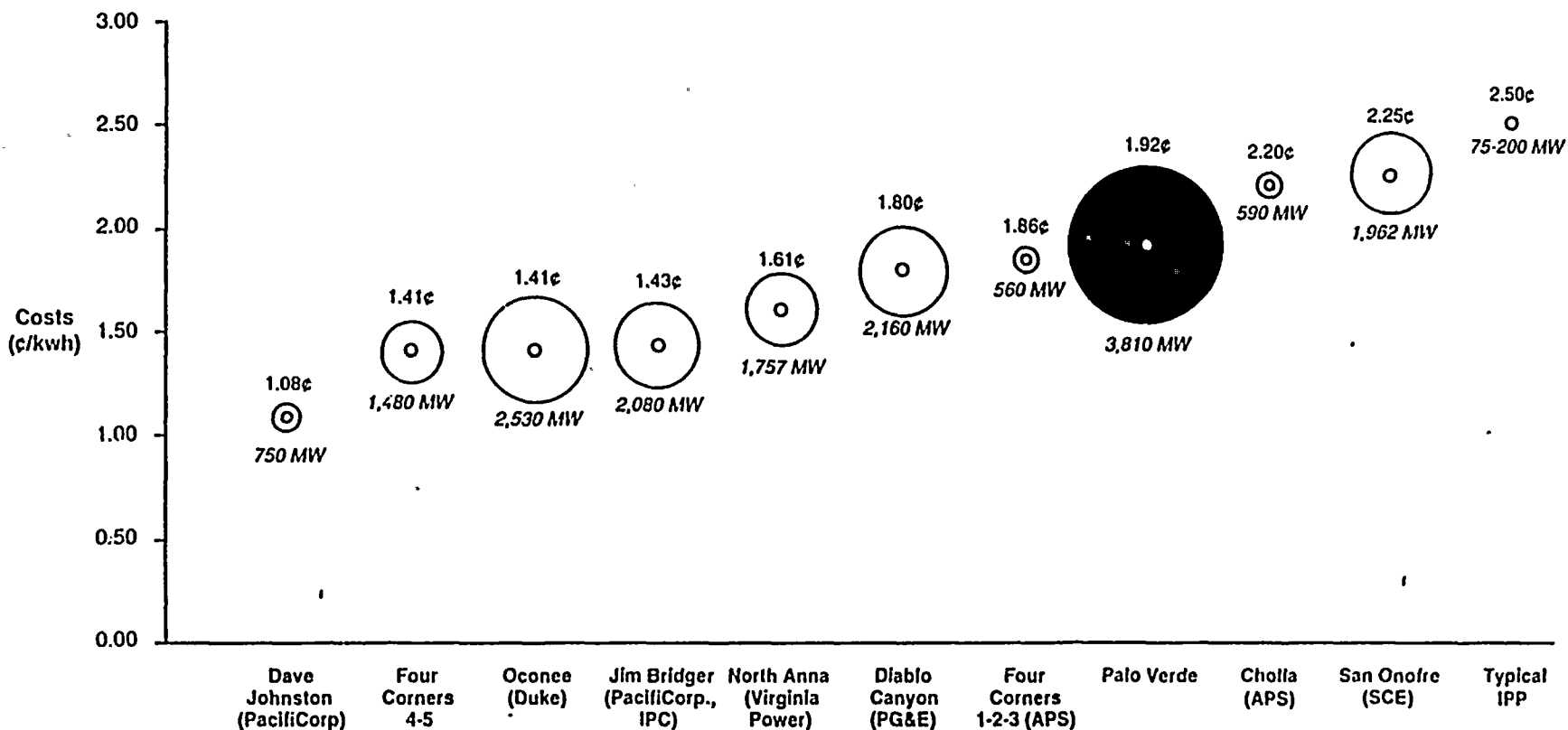
Note: North Anna and Oconee 1992 Expenses are overstated, therefore the 1990-1992 average has been substituted. The Capital component of Total Production Expense was calculated using a levelized fixed charge rate provided by the Generation Planning Department.

Source: FERC Form 1 (1992); Generation Planning Department; and Reengineering Team Analysis





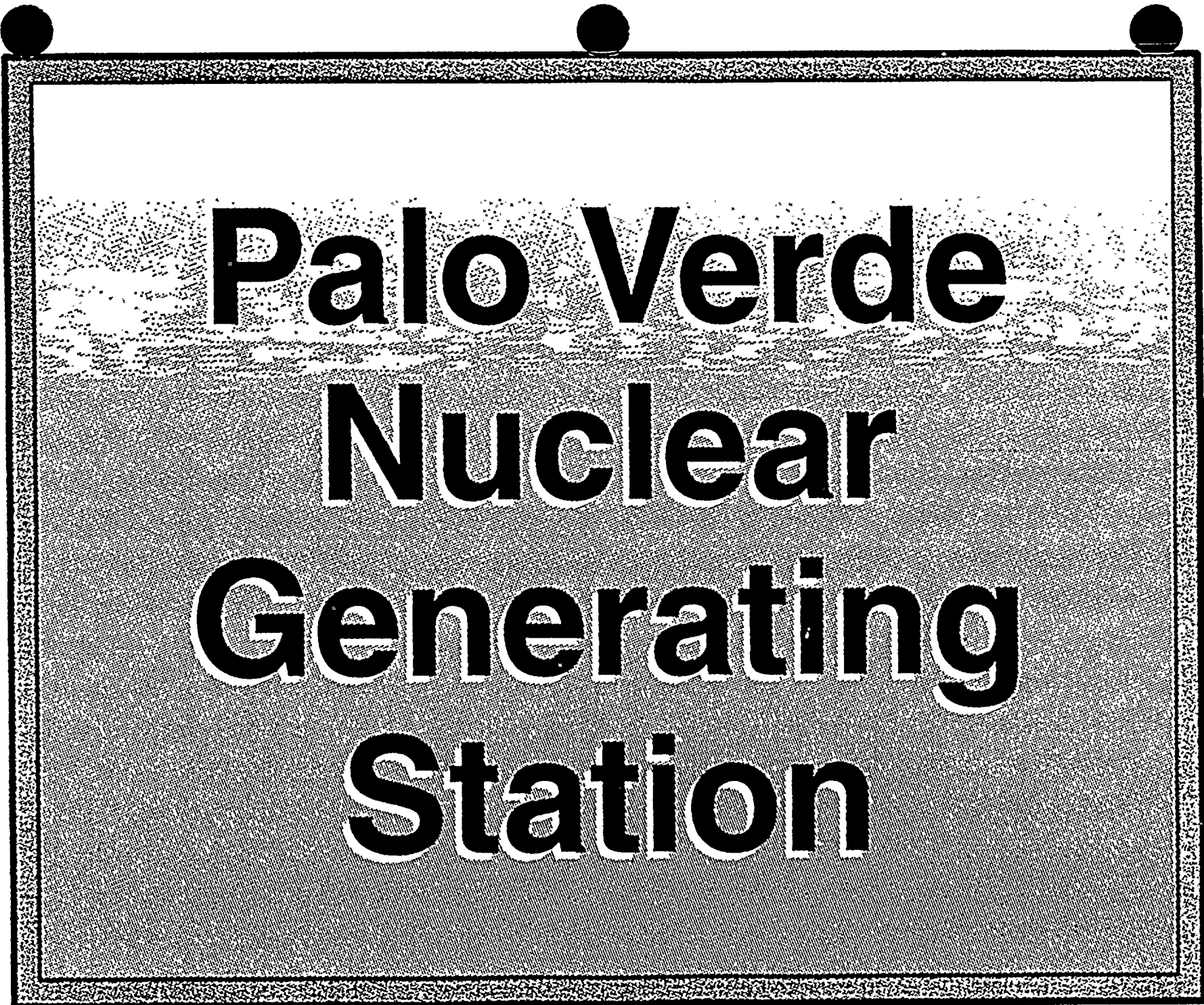
## Fuel and O&M Production Expenses



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Note: Palo Verde expenses exclude Sale and Leaseback payments. North Anna and Oconee 1992 Expenses are overstated, therefore the 1990-1992 average has been substituted.



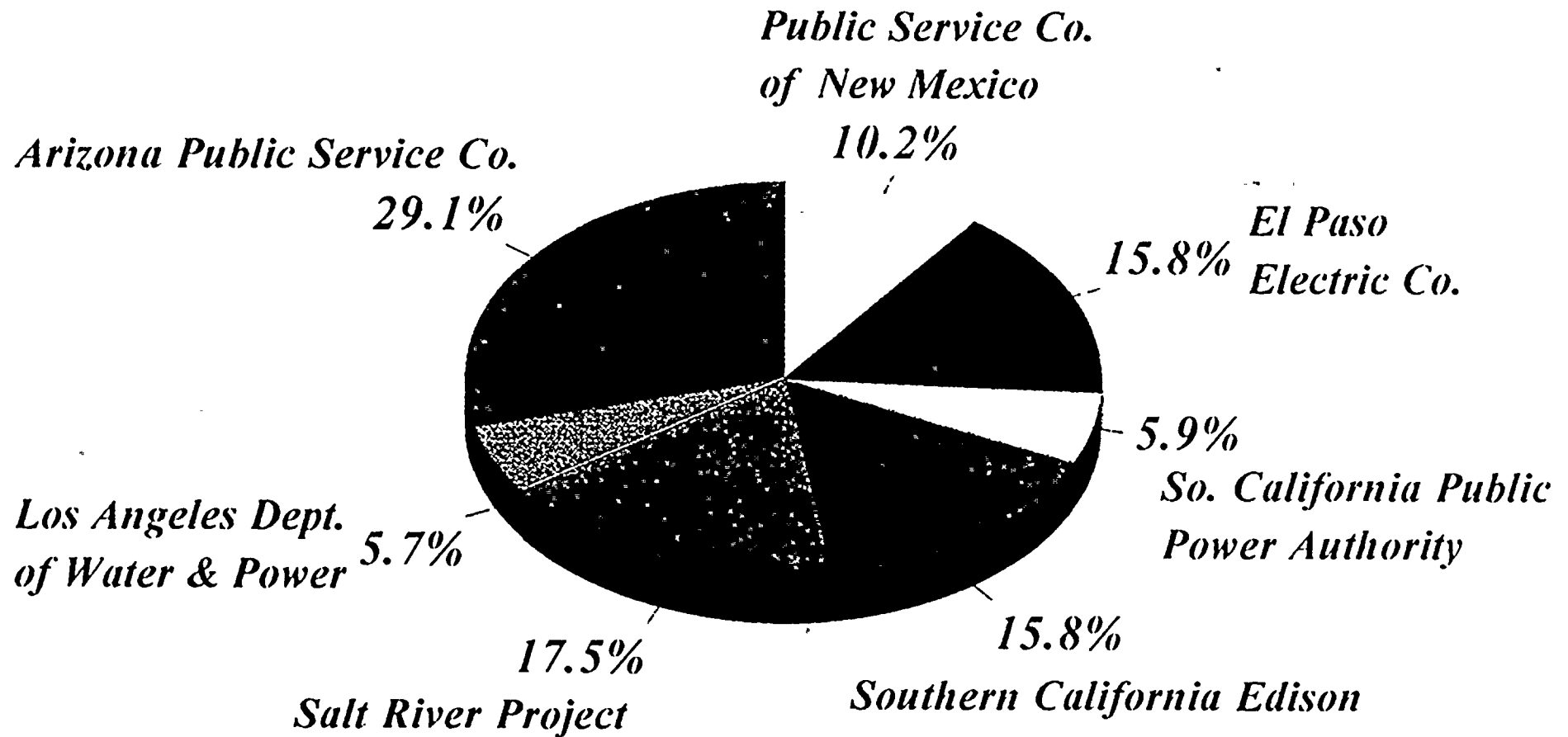


**Palo Verde  
Nuclear  
Generating  
Station**



# *Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station*

## *Participant Ownership*



# CONSTRUCTION & OPERATING HISTORY

|                             |                |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Groundbreaking              | June 1976      |
| Unit 1 Initial Criticality  | May 1985       |
| Unit 1 Commercial Operation | January 1986   |
| Unit 2 Initial Criticality  | May 1986       |
| Unit 2 Commercial Operation | September 1986 |
| Unit 3 Initial Criticality  | October 1987   |
| Unit 3 Commercial Operation | January 1988   |



# LICENSING HISTORY

|                                       |               |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| PVNGS Construction Permit Application | July 1974     |
| PVNGS Construction Permit Issued      | May 1976      |
| Unit 1 Low Power License Issued       | December 1984 |
| Unit 1 Full Power License Issued      | June 1985     |
| Unit 2 Low Power License Issued       | December 1985 |
| Unit 2 Full Power License Issued      | April 1986    |
| Unit 3 Low Power License Issued       | March 1987    |
| Unit 3 Full Power License Issued      | November 1987 |







**Standardization  
Experience**



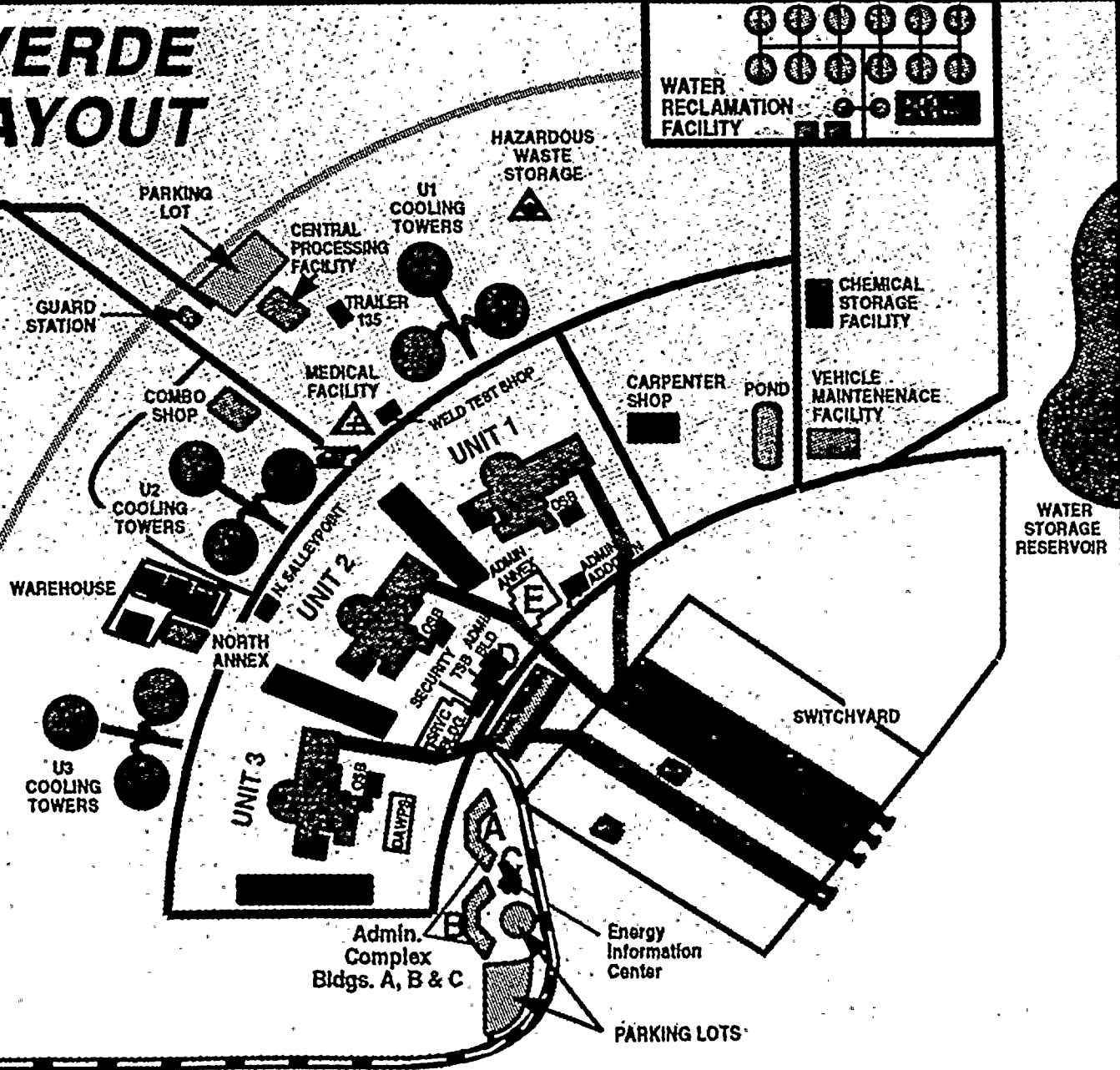
# PALO VERDE SITE LAYOUT

WINTERSBURG RD.

