

**ENCLOSURE**

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**FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO**

**TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION**

**LIMITING CONDITION FOR OPERATION 3.2.1, 3.2.4,**

**AND THE ASSOCIATED BASES**



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- a. If the linear heat rate is not being maintained within the LCO limit, perform the following:
  1. If COLSS is in service, within 15 minutes initiate corrective action to restore the linear heat rate to within the LCO limit within 1 hour; or
  2. If COLSS is out of service, within 15 minutes and at least once every 15 minutes thereafter, verify that there is no adverse trend in LHR using any operable CPC channel; and
    - a) Upon identification that an adverse trend in LHR exists, within 15 minutes initiate corrective action to restore the LHR to within the LCO limit within 1 hour.
    - b) With no adverse trend, restore the LHR to within the LCO limit within 4 hours.
- b. If linear heat rate cannot be restored to within the LCO limit, as required by ACTION a., reduce THERMAL POWER to less than or equal to 20% RATED THERMAL POWER within the next 6 hours.



## 3/4.2. POWER DISTRIBUTION LIMITS

### 3/4 2.1 LINEAR HEAT RATE

#### LIMITING CONDITION FOR OPERATION

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3.2.1 The linear heat rate limit specified in the CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT shall be maintained by one of the following methods as applicable:

- a. Maintaining COLSS calculated core power less than or equal to the COLSS calculated power operating limit based on linear heat rate (when COLSS is in service); or
- b. Maintaining peak linear heat rate within its limit using any operable CPC channel (when COLSS is out of service).

APPLICABILITY: MODE 1 above 20% of RATED THERMAL POWER.

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ACTION:

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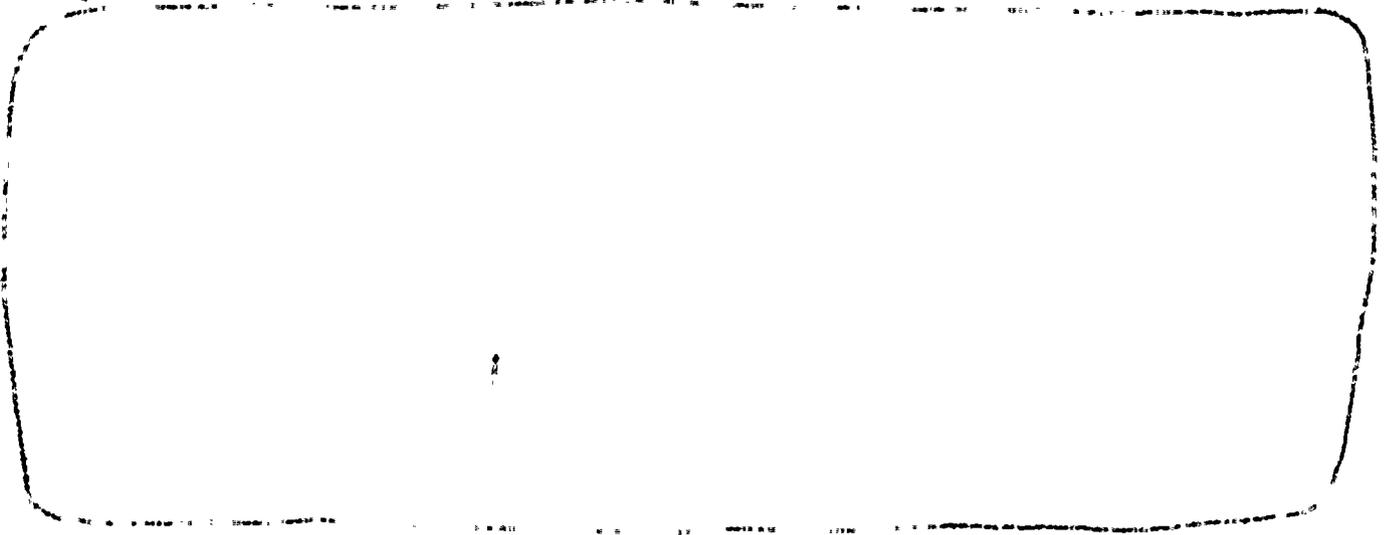
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4.2.1.3 At least once per 31 days, the COLSS Margin Alarm shall be verified to actuate at a THERMAL POWER level less than or equal to the core power operating limit based on linear heat rate.