FIRST ENTRANCE



LAST ENTRANCE



Admin. Complex Bldgs. A, B & C

Energy Information Center

PARKING LOTS



# Slide Along Design

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▶ 3 Separate Power Blocks:

- Control Room
- NSSS
- Turbine
- Auxiliary
- Cooling Towers

▶ Wagon Wheel Layout:

- Access to shared facilities:
    - Shops
    - Administration Building
    - Security Headquarters
    - Switchyard
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# Safety

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▶ Single PSAR, FSAR:

- Less review time
- Concentrate on important issues

▶ New issues are resolved on all 3 dockets simultaneously:

- Less review time
- More time to determine optimal solutions

▶ Single PRA:

- Completed quickly
  - Lessons learned between units and more equipment failure data improved quality
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# **Design - Engineering**

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- ▶ **Same set of design drawings used for construction of all 3 units**
  - ▶ **Identical Specifications for Procurement**
  - ▶ **Design margin to allow as-built flexibility between units**
  - ▶ **Common system management between 3 units**
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# Operations/Maintenance

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## ▶ Training common between units:

- Improved instructor productivity
- Common simulators
- Increased mobility of trained operators between units
- Improved human factors (no mirror image plant problems)

## ▶ Procedures common between units:

- Administrative procedures
- Operating and maintenance procedures

## ▶ Maintenance:

- Common training aids and instructions
- Work Order duplication (Maintenance Instructions)

## ▶ Outage Planning:

- Shared schedules, work orders, lessons learned, tooling
  - Reduced duplication
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# Problems of Standardization

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▶ **Hardware/equipment problems were found during startup or during operation of a single unit**

▶ **Positive:**

- **Corrective action quickly applied to other units**
- **Increased safe operation**
- **Proactive planning and repair**

▶ **Negative:**

- **Single supplier can extend outage time due to their inability to deal with large volume repairs or fabrication**
  - **Intensive manpower is required for short-term problems due to the effect on all 3 units operating status**
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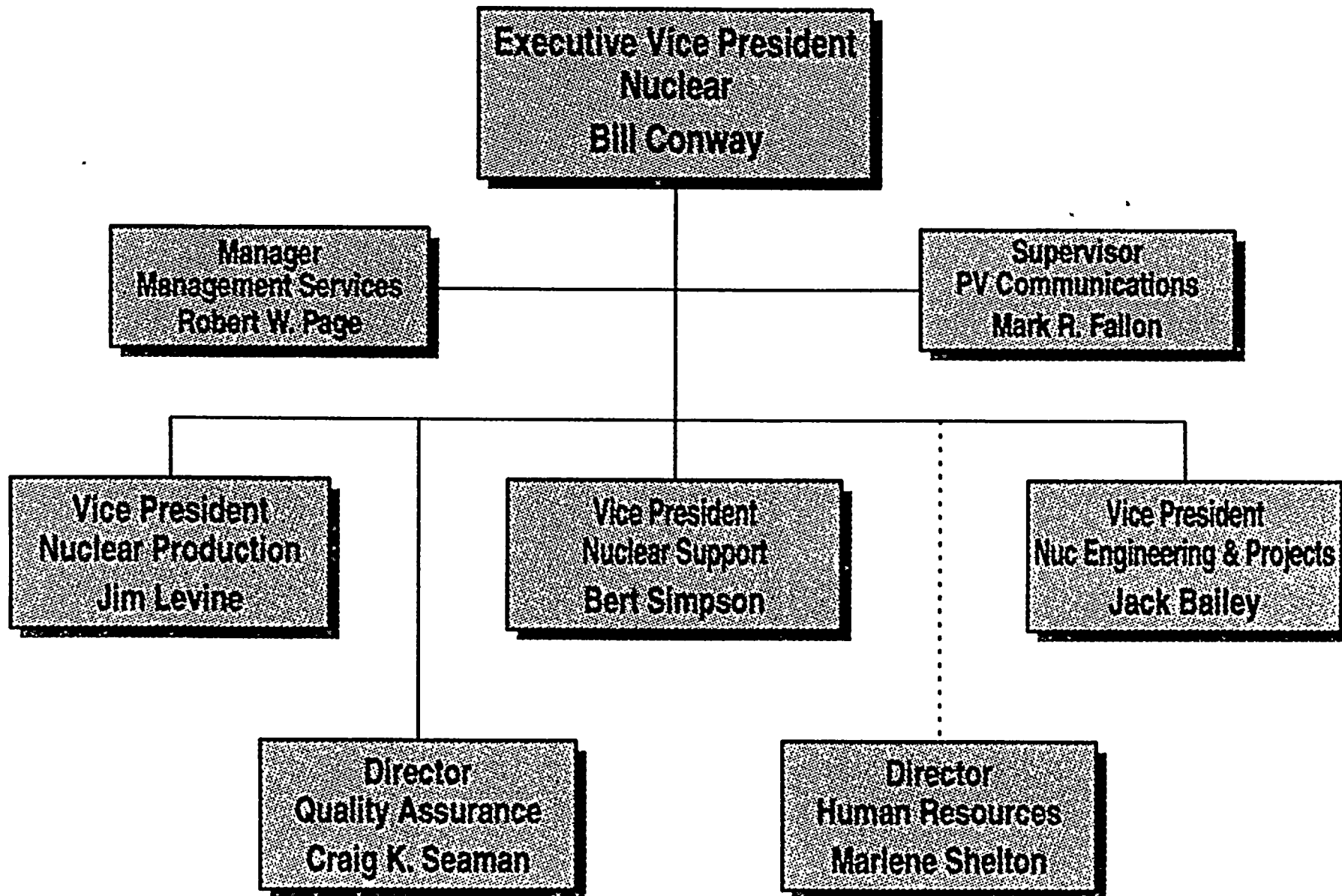
# **Unique Features of PVNGS**

- ▶ **First and only operating CE System 80 design**
- ▶ **Reactor power cutback with steam bypass has prevented numerous reactor trips**
- ▶ **Core Protection Calculator (CPC) - Digital Protection System**
- ▶ **Cooling water for condensers originates from the Phoenix effluent sewage system (treated at site)**
- ▶ **Reactor coolant pumps procured from KSB-Germany (improved seal design)**
- ▶ **Dry Site - zero liquid release site**





# Current PVNGS Organization (April 1994)







**Palo Verde  
Performance**

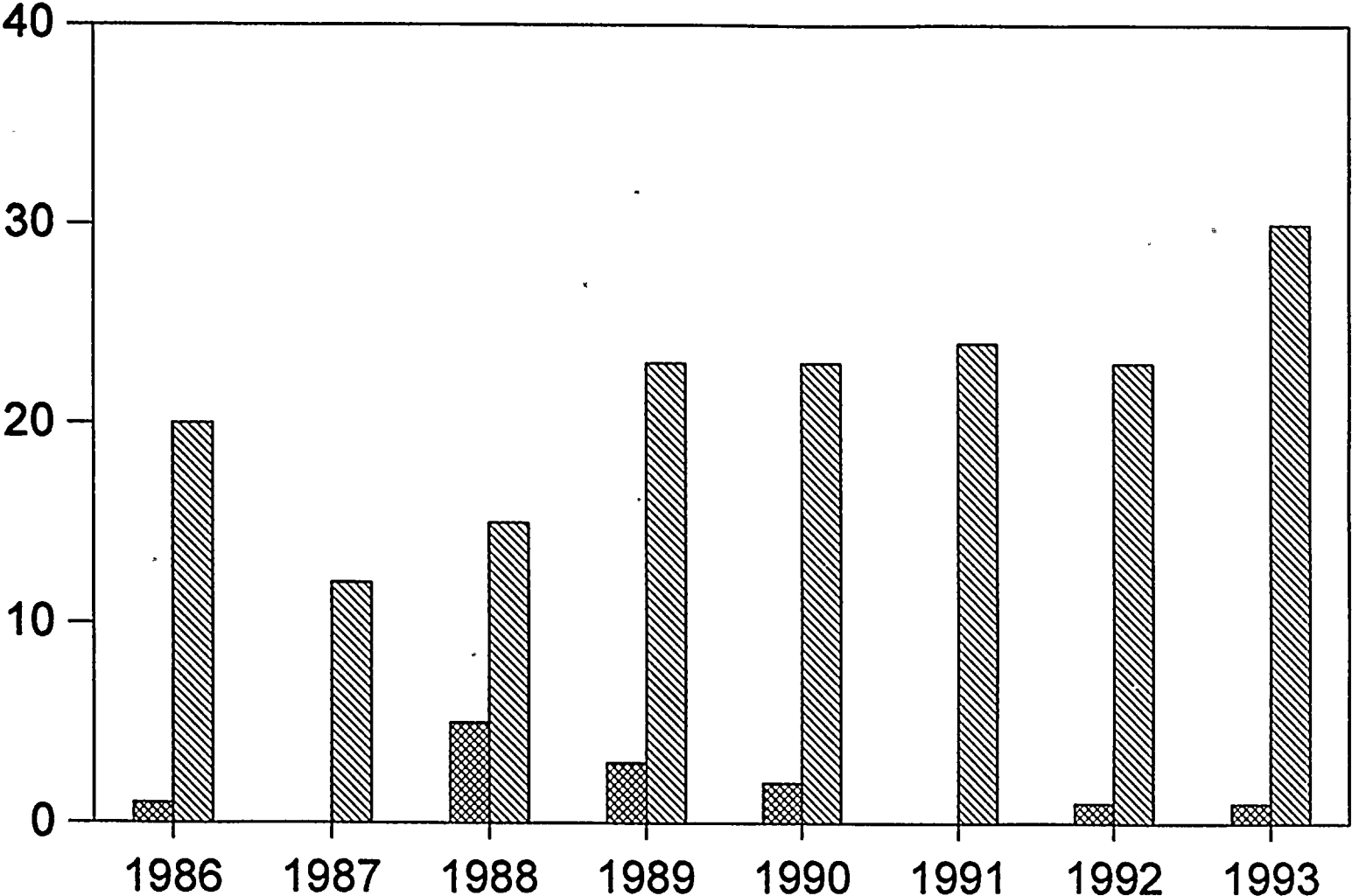


# SALP HISTORY

|  | 11-1-87 -<br>10-31-88 | 11-1-88 -<br>10-31-89 | 11-1-89 -<br>11-30-90 | 12-1-90 -<br>2-29-92 | 3-1-92 -<br>5-31-93 |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Plant Operations                           | 3↑                    | 2                     | 2↑                    | 2                    | 2                   |
| Radiological Controls                      | 3                     | 2                     | 2                     | 1                    | 2                   |
| Maintenance/Surveillance                   | 2                     | 3                     | 2                     | 2                    | 2                   |
| Emergency Preparedness                     | 2                     | 2↑                    | 1                     | 1                    | 1↓                  |
| Security                                   | 2                     | 2                     | 2↑                    | 2                    | 2                   |
| Engineering/Technical<br>Support           | 2                     | 3                     | 2                     | 2                    | 2↑                  |
| Safety Assessment/<br>Quality Verification | 3                     | 3                     | 2                     | 2                    | 2                   |
| Site SALP Rating                           | 2.43                  | 2.43                  | 1.85                  | 1.71                 | 1.85                |



# *NRC Violations*



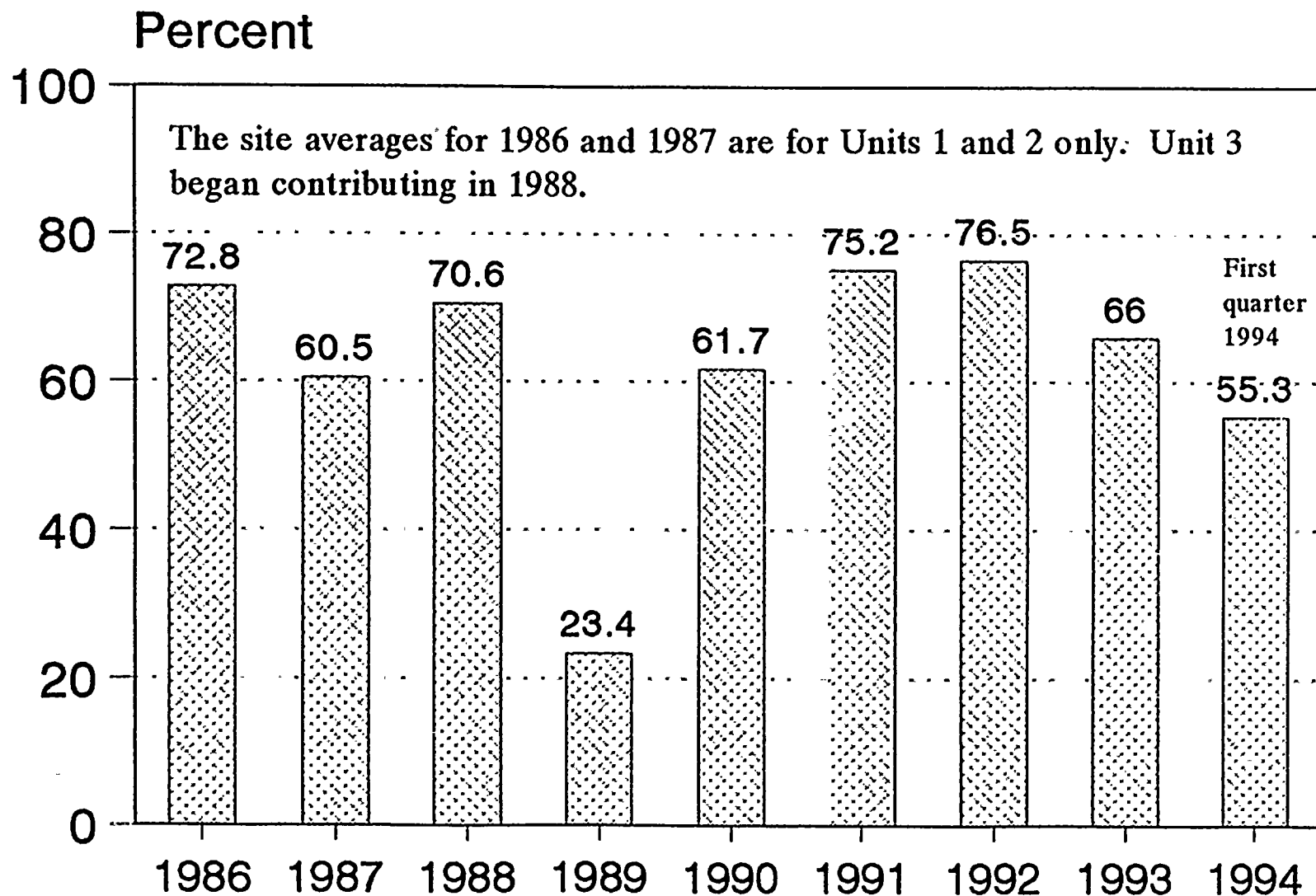
Level I-III    Level IV-V





# UNIT CAPACITY FACTOR (DER)

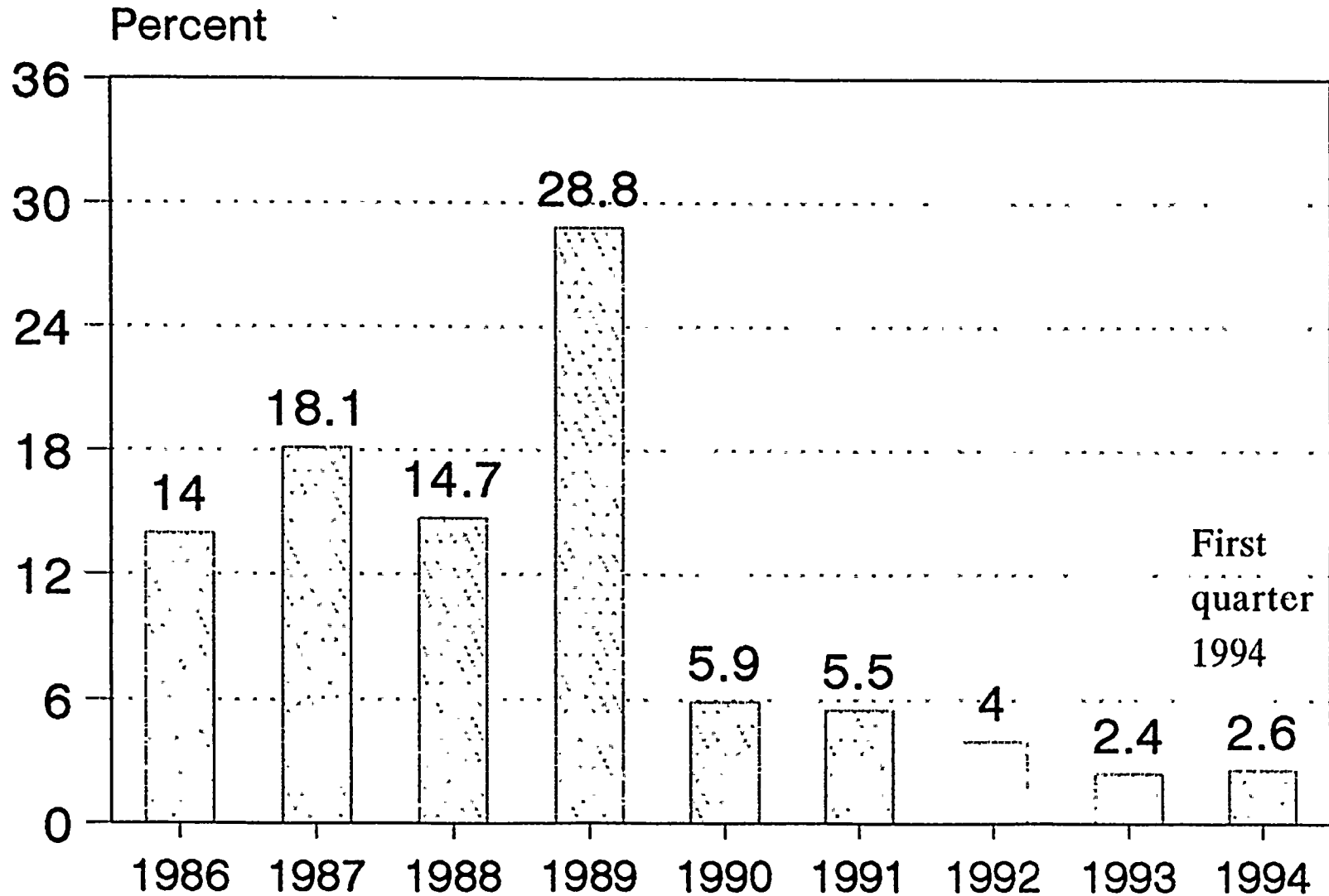
Site Averages for 1986 - 1994





# ***FORCED OUTAGE RATE***

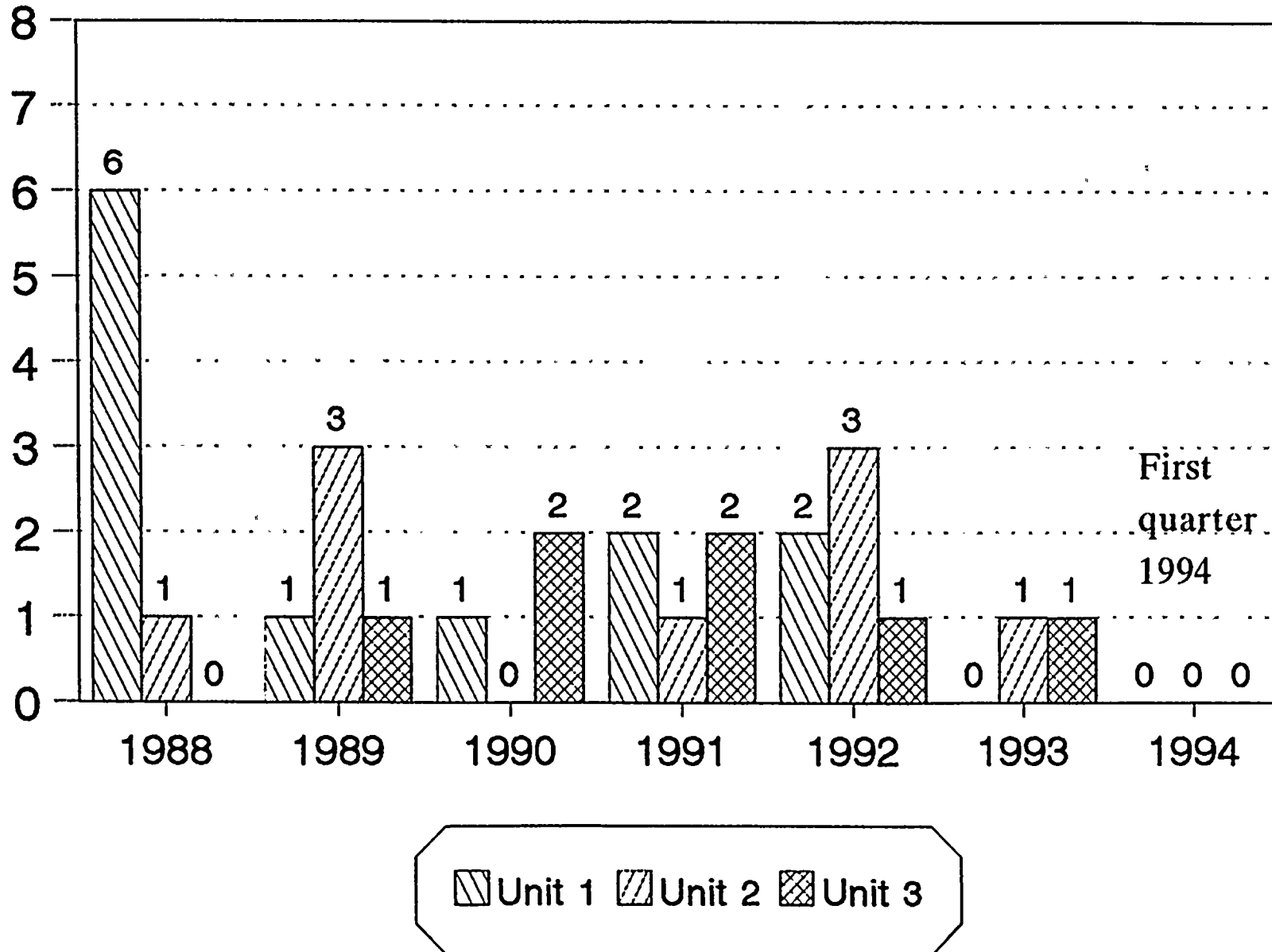
*Site Averages for 1986 - 1994*





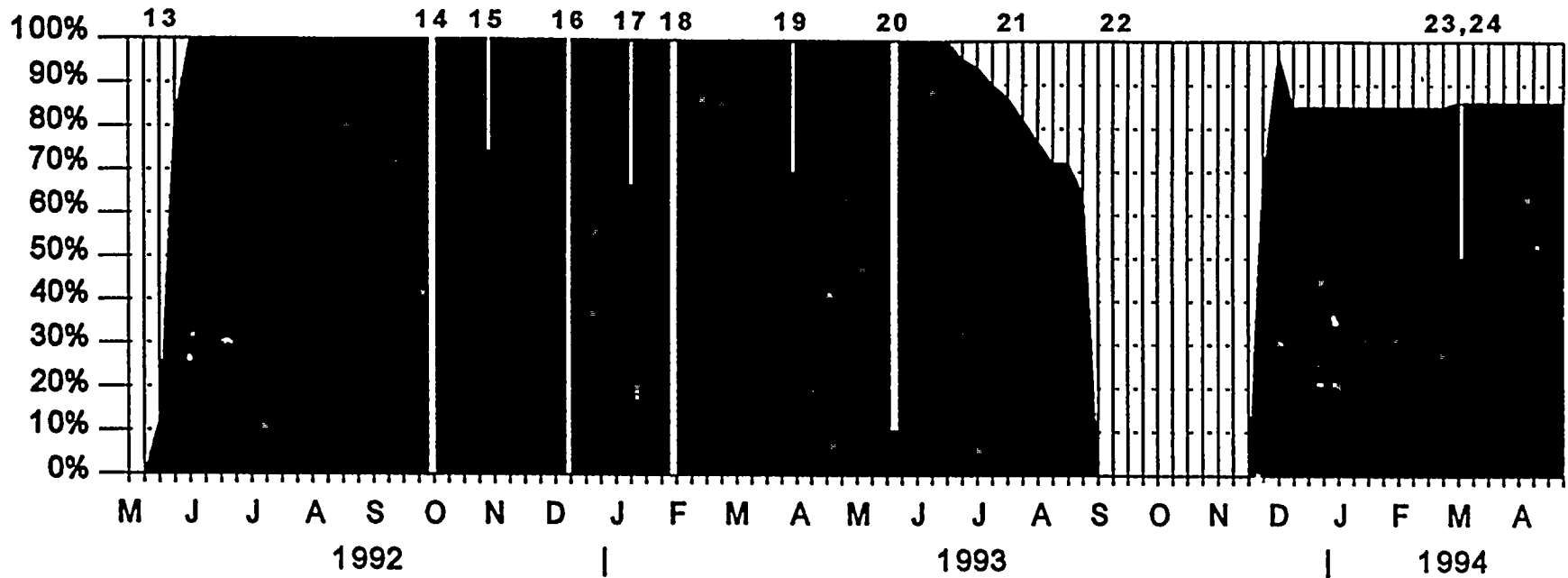
# ***AUTOMATIC SCRAMS WHILE CRITICAL***

## ***1988 - 1994***

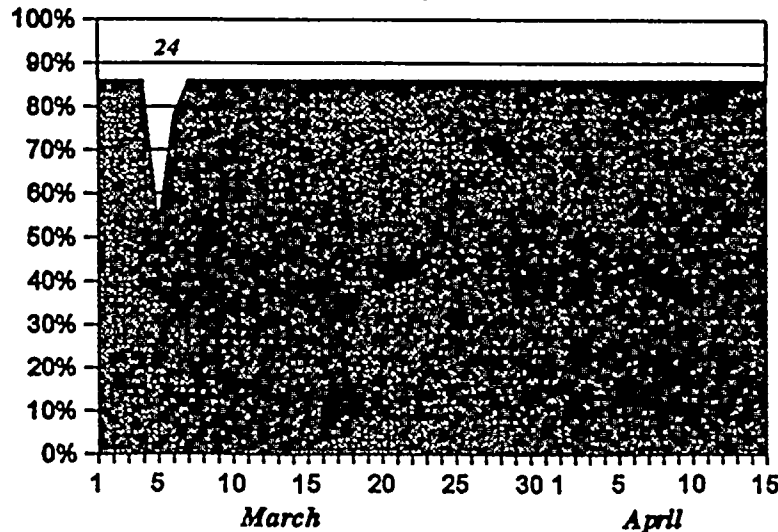




# Unit 1 - 24 Month Power History



## March - April (Through 04/15)

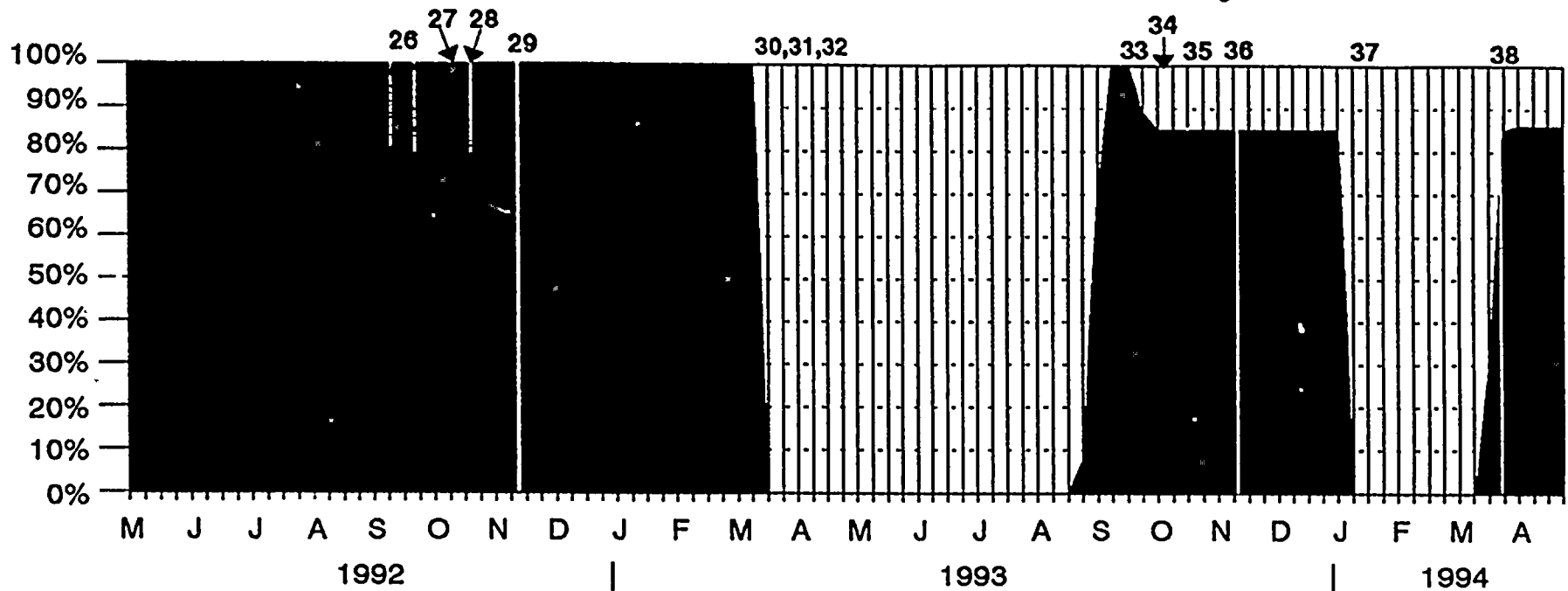


13. 2/15/92 - 5/23/92 - Third refueling outage. (98.6 days)
14. 9/28/92 - Unplanned RX trip on high pressurizer pressure following a turbine trip due to partial actuation of subsynchronous auxiliary relay. (4 days)
15. 10/25/92 - RX @ 74% due to inoperable COLSS. (5.5 hours)
16. 12/08/92 - RX trip due to main generator trip on negative sequence time overcurrent. (2 days)
17. 1/16/93 - RX @ 65% due to FWPT A power supply replacement. (15 hours)
18. 1/30/93 - Manual RX trip following main turbine trip on MSR D high level. (4 days)
19. 3/25/93 - RX @ 70% for a COLSS stalling problem and to replace a speed probe on FWPT A. (12 hours)
20. 5/15/93 - RX downpower to 12% to repair hydrogen leak in main electrical generator. (4 days)
21. 6/28/93 - Commenced end of core coastdown. (68 days)
22. 9/04/93 - 11/26/93 - Fourth refueling outage. (83.75 days)
23. 2/28/94 - Increase power to 86% per Plant Manager, based on evaluation performed by NED.
24. 3/05/94 - RX downpower to 53.6% for Steam Generator Cleanup. (26 hours)