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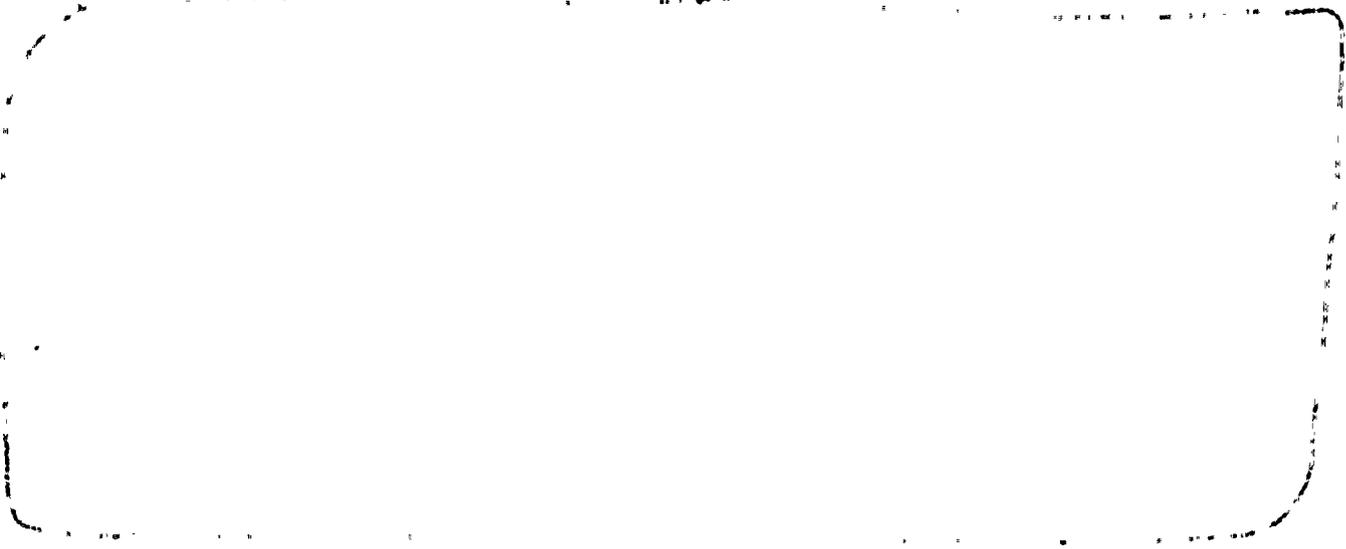
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- a. If the DNBR is not being maintained within the LCO limits, perform the following:
  1. If COLSS is in service, within 15 minutes initiate corrective action to restore the DNBR to within the LCO limits within 1 hour; or
  2. If COLSS is out of service, within 15 minutes and at least once every 15 minutes thereafter, verify that there is no adverse trend in DNBR using any operable CPC channel; and
    - a) Upon identification that an adverse trend in DNBR exists, within 15 minutes initiate corrective action to restore the DNBR to within the LCO limits within 1 hour.
    - b) With no adverse trend, restore the DNBR to within the LCO limits within 4 hours.
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3/4.2.4 DNBR MARGIN

LIMITING CONDITION FOR OPERATION

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

- a. Maintaining COLSS calculated core power less than or equal to COLSS calculated core power operating limit based on DNBR (when COLSS is in service, and either one or both CEACs are operable); or
- b. Maintaining COLSS calculated core power less than or equal to COLSS calculated core power operating limit based on DNBR decreased by the allowance specified in the CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT (when COLSS is in service and neither CEAC is operable); or
- c. Operating within the region of acceptable operation specified in the CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT using any operable CPC channel (when COLSS is out of service and either one or both CEACs are operable); or
- d. Operating within the region of acceptable operation specified in the CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT using any operable CPC channel (when COLSS is out of service and neither CEAC is operable).