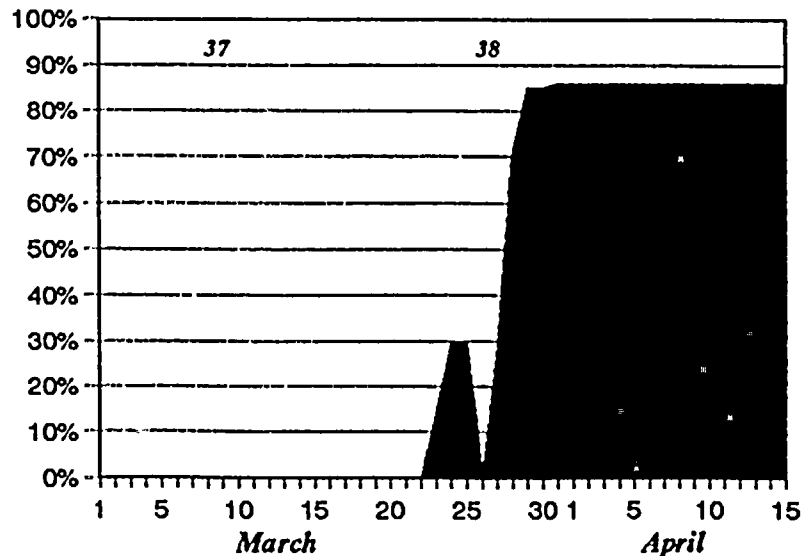




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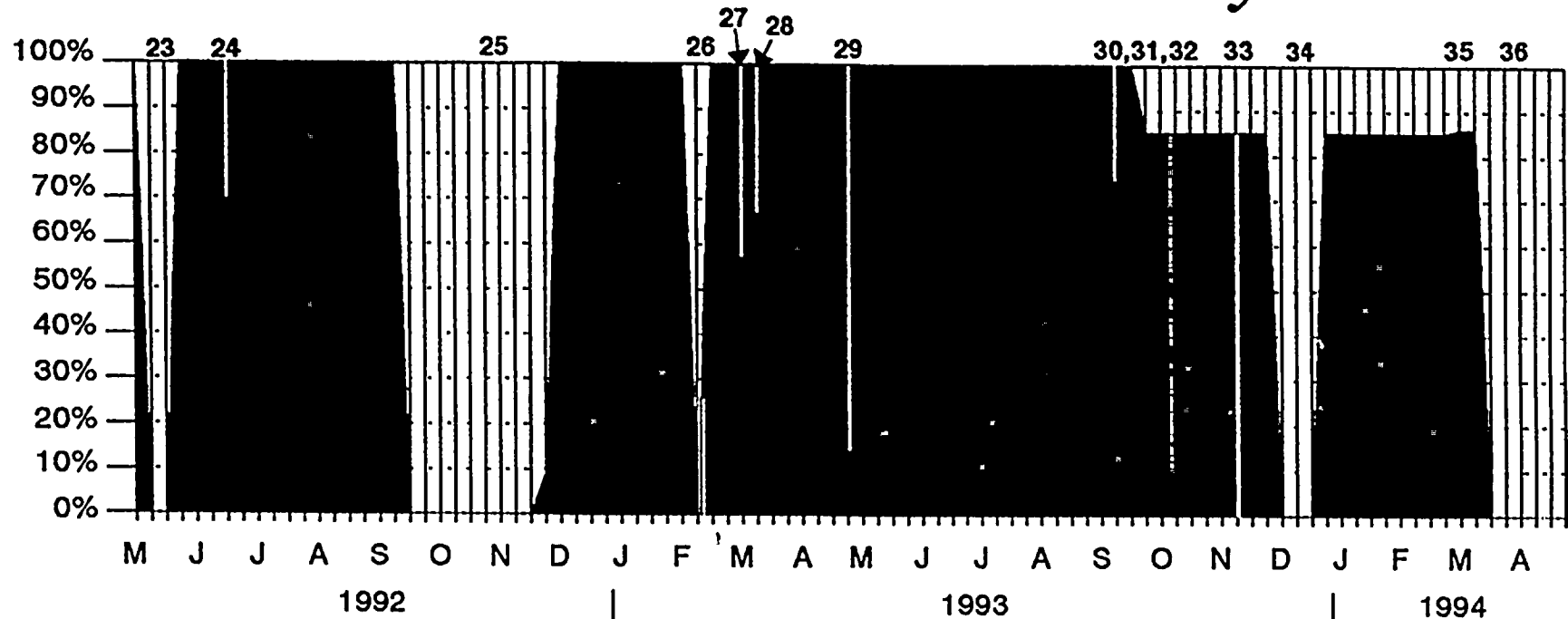
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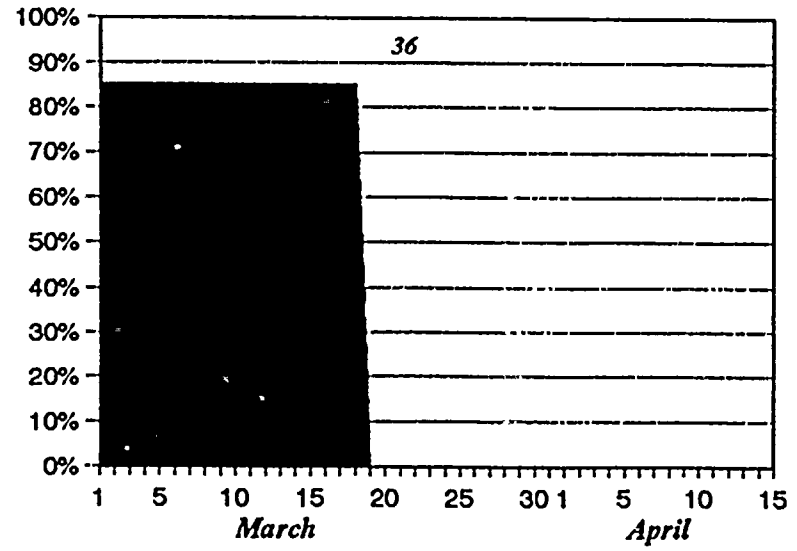
- 26. 9/16/92, 9/17/92 & 9/21/92 - RX @ 78% due to inoperable COLSS. (30.3 hours)
- 27. 10/4/92 - RX @ 77% due to inoperable COLSS. (24 hours)
- 28. 10/22/92 - RX @ 78% due to inoperable COLSS. (18 hours)
- 29. 11/13/92 - Unplanned RX trip due to loss of CEDMCS MG Sets. (3 days)
- 30. 3/7/93 - Commenced coastdown for fourth refueling outage.
- 31. 3/14/93 - Manual RX trip due to SG tube leak. (4.8 days)
- 32. 3/19/93 - 9/1/93 - Fourth refueling outage. (167 days)
- 33. 9/11/93 - RX @ 80% to clean up steam generators. (3 days)
- 34. 09/23/93 - RX at 85% to decrease probability of an SG tube failure.
- 35. 10/15/93 - RX downpower to 65% for SG cleanup and 2 B feedwater heater repair. (20 hours)
- 36. 11/02/93 - Unplanned RX trip after RX power cutback due to switchgear problem. (42 hours)
- 37. 1/8/94 - 3/22/94 - Manually tripped RX and began mid-cycle Steam Generator tube inspection outage. (74 days)
- 38. 3/25/94 - Manual RX trip due to an oil leak from a loose fitting on RCP 1A. (29.7 hours)



# Unit 3 - 24 Month Power History



**March - April**  
(Through 04/15)



- 23 5/4/92 - RX @ 70% due to loss of COLSS & control room annunciators. ALERT declared and unit later shut down at management's discretion (143 days)
- 24 6/3/92 - RX @ 60% due to "B" FWP trip on overspeed (4 days)
- 25 9/19/92 - 11/26/92 - Third refueling outage (677 days)
- 26 2/4/93 - Unplanned RX trip on low S/G level due to main feedwater pump A problem (7 days)
- 27 2/27/93 - RX power outback to 57% due to manual trip of feedwater pump "A" (5 days)
- 28 3/4/93 - RX power outback to 55% due to manual trip of feedwater pump "A" (14 days)
- 29 4/20/93 - RX power outback to 47% and downpower to 12% following a main turbine trip (24 days)
- 30 9/24/93 - RX power downpower to 75% for chemistry clean-up of SG (61 hours)
- 31 9/26/93 - RX power increased to operate at 85% to reduce the probability of a SG tube failure
- 32 10/9/93 - Turbine was removed from service to repair an electrical scalded valve. RX power reduced to 10% (645 hours)
- 33 11/3/93 - Manually tripped RX when a control rod problem was encountered while downpowering to isolate a steam leak (4 days)
- 34 11/29/93 - 12/26/93 - Manually tripped RX and began mid-cycle Steam Generator tube inspection outage (279 days)
- 35 2/26/94 - Increased power to 86% per Plant Manager, based on evaluation performed by NED
- 36 3/19/94 - Began Fourth refueling outage



# Strategic Issues

Culture

Employee Concerns

Human Performance

Regulatory Strategy

Reengineering

Production/Cost

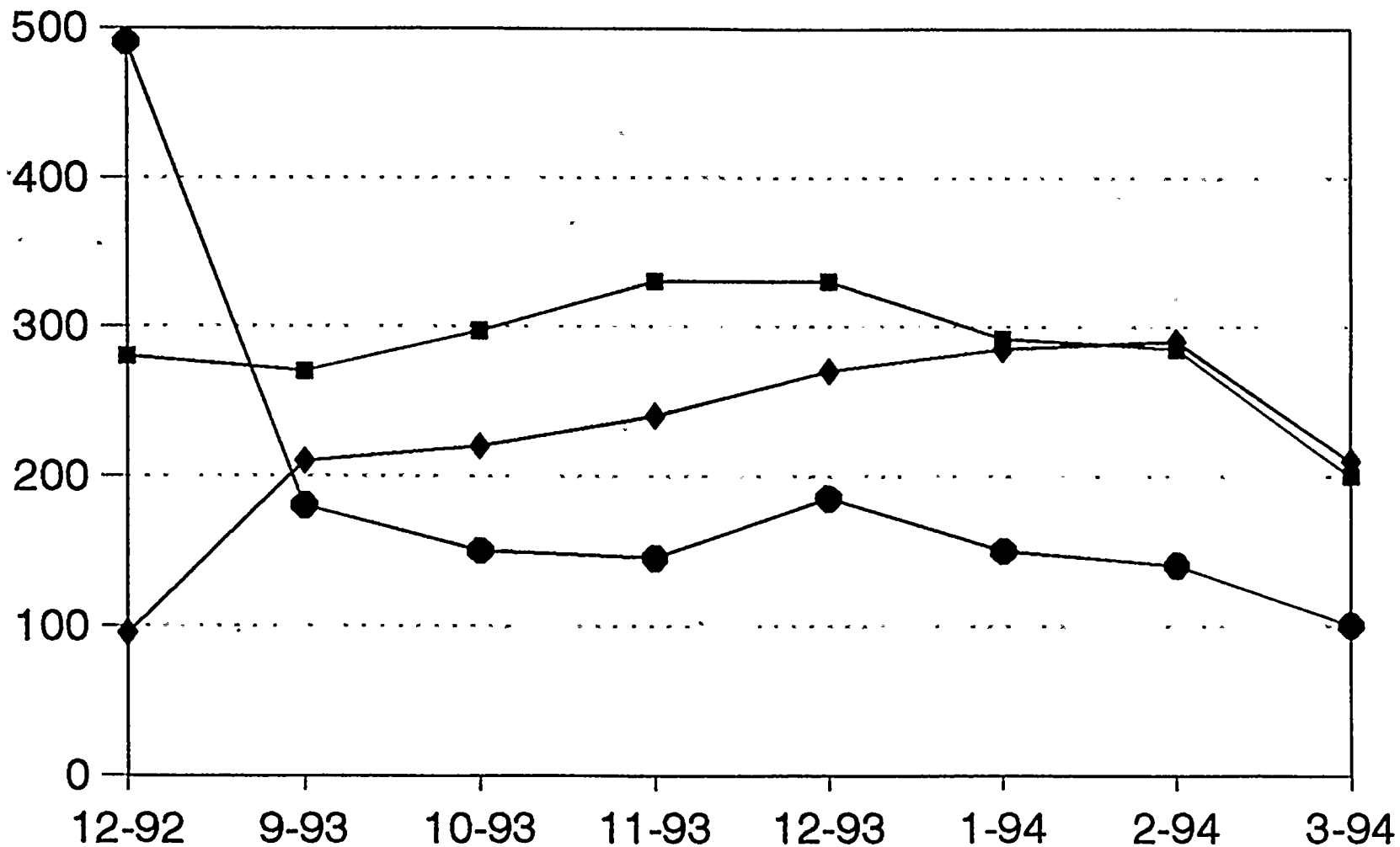
Industrial Safety

Training and Qualification



# *Unit Maintenance Backlog*

*Mech, Elec, I&C, Util*



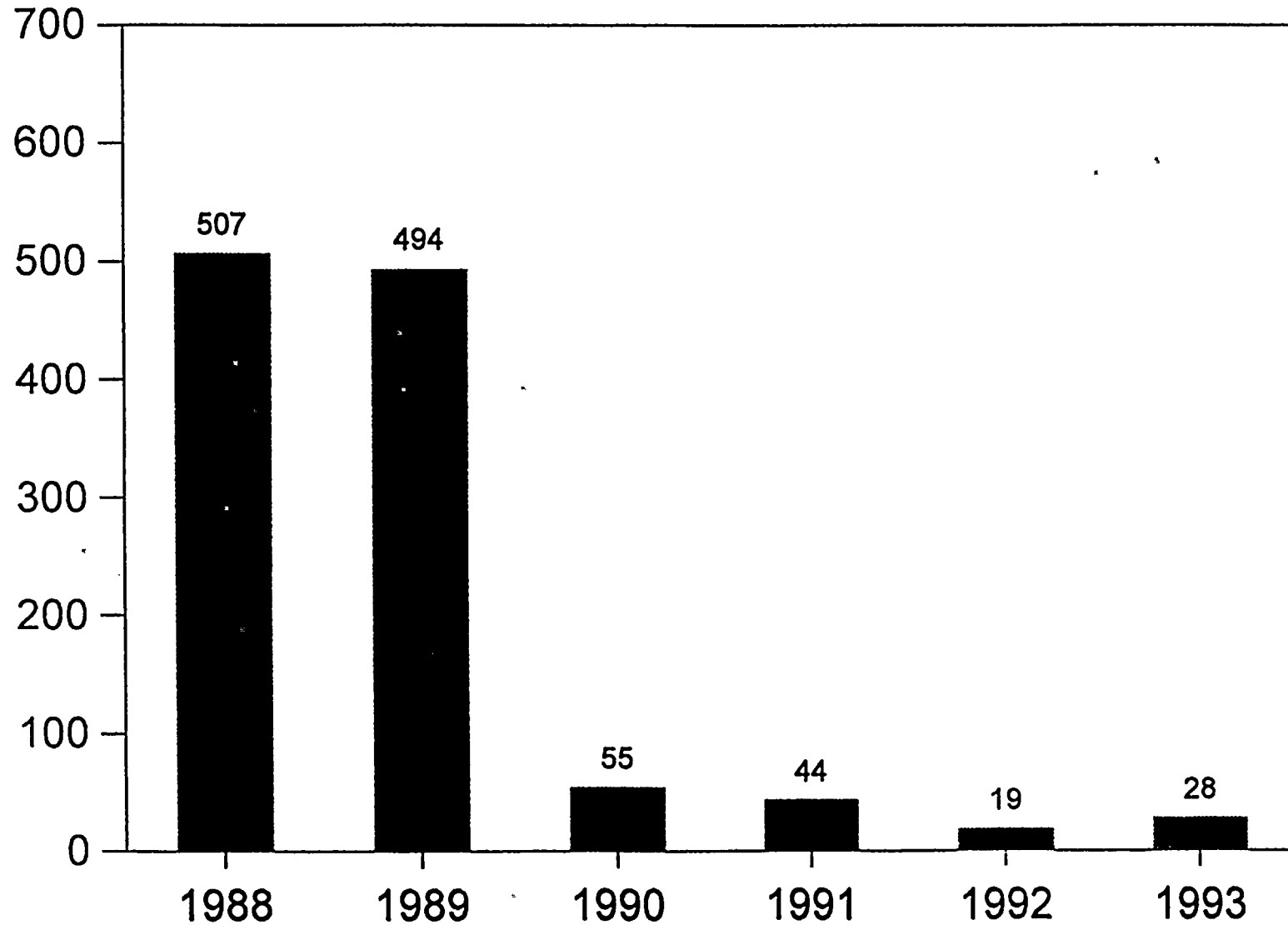
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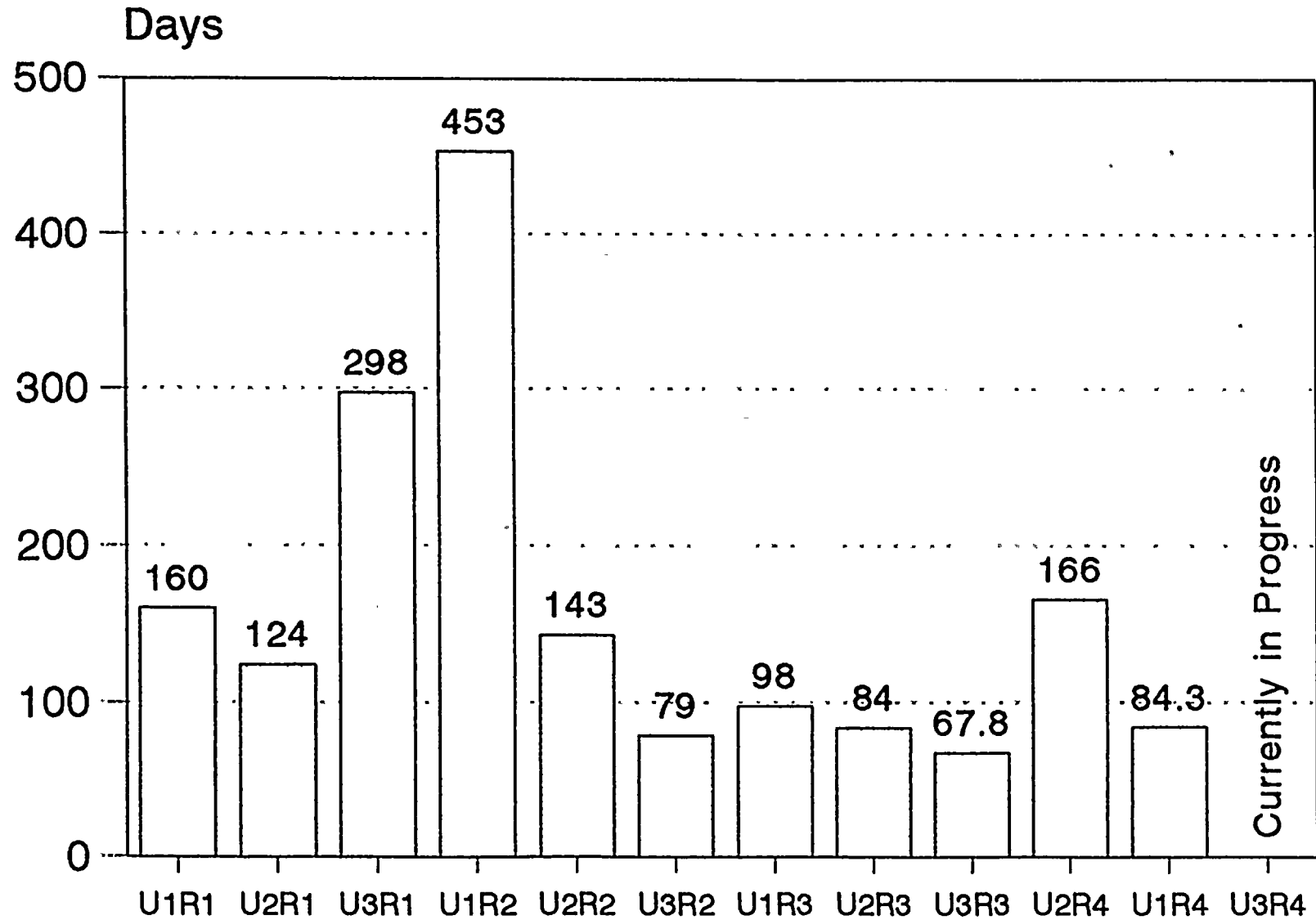
# *Preventive Maintenance Items Past Due*

## *Year-end Snapshot*



# ***OUTAGE DURATIONS***

## *Breaker to Breaker*





# **UNIT 3 REFUELING OUTAGE MAJOR WORK ITEMS**

Install Handholes in Steam Generators

ERFDADS/SPDS Replacement

Replacement of 7 I-600 Pressurizer Nozzles

Reactor Trip Switchgear Replacement

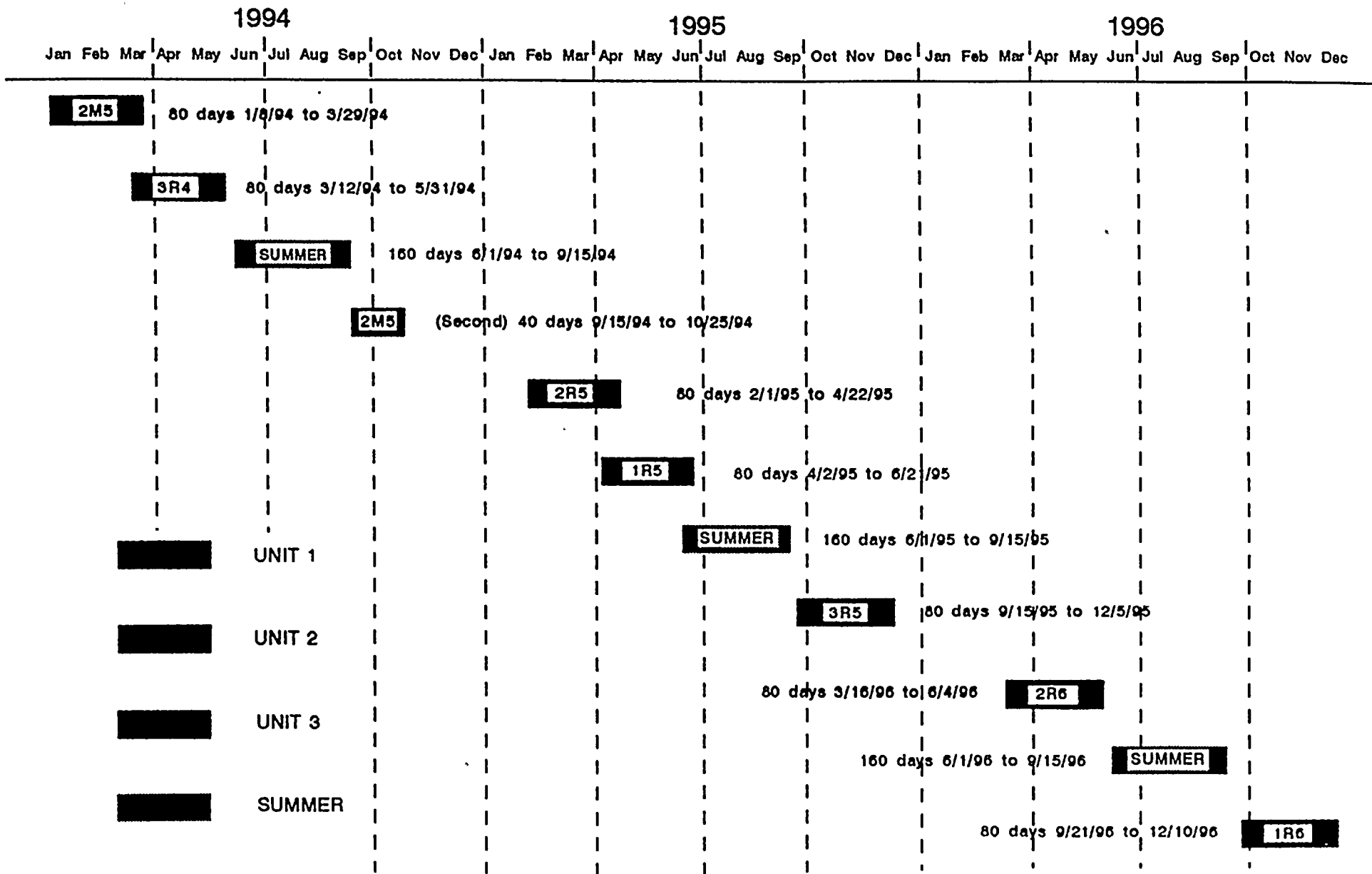
Connection of Station Blackout Generators to Unit 3

Chemical Cleaning of Steam Generators

Upgrade Diesel Generator Starting Air Systems  
Compressors and Fuel Oil Delivery System