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ACTION:

With the DNBR not being maintained:

- 1. As indicated by COLSS calculated core power exceeding the appropriate COLSS calculated power operating limit; or
- 2. With COLSS out of service, operation outside the region of acceptable operation specified in the CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT;

within 15 minutes initiate corrective action to increase the DNBR to within the limits and either:

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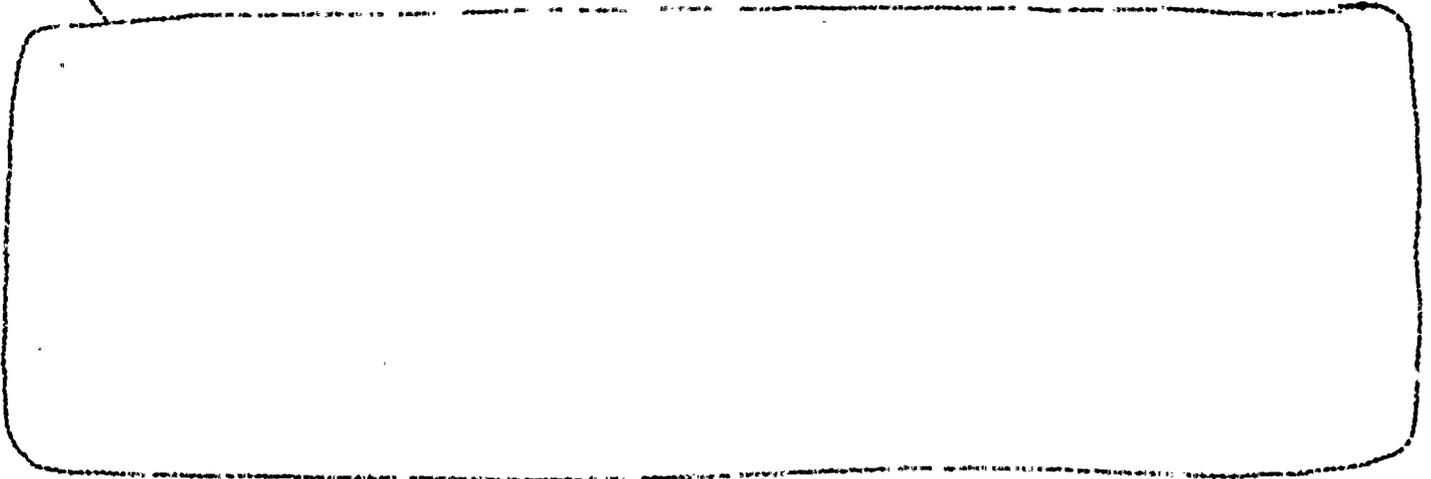
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4.2.4.3 At least once per 31 days, the COLSS Margin Alarm shall be verified to actuate at a THERMAL POWER level less than or equal to the core power operating limit based on DNBR.