# OUTAGE SCHEDULE

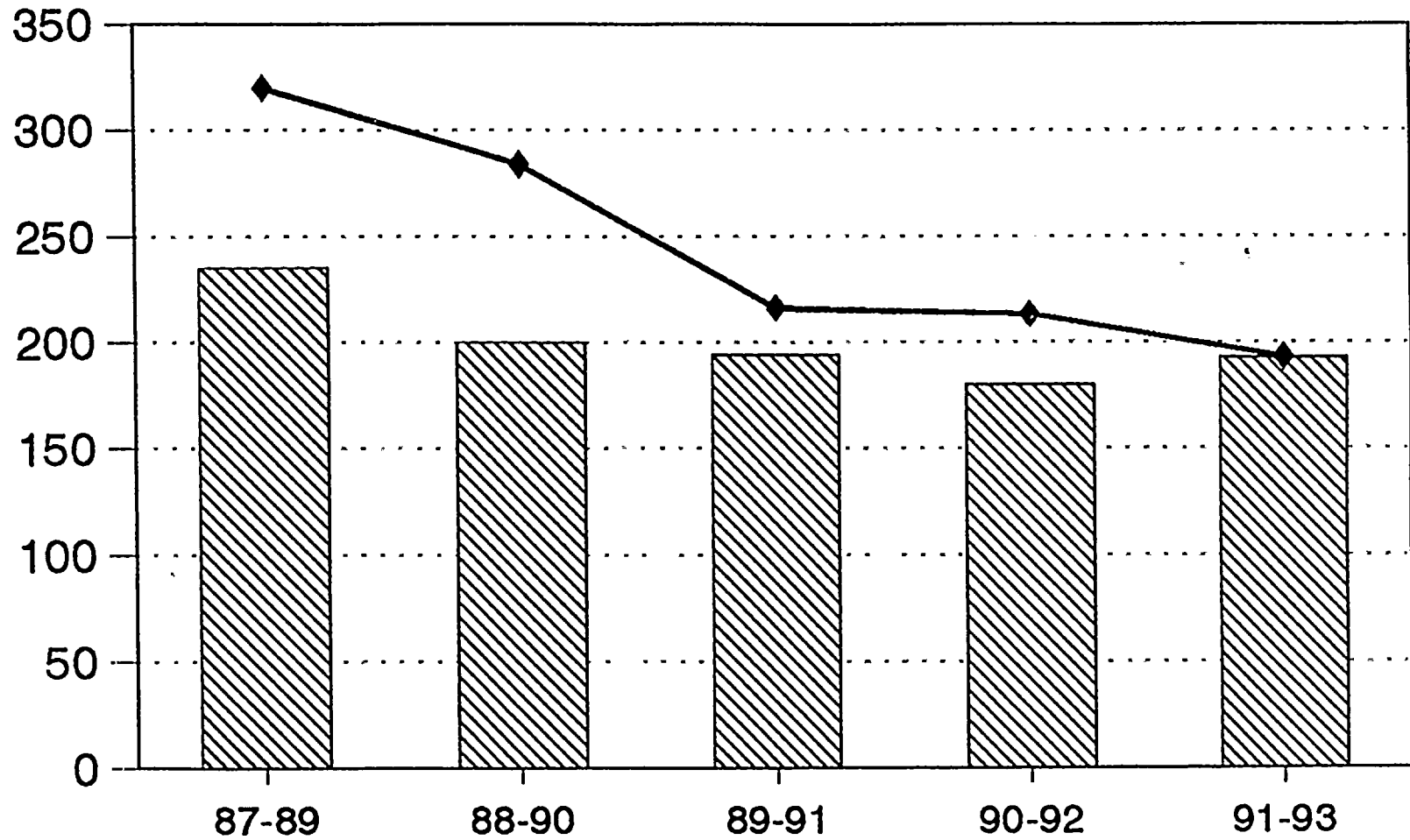








# *Radiation Exposure*

## *3 Year Rolling Window*

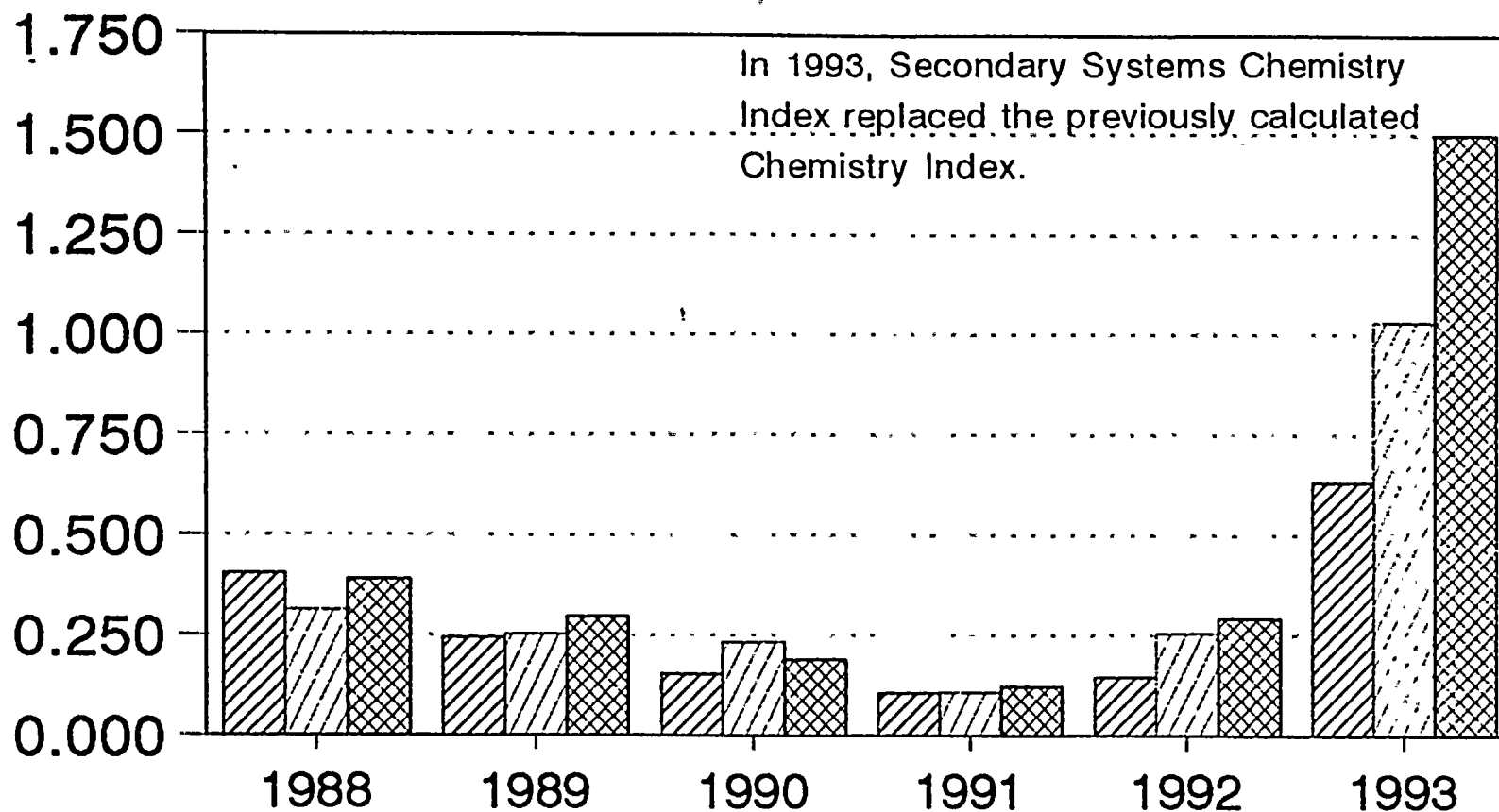





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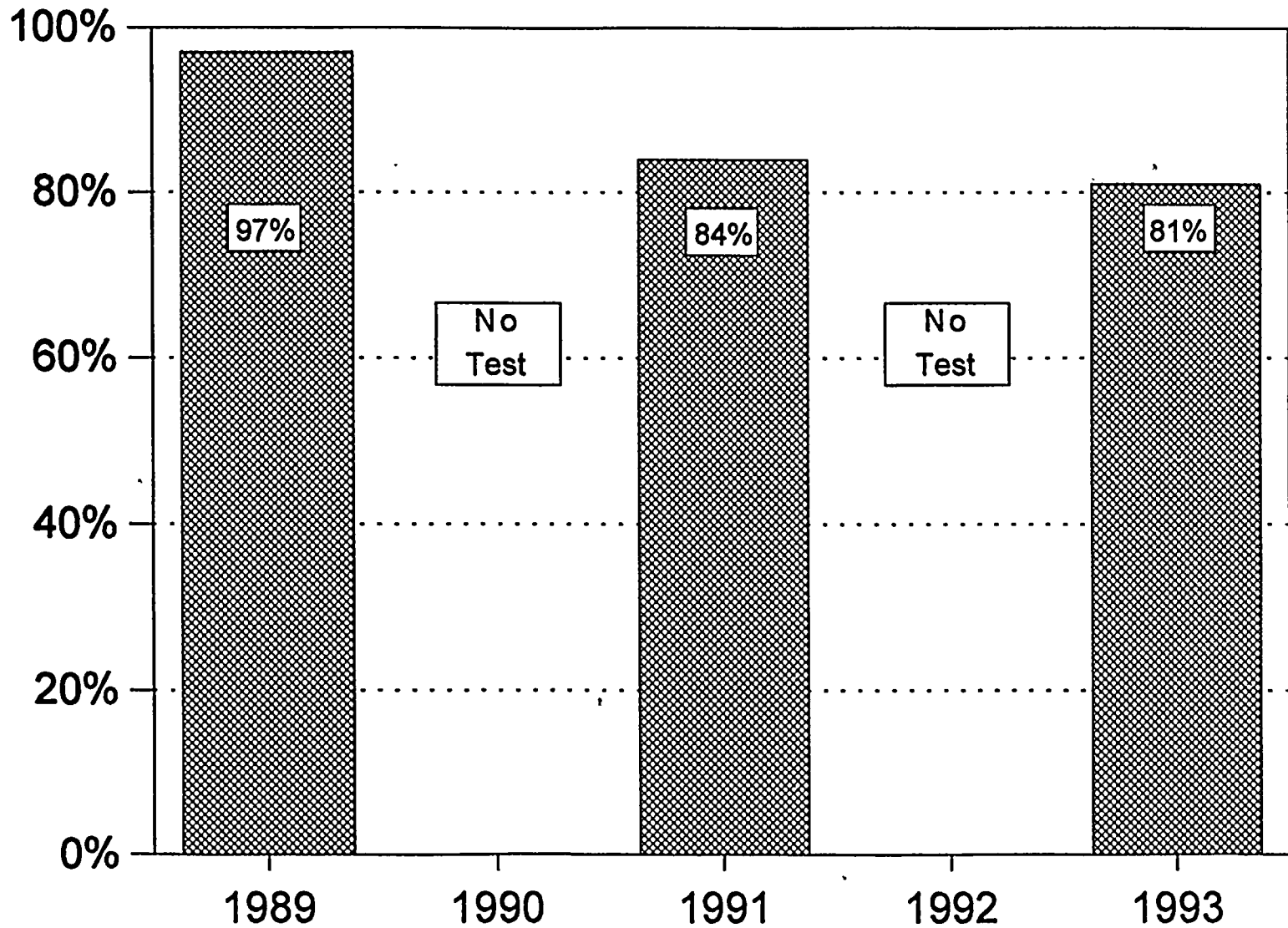
## ***Yearly Unit Average 1988 to 1993***



|  |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Unit 1  | 0.404 | 0.243 | 0.154 | 0.105 | 0.146 | 0.630 |
| Unit 2  | 0.314 | 0.253 | 0.234 | 0.109 | 0.255 | 1.030 |
| Unit 3  | 0.390 | 0.298 | 0.190 | 0.123 | 0.292 | 1.500 |

# *Licensed Operator*

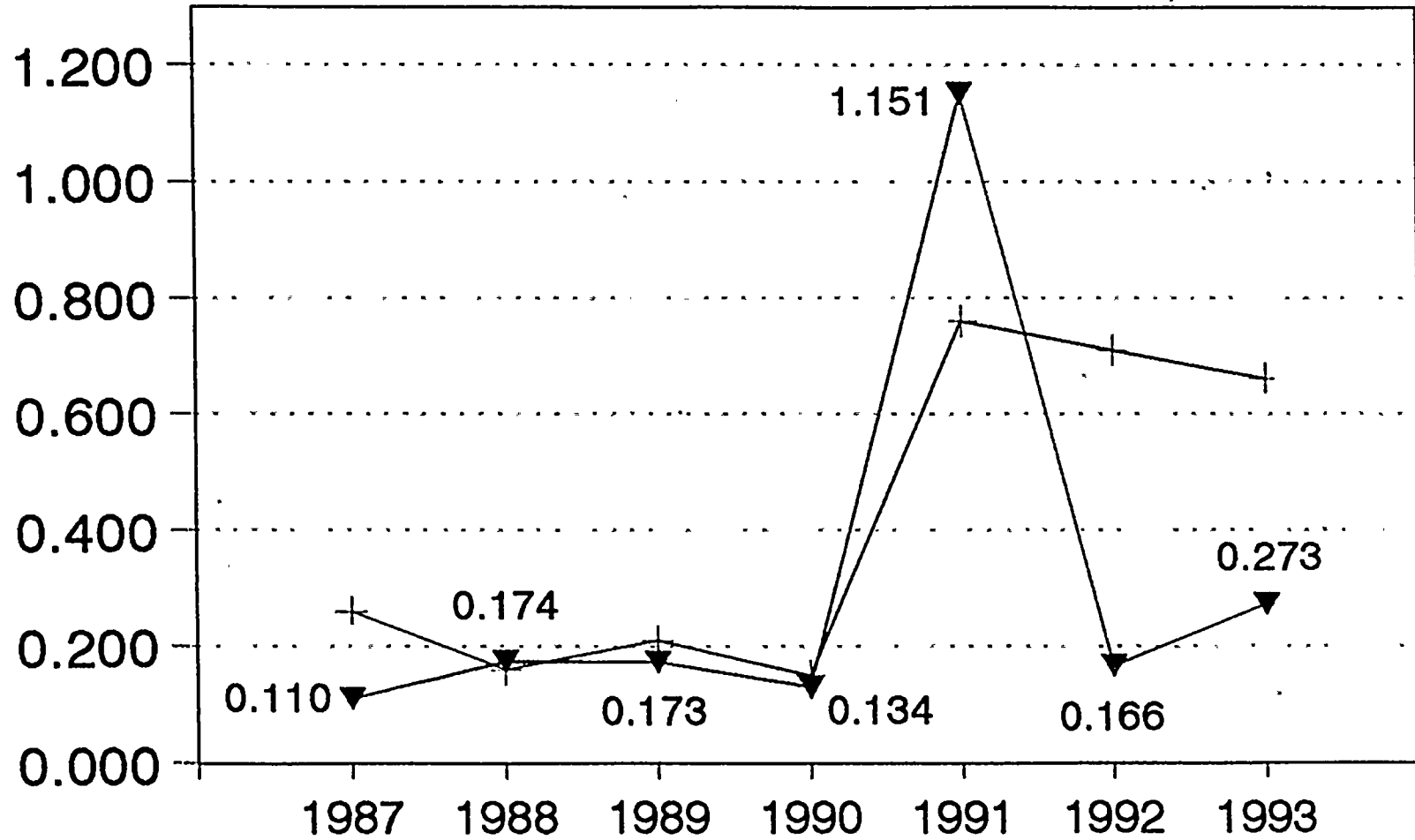
## *Requalification Examination Pass Rate*





# *INDUSTRIAL SAFETY ACCIDENT RATE*

## *1987 - 1993*



▼ Palo Verde + Ind Median



# EMPLOYEE CONCERNS

Independent Assessments

Culture Changes

Programmatic Changes

ECP Backlog Reduction





Actions taken by APS to assure an atmosphere exists at PVNGS which encourages employees to freely raise concerns.

### Independent Assessments

Behavioral Consultant Services

Duke Engineering & Services

### Cultural Changes

Focus

Breakthrough Leadership

DeMichele - Conway All Hands Meetings

Communication of expectations

"Can We Talk"



## Programmatic Changes

Integrated Resolution Process

Employee Concerns Program (ECP)

Management Issue Tracking/Resolution (MITR)

Differing Professional Opinion (DPO)

## ECP Backlog Reduction

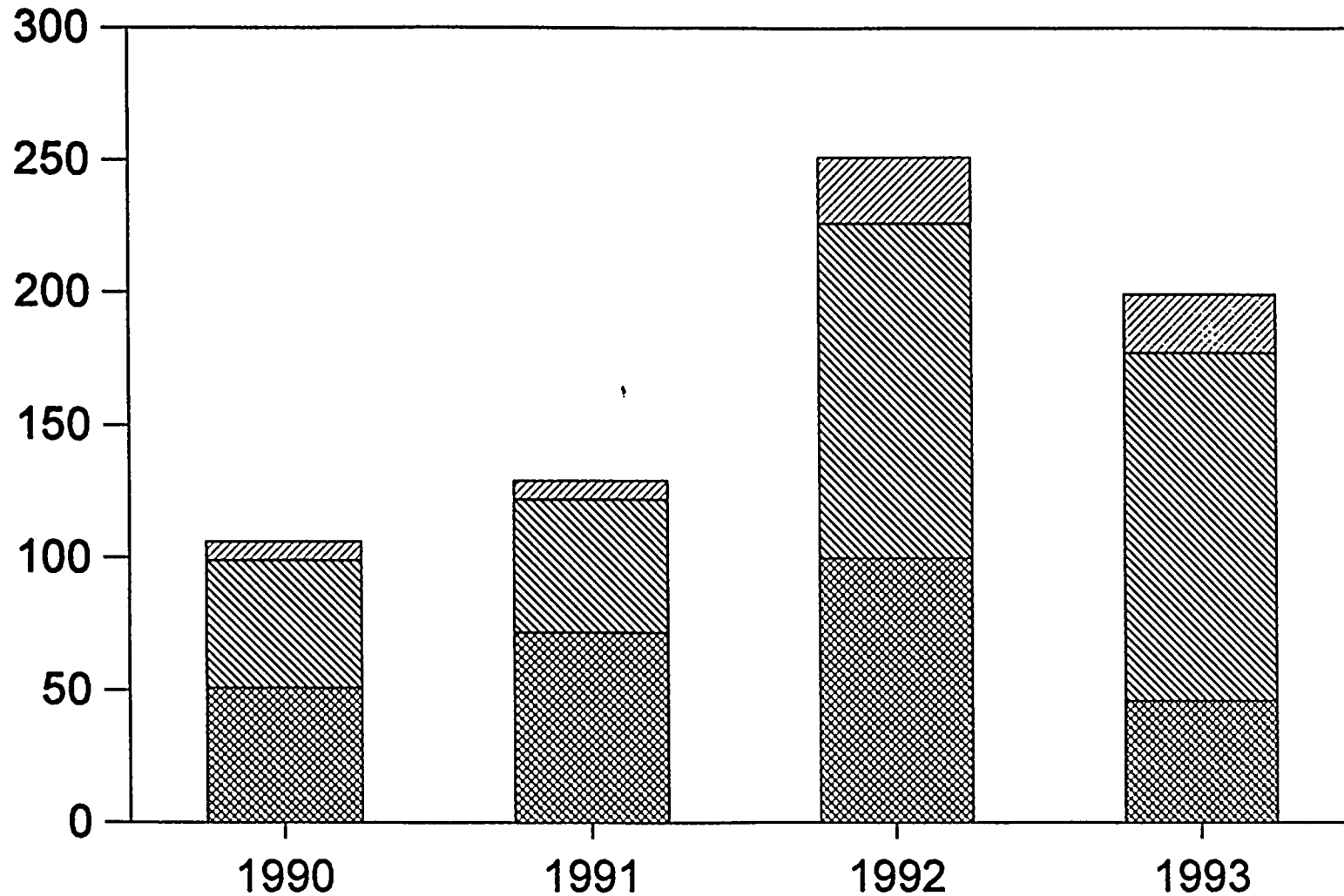
Significant case backlog reduction  
from 140 (10/93) to 4 (4/94)

ECP Historical Perspective

Potential Impact of Reengineering



# *Employee Concerns At PVNGS*



■ Safety Related ■ Mgmt/Personnel ■ Ind'l Safety



# Human Performance Strategic Issue

Current Situation

Action Plan

Twelve Self-Assessment Areas

Benefits





# Current Situation

Cultural influence on Human Performance recognized

Procedures are adequate, but complex

Trending process fragmented

Departmental self-assessment needs improvement

Industry experience and training needs to be focused



# Action Plan

Implement Leadership Performance Profiles (complete)

Evaluate PEP "as intended" (initial survey complete)

Identify Consolidated Trending Program needs (complete)

Implement Performance Assessment and Trend Report program:

- 12 Self-Assessment areas identified
- Criteria for Annunciator Report completed
- Data collection for Pilot Report in progress
- Initial Performance Assessment and Trend Report scheduled for 5-1-94