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- c. Operating within the region of acceptable operation specified in the CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT using any operable CPC channel (when COLSS is out of service and either one or both CEACs are operable); or
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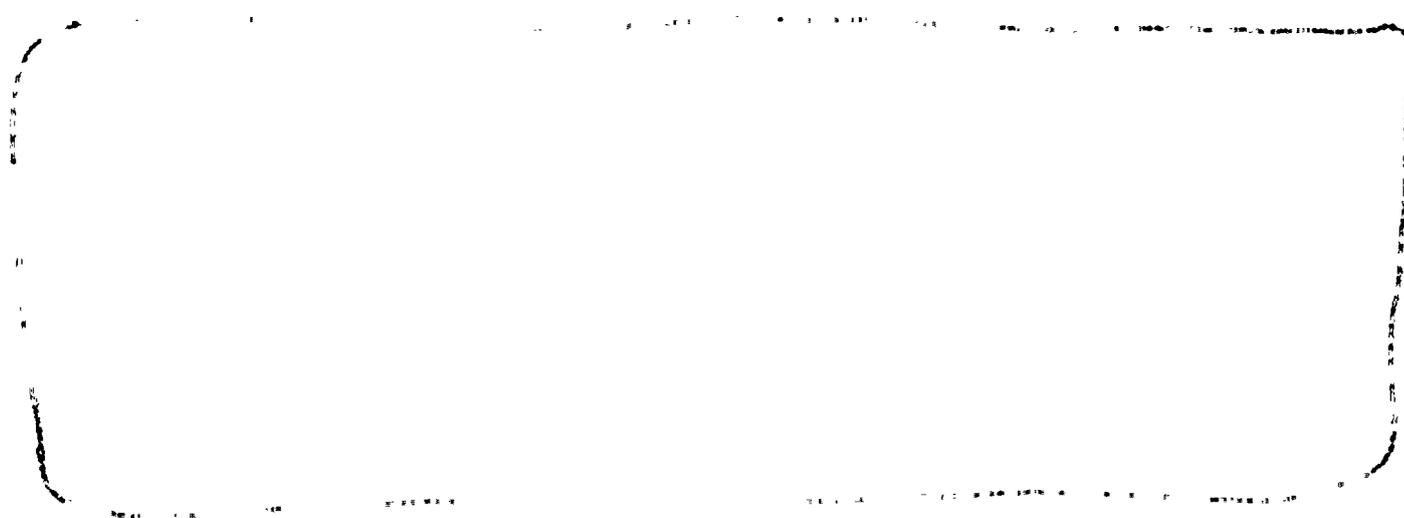
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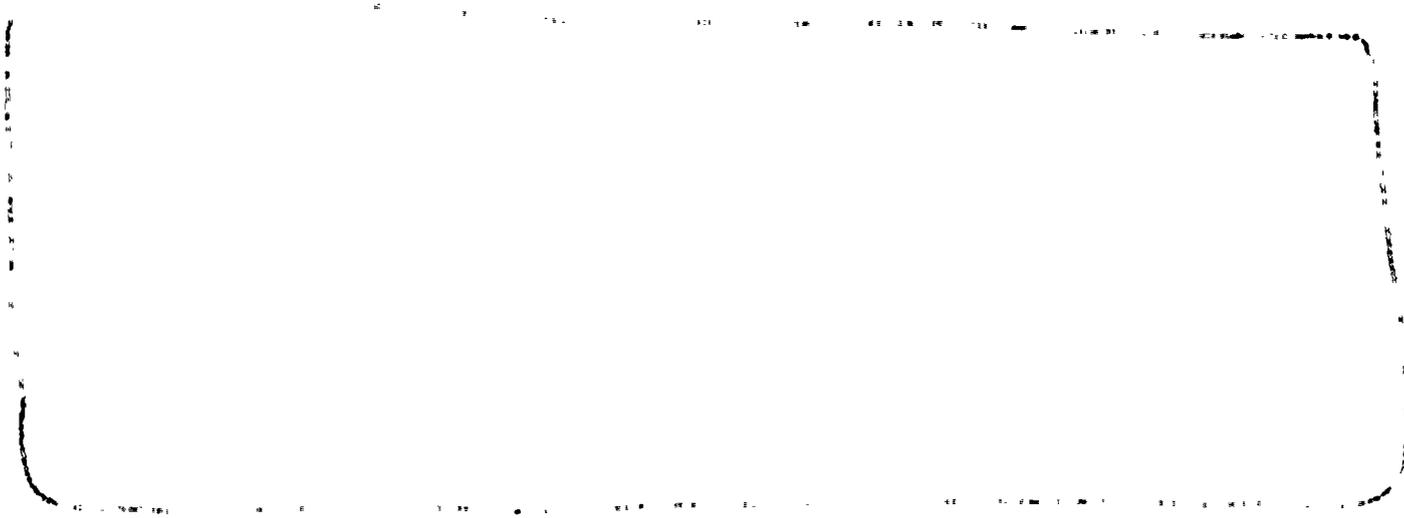
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When operating with the COLSS out of service there is a possibility of a slow undetectable transient that degrades the LHR slowly over the 4-hour period and is then followed by an anticipated operational occurrence or an accident. To remedy this, the CPC calculated values of LHR are monitored every 15 minutes when the COLSS is out of service. The increased monitoring of LHR during the 4-hour ACTION period ensures that adequate safety margin is maintained for anticipated operational occurrences and no postulated accident results in consequences more severe than those described in Chapter 15 of the UFSAR. Also, a maximum allowable change in the CPC calculated LHR ensures that further degradation requires the operators to take immediate action to reduce reactor power to comply with the Technical Specifications. Implementation of this requirement ensures that reductions in core thermal margin are quickly detected and, if necessary, results in a decrease in reactor power and subsequent compliance with the existing COLSS out-of-service TS limits.

Four hours is allowed for restoring the LHR to within limits if the COLSS is not restored to OPERABLE status. This duration is reasonable because the Frequency of the CPC determination of LHR has been increased, and, if operation is maintained steady, the likelihood of exceeding the LHR limit during this period is not increased. The likelihood of induced reactor transients from an early power reduction is also decreased.



## 3/4.2 POWER DISTRIBUTION LIMITS

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#### 3/4.2.1 LINEAR HEAT RATE

The limitation on linear heat rate ensures that in the event of a LOCA, the peak temperature of the fuel cladding will not exceed 2200°F.

Either of the two core power distribution monitoring systems, the Core Operating Limit Supervisory System (COLSS) and the Local Power Density channels in the Core Protection Calculators (CPCs), provide adequate monitoring of the core power distribution and are capable of verifying that the linear heat rate does not exceed its limits. The COLSS performs this function by continuously monitoring the core power distribution and calculating a core power operating limit corresponding to the allowable peak linear heat rate. Reactor operation at or below this calculated power level assures that the limits specified in the CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT are not exceeded.

The COLSS calculated core power and the COLSS calculated core power operating limits based on linear heat rate are continuously monitored and displayed to the operator. A COLSS alarm is annunciated in the event that the core power exceeds the core power operating limit. This provides adequate margin to the linear heat rate operating limit for normal steady-state operation. Normal reactor power transients or equipment failures which do not require a reactor trip may result in this core power operating limit being exceeded. In the event this occurs, COLSS alarms will be annunciated. If the event which causes the COLSS limit to be exceeded results in conditions which approach the core safety limits, a reactor trip will be initiated by the Reactor Protective Instrumentation. The COLSS calculation of the linear heat rate includes appropriate penalty factors which provide, with a 95/95 probability/confidence level, that the maximum linear heat rate calculated by COLSS is conservative with respect to the actual maximum linear heat rate existing in the core. These penalty factors are determined from the uncertainties associated with planar radial peaking measurement, engineering heat flux uncertainty, axial densification, software algorithm modelling, computer processing, rod bow, and core power measurement.

Parameters required to maintain the operating limit power level based on linear heat rate, margin to DNB, and total core power are also monitored by the CPCs. Therefore, in the event that the COLSS is not being used, operation within the linear heat rate limit can be maintained by utilizing any operable CPC channel. The above listed uncertainty and penalty factors plus those associated with the CPC startup test acceptance criteria are also included in the CPCs.

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When operating with the COLSS out of service there is a possibility of a slow undetectable transient that degrades the DNBR slowly over the 4-hour period and is then followed by an anticipated operational occurrence or an accident. To remedy this, the CPC calculated values of DNBR are monitored every 15 minutes when the COLSS is out of service. The increased monitoring of DNBR during the 4-hour ACTION period ensures that adequate safety margin is maintained for anticipated operational occurrences and no postulated accident results in consequences more severe than those described in Chapter 15 of the UFSAR. Also, a maximum allowable change in the CPC calculated DNBR ensures that further degradation requires the operators to take immediate action to reduce reactor power to comply with the Technical Specifications. Implementation of this requirement ensures that reductions in core thermal margin are quickly detected and, if necessary, results in a decrease in reactor power and subsequent compliance with the existing COLSS out-of-service TS limits.