# Twelve Self-Assessment Areas

Maintenance

Operations

Engineering

Radiation Protection

Chemistry

Training

Emergency Planning

Quality Assurance and Oversight

Material and Inventory

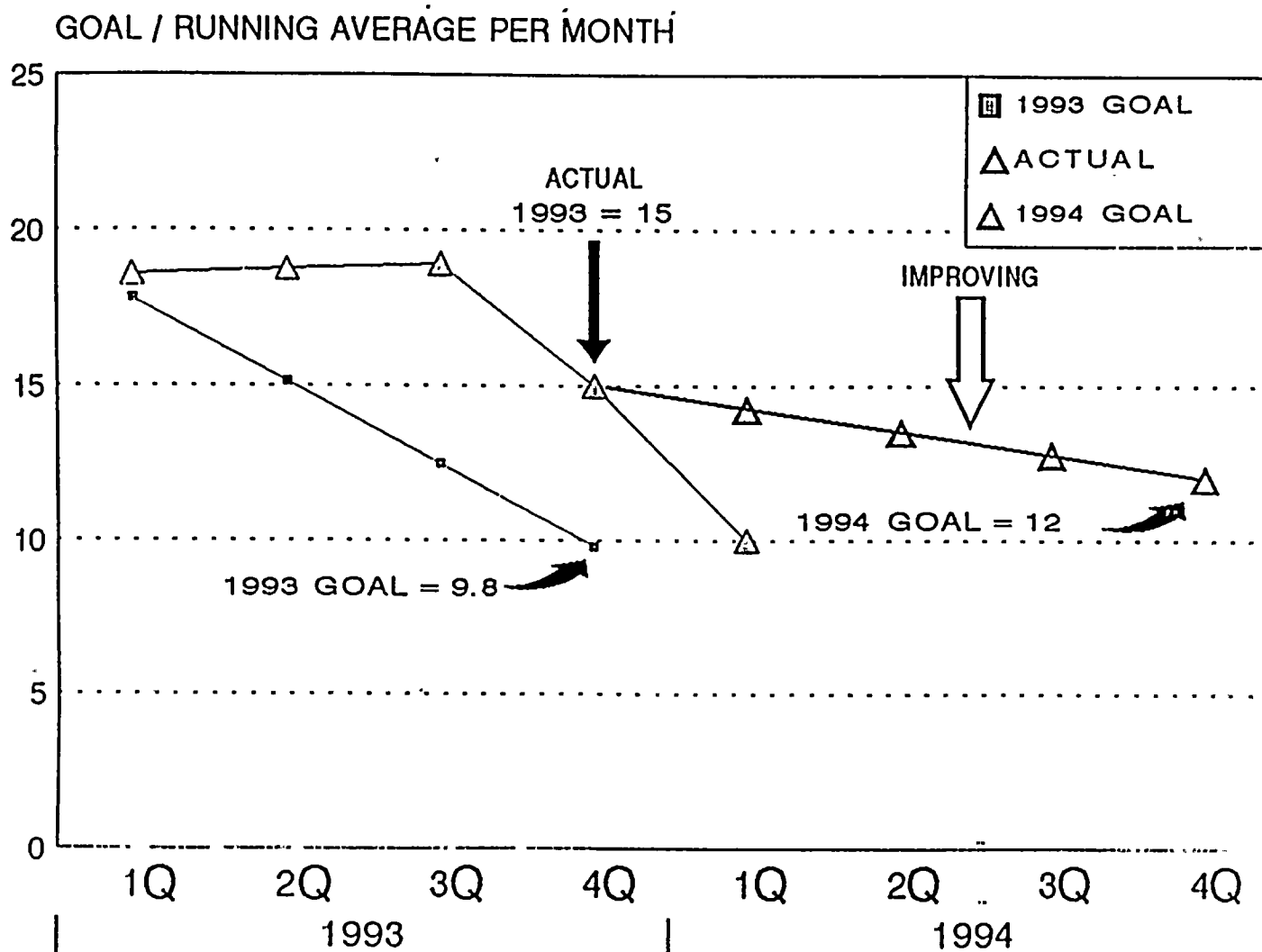
Regulatory and Industry Affairs

Environmental and Safety

Security



# SITEWIDE HUMAN PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT TOTAL EVENTS

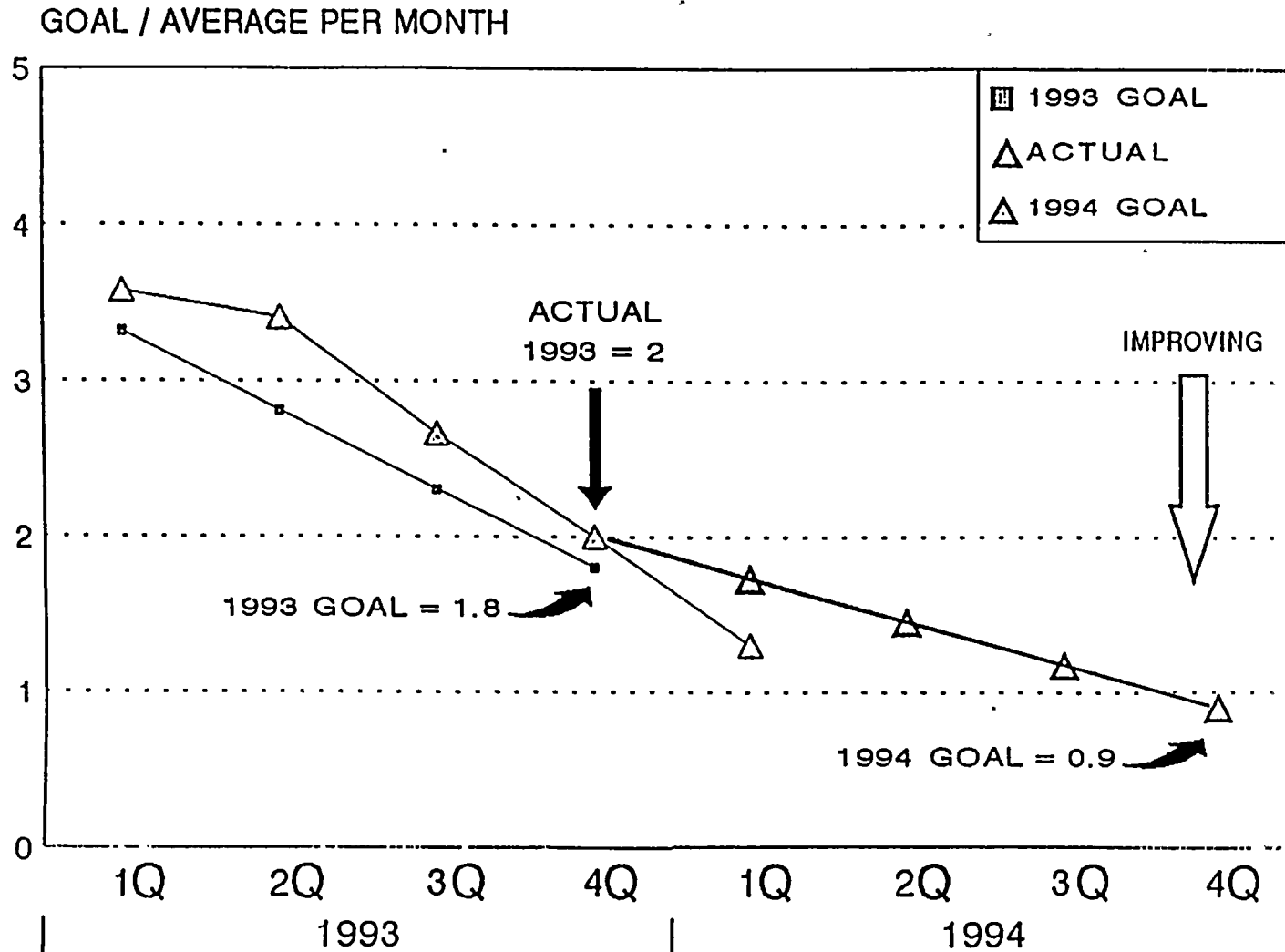


EVENTS ARE DEFINED AS UNDESIRABLE OR UNEXPECTED RESULTS OF AN ACTION OR SERIES OF ACTIONS. EXAMPLES INCLUDE: EQUIPMENT MALFUNCTION, OSHA RECORDABLE INJURY, FAILURE TO FOLLOW RADIOLOGICAL POSTINGS, ACTION RESULTING IN EQUIPMENT BEING REMOVED FROM SERVICE, IN ADDITION TO SIGNIFICANT EVENTS.





# SITEWIDE HUMAN PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT SIGNIFICANT EVENTS



SIGNIFICANT EVENTS/CONDITIONS HAVE AN ACTUAL OR POTENTIAL IMPACT ON NUCLEAR SAFETY OR PERSONNEL SAFETY. EXAMPLES INCLUDE: REACTOR TRIPS, OPERATION OUTSIDE THE DESIGN BASIS OF THE PLANT, FUNDAMENTAL MISUNDERSTANDING OF, OR NON-COMPLIANCE WITH OPERATIONAL, REGULATORY, OR SAFETY REQUIREMENTS AND SERIOUS PERSONNEL INJURY.



# Benefits

Anchor self-assessment culture

Reduce human error events

Increase frontline supervision in the field

Improve focus in training

Enhance value of industry information

Change perspective to proactive versus reactive



# Regulatory Strategic Issue

Regulatory Performance Indicators

Self-Assessment Culture

Commitment Control

Regulatory Communication



# Regulators

NRC

INPO

ANI

ARRA/ADEQ

OSHA

Public Utility Commissions





# NRC

Issue performance indicators to monitor trends for each plant

Compare plant performance against industry and peer group

Compare cause codes for plant events

## Indicators

- ◇ Automatic Scrams While Critical
- ◇ Safety System Actuation
- ◇ Significant Events
- ◇ Safety System Failures
- ◇ Forced Outage Rate (%)
- ◇ Equipment Forced Outage Rate/1000 Commercial Hours
- ◇ Radiation Exposure

## PVNGS Added

- ◇ Number of NRC Violations
- ◇ Number of Ineffective Corrective Actions
- ◇ Re-qualification Exam Pass Rate



# Future-Focused Self-Assessment Plan

Perform Self-SALP

Implement high priority corrective actions

Make Operating Experience program enhancements

Develop Self-Assessment strategy

Implement Nuclear Assurance reengineering changes



# Commitment Control

Understand historical perspective

Continue Cost Beneficial Licensing Activities

Prepare “commitment” definition

Make commitments strategically

Consider future commitments carefully

Assign clear responsibility for the commitment

Track and follow up on problem resolution



# Regulatory Communication

Goal is to develop mutual understanding and cooperative relationship

Ongoing informal discussions continue

NRC meeting attendance by appropriate APS Management

Regular formal communications

- Progress of improvement plans

- Status of regulatory issues

- Proactive presentation of plant status

Face-to-face discussions

- Avail Senior Management to the NRC

- Topics are the current issues of interest





# Reengineering



**Process** → **Organization** → **Staffing**

Control of Work

Modifications

Quality Assurance

Operations

Outages

Materials

Department Reengineering



**Reengineering Advisory Group**

Bert Simpson

Jim Levine

Jack Bailey

Dave Mauldin

Bill Ide

Craig Seaman

Gregg Overbeck

**Reengineering Advisory Team**

All PVNGS Key Leaders



# Process Gaps

Fragmented organization

Too many handoffs

Existing complex work process contribute to Human Error

Specialist vs. generalist

Designed more mods than we can install

Created groups to check other groups work

Procedures written by groups who are not ultimately responsible for the work

Inadequate review of old modifications from cost benefit perspective





# Maintaining Plant Safety Requires Us to Address Several Key Issues

**To ensure the changes will work...**

A formal reengineering program was utilized to redesign our processes  
Best practice plants were visited and learnings were incorporated  
Changes were piloted and learnings were incorporated  
The implementation of changes is sequenced to minimize disruption  
Outside experts reviewed process changes  
Reengineering Advisory Group controlled process

**To ensure sufficient resources...**

Workload model was developed for initial staffing estimates  
Additional resources in excess of required complement

**To ensure people are qualified...**

The formal selection process will retain high performers



# Maintaining Plant Safety Requires Us to Address Several Key Issues (Cont.)

## To handle the affects on people...

An extensive culture change program was instituted to prepare the organization for change

The rationale for change, the type of changes, and the schedule for change was communicated to employees in a timely, proactive manner

The employee concerns program was improved

Form employee concern resolution team

Considerable resources were expended to ensure an equitable selection process

People support programs were instituted

A voluntary severance package was offered to all employees

## The impact on processes...

Changes will increase personal accountability

Changes will eliminate work fragmentation and handoffs lowering probability of human error

The implementation of Engineering and Maintenance changes will occur when plants are running and only routine maintenance required

Site-wide scheduling implemented one month in advance

Nuclear Assurance aligned by SALP categories two months in advance

Operations and Outages unaffected until Fall



# Maintaining Plant Safety Requires Us to Address Several Key Issues (Cont.)

**To ensure  
configuration  
control...**

Programs and procedures affecting plant configuration were identified

Processes and job responsibilities were designed to ensure control

**To ensure  
commitment  
compliance...**

Commitments were formally reviewed and evaluated to ensure high priority ones are maintained in the new processes



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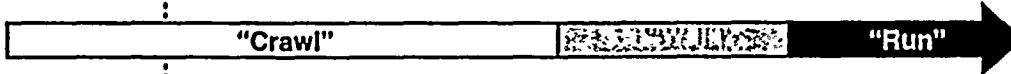
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Nuclear Assurance



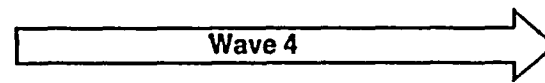
**Wave 2**  
Control of Work  
Modification  
Engineering  
Licensing  
Security



**Wave 3**  
Operations  
Outages



**Wave 4**  
Department  
Reengineering



Waves 1, 2, 3  
Dept Leaders Selected

Waves 1 & 2  
Section & Team Leaders Selected

Waves 1 & 2  
Team Members Selected

Wave 3  
Section/Team Leaders &  
Team Members Selected

★  
Announce  
Organization

U3 Outage

U2 Outage

INPO

New Organization  
Implemented

Voluntary  
Severance



# Staffing Impact

|   | Current     | Future      | Δ           | Percent    |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| Directors<br>Includes General Managers                        | 15          | 13          | -2          | 14%        |
| Department Leaders/Managers<br>Includes Operations and Outage | 42          | 25          | -17         | 40%        |
| Section Leaders/Supervisors                                   | 86          | 48          | -38         | 44%        |
| Team Leaders/Foremen  | 87          | 66          | -21         | 24%        |
| <b>Frontline APS</b>  |             |             |             |            |
| Administrative  | 94          | 70          | -24         | 26%        |
| Maintenance   | 627         | 569         | -58         | 9%         |
| Engineering   | 281         | 194         | -87         | 31%        |
| Nuclear Assurance   | 117         | 108         | -9          | 8%         |
| Contractors   | 415         | 174         | -241        | 58%        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>1764</b> | <b>1267</b> | <b>-497</b> | <b>28%</b> |



# **Actions in Progress**

Piloting processes

Revising Control of Work and Modification procedures

Revising NRC commitments

Forming Transition Teams

Revising job descriptions

Reengineering Operations, Outages, and individual departments

Performing selection process



# Selection Process

New position descriptions written

- Department Leaders
- Section/Team Leaders
- Team Members

Candidacy pools established

Selection Boards established

Candidates evaluated and selections made

Review Board gives final approval

Reengineered organizations effective mid-July 1994



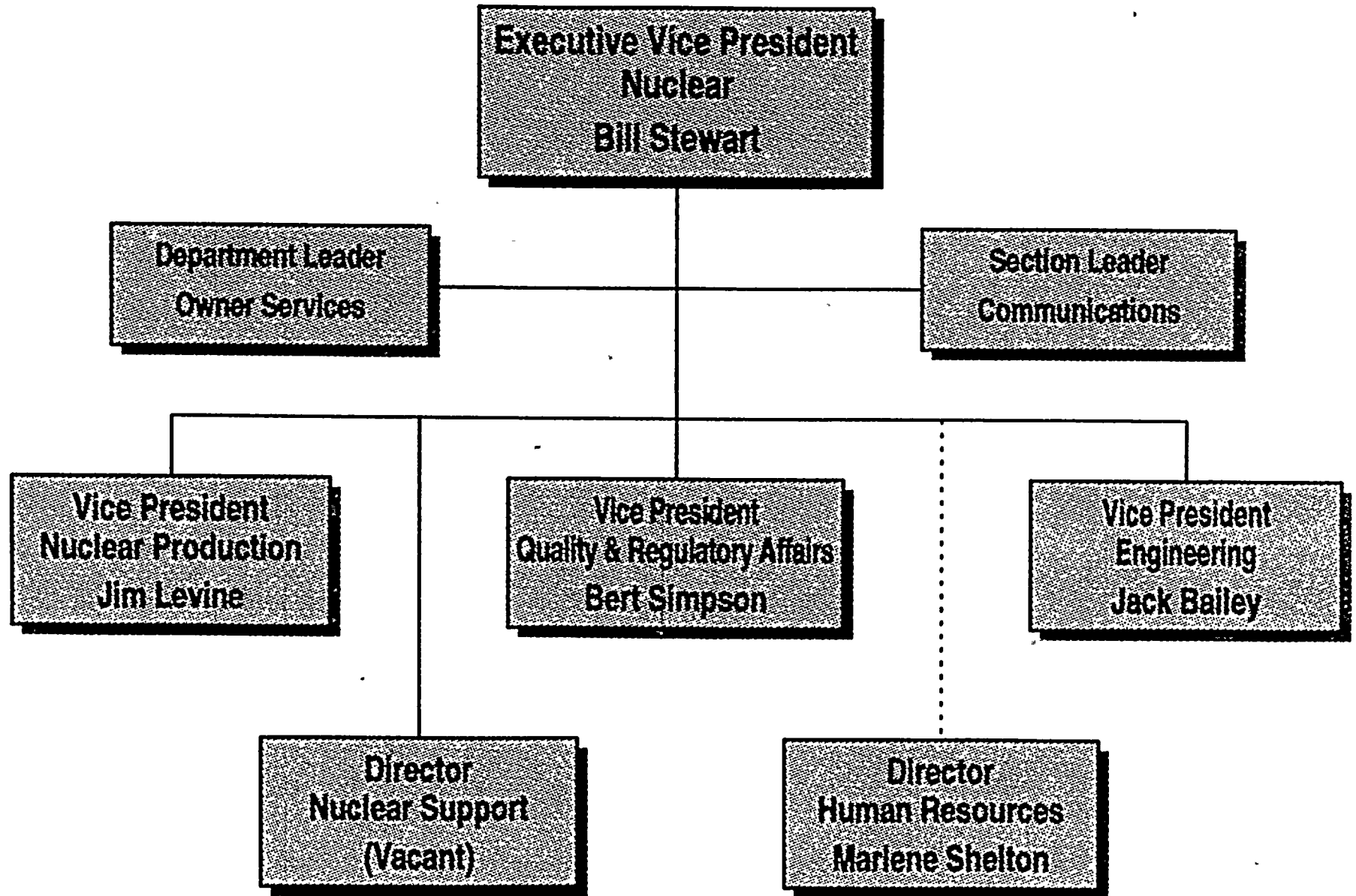
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**Organization**