Four hours is allowed for restoring the DNBR to within limits if the COLSS is not restored to OPERABLE status. This duration is reasonable because the Frequency of the CPC determination of DNBR has been increased, and, if operation is maintained steady, the likelihood of exceeding the DNBR limit during this period is not increased. The likelihood of induced reactor transients from an early power reduction is also decreased.



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#### AZIMUTHAL POWER TILT - $T_q$ (Continued)

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The AZIMUTHAL POWER TILT allowance used in the CPCs is defined as the value of CPC addressable constant TR-1.0.

#### 3/4.2.4 DNBR MARGIN

The limitation on DNBR as a function of AXIAL SHAPE INDEX represents a conservative envelope of operating conditions consistent with the safety analysis assumptions and which have been analytically demonstrated adequate to maintain an acceptable minimum DNBR throughout all anticipated operational occurrences. Operation of the core with a DNBR at or above this limit provides assurance that an acceptable minimum DNBR will be maintained in the event of a loss of flow transient.

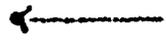
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Parameters required to maintain the margin to DNB and total core power are also monitored by the CPCs. Therefore, in the event that the COLSS is not being used, operation within the limits specified in the CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT can be maintained by utilizing a predetermined DNBR as a function of AXIAL SHAPE INDEX and by monitoring the CPC trip channels. The above listed uncertainty and penalty factors are also included in the CPCs which assume a minimum core power of 20% of RATED THERMAL POWER. The 20% RATED THERMAL POWER threshold is due to the neutron flux detector system being less accurate below 20% core power. Core noise level at low power is too large to obtain usable detector readings.

A DNBR penalty factor has been included in the COLSS and CPC DNBR calculations to accommodate the effects of rod bow. The amount of rod bow in each assembly is dependent upon the average burnup experienced by that assembly. Fuel assemblies that incur higher average burnup will experience a greater magnitude of rod bow. Conversely, lower burnup assemblies will experience less rod bow. In design calculations, the penalty for each batch required to compensate for rod bow is determined from a batch's maximum average assembly burnup applied to the batch's maximum integrated planar-radial power peak. A single net penalty for COLSS and CPC is then determined from the penalties associated with each batch, accounting for the offsetting margins due to the lower radial power peaks in the higher burnup batches.

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Either of the two core power distribution monitoring systems, the Core Operating Limit Supervisory System (COLSS) and the DNBR channels in the Core Protection Calculators (CPCs), provide adequate monitoring of the core power distribution and are capable of verifying that the DNBR does not violate its limits. The COLSS performs this function by continuously monitoring the core power distribution and calculating a core operating limit corresponding to the allowable minimum DNBR. The COLSS calculation of core power operating limit based on DNBR includes appropriate penalty factors which provide, with a 95/95 probability/confidence level, that the core power limits calculated by COLSS (based on the minimum DNBR Limit) is conservative with respect to the actual core power limit. These penalty factors are determined from the uncertainties associated with planar radial peaking measurement, engineering heat flux, state parameter measurement, software algorithm modelling, computer processing, rod bow, and core power measurement.

Parameters required to maintain the margin to DNB and total core power are also monitored by the CPCs. Therefore, in the event that the COLSS is not being used, operation within the limits specified in the CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT can be maintained by utilizing a predetermined DNBR as a function of AXIAL SHAPE INDEX and by monitoring the CPC trip channels. The above listed uncertainty and penalty factors are also included in the CPCs which assume a minimum core power of 20% of RATED THERMAL POWER. The 20% RATED THERMAL POWER threshold is due to the neutron flux detector system being less accurate below 20% core power. Core noise level at low power is too large to obtain usable detector readings.

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## POWER DISTRIBUTION LIMITS

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#### AZIMUTHAL POWER TILT - $T_q$ (Continued)

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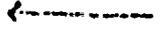
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