**(Effective July 15, 1994)**



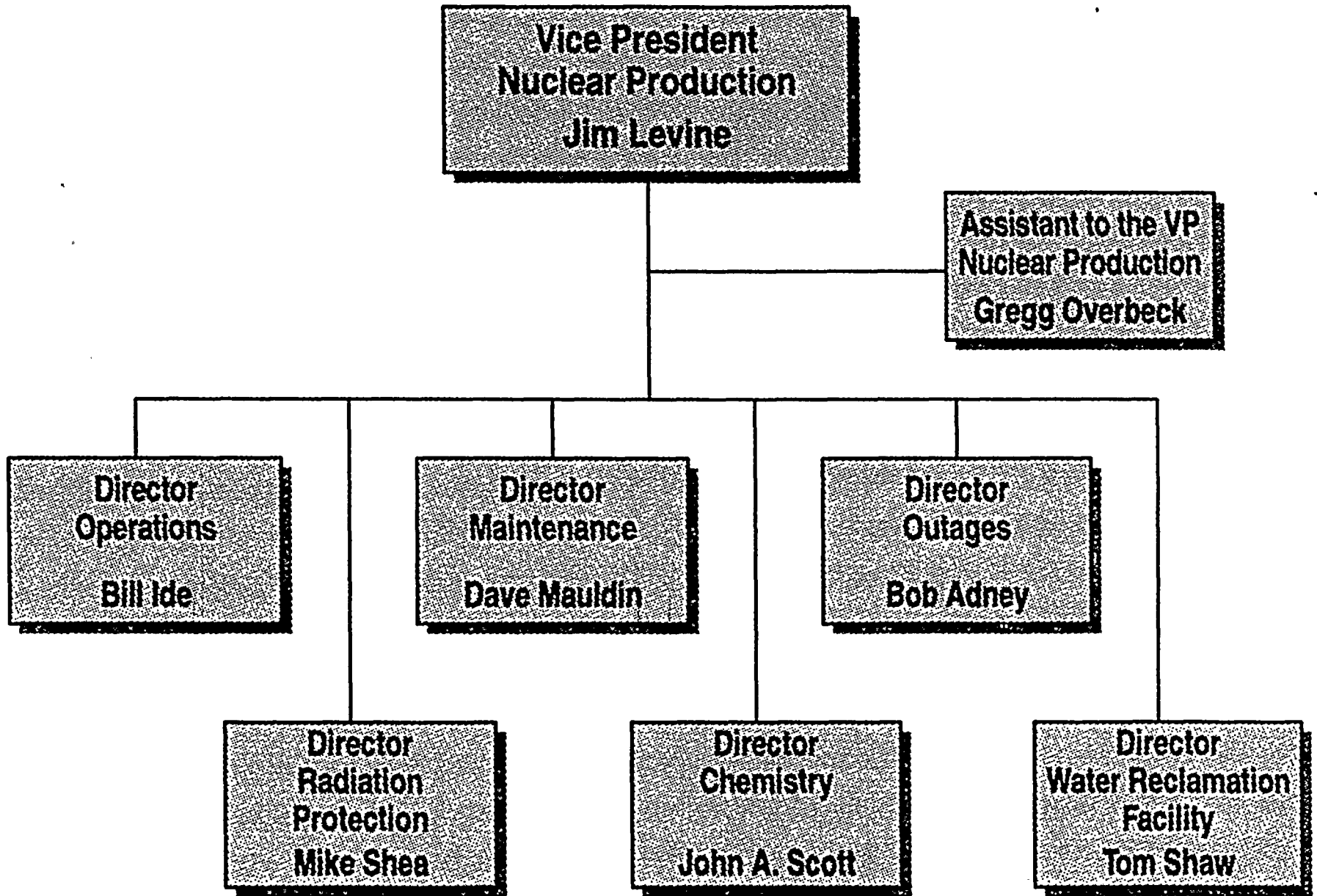


# Palo Verde Functional Overview



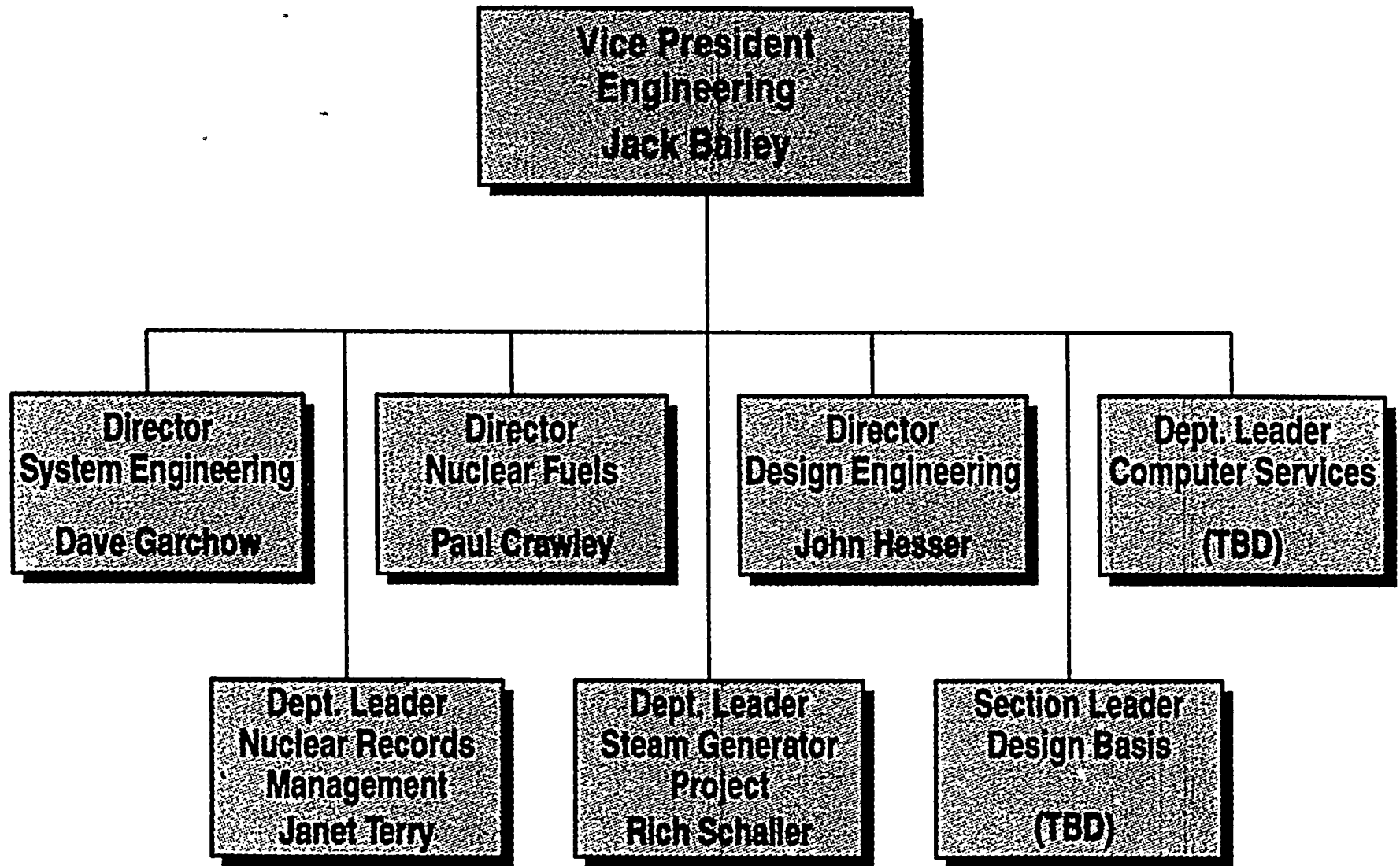


# Nuclear Production Functional Overview



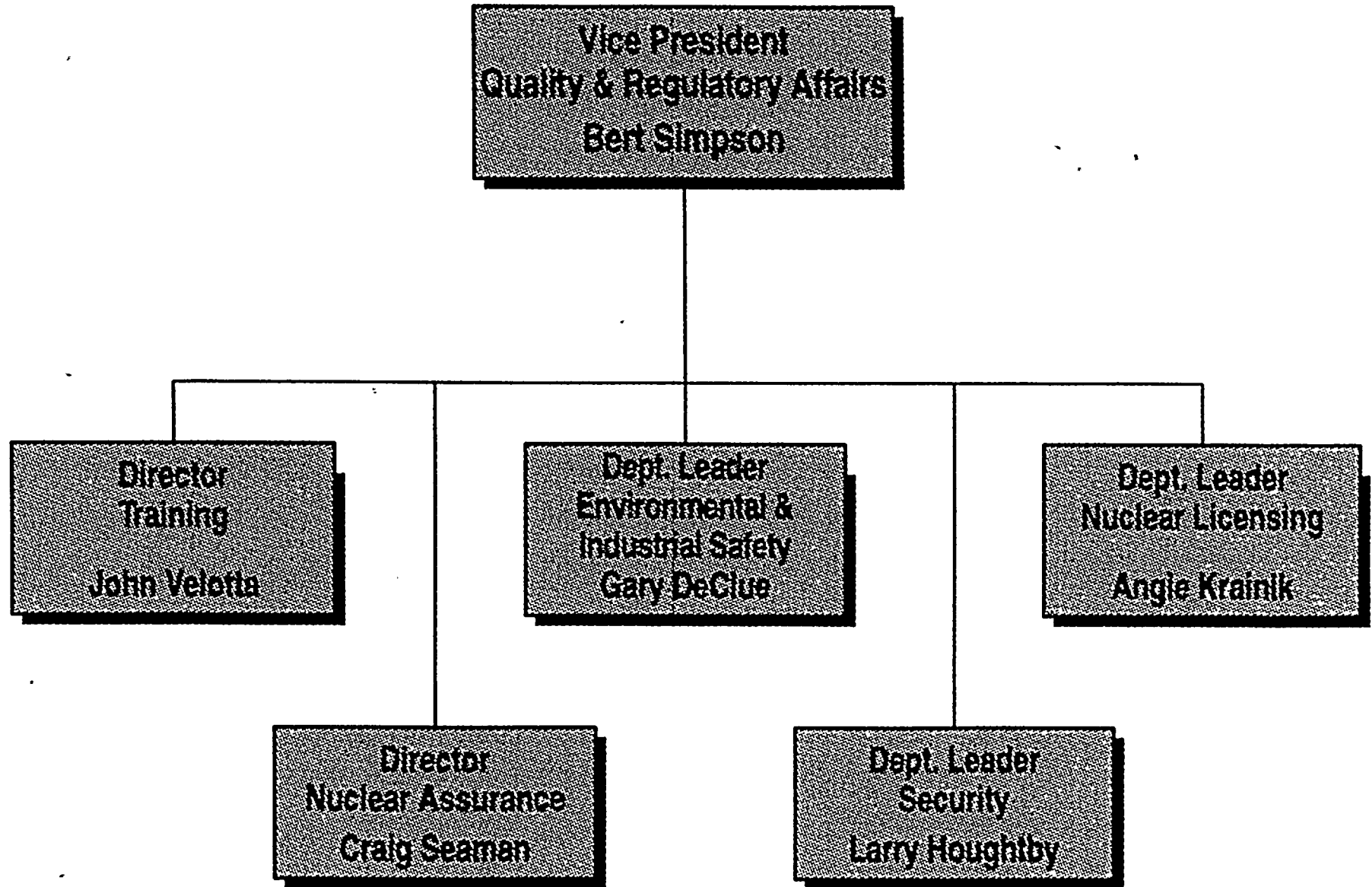


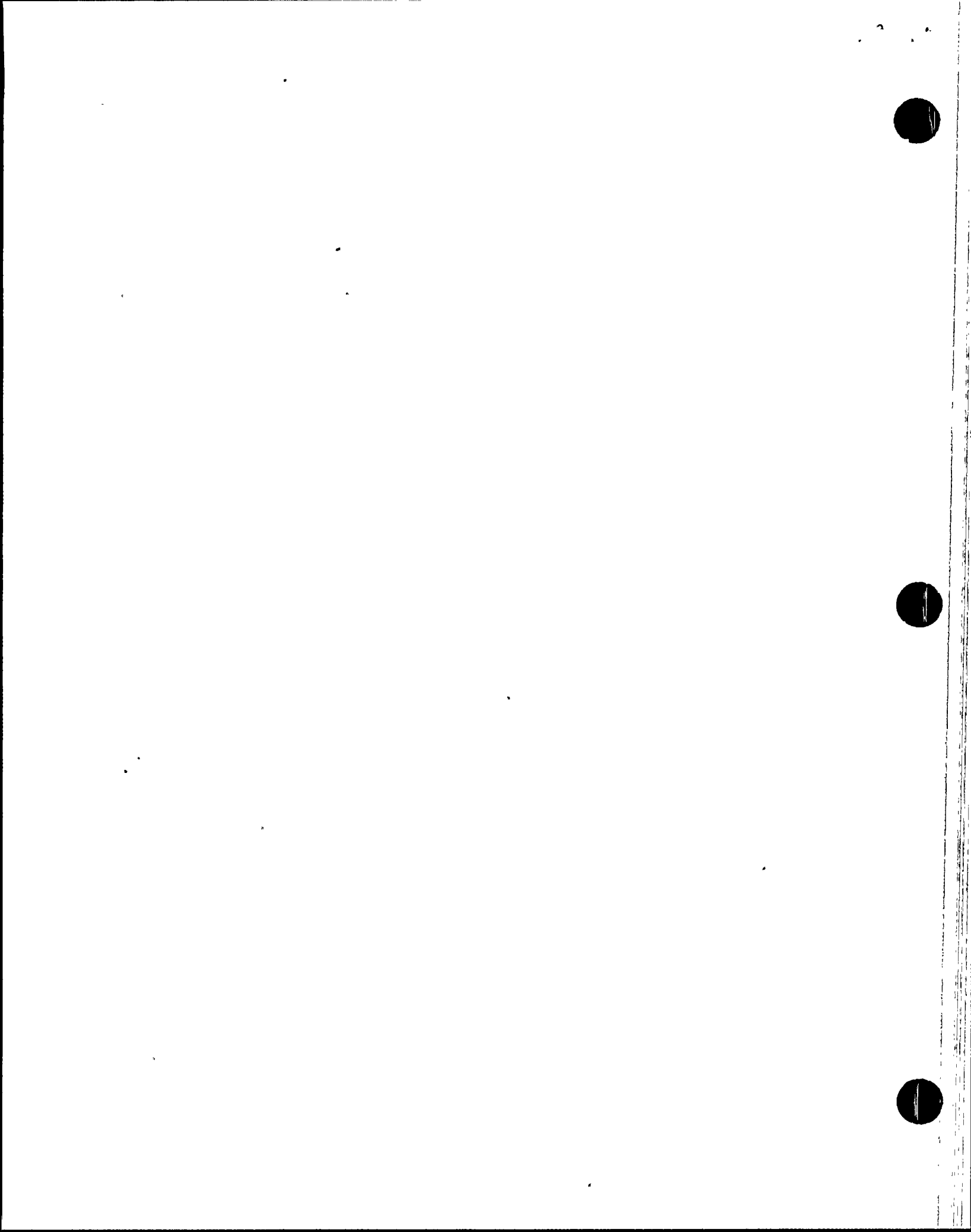
# Engineering Functional Overview





# Quality & Regulatory Affairs Functional Overview







# **CURRENT ISSUES**

Steam Generators

Hot Leg Temperature Reduction

Spent Fuel Pool Utilization

Low Level Radwaste Storage

Degraded Voltage

