CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT

PALO VERDE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION (PVNGS)

UNIT 3 CYCLE 6

Revision 3

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This Report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Technical Specification 6.9.1. The Core Operating Limits have been developed using the NRC approved methodologies specified in Section 6.9.1.10 of the Palo Verde Unit 3 Technical Specifications.

AFFECTED PVNGS TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

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CORE OPERATING LIMITS

The cycle-specific operating limits for the specifications listed are presented below.

3.1.1.1 - Shutdown Margin - Reactor Trip Breakers Open

The Shutdown Margin shall be greater than or equal to that shown in Figure 3.1.1.1-1.

3.1.1.2 - Shutdown Margin - Reactor Trip Breakers Closed

The Shutdown Margin shall be greater than or equal to that shown in Figure 3.1.1.2-1.

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3.1.1.3 - Moderator Temperature Coefficient

The moderator temperature coefficient (MTC) shall be within the area of Acceptable Operation shown in Figure 3.1.1.3-1.

3.1.2.7 - Boron Dilution Alarms

With one or both start-up channel high neutron flux alarms inoperable, the RCS boron concentration shall be determined at the applicable monitoring frequency specified in Tables 3.1.2.7-1 through 3.1.2.7-5.

3.1.3.1 - Movable Control Assemblies - CEA Position

With one or more full-length or part-length CEAs misaligned from any other CEAs in its group by more than 6.6 inches, the minimum required MODES 1 and 2 core power reduction is specified in Figure 3.1.3.1-1.

3.1.3.6 - Regulating CEA Insertion Limits

One or more CEAC's OPERABLE: With COLSS IN SERVICE, regulation CEA groups shall be limited to the withdrawal sequence and to the insertion limits shown in Figure 3.1.3.6-1; with COLSS OUT OF SERVICE, regulation CEA groups shall be limited to the withdrawal sequence and to the insertion limits shown in Figure 3.1.3.6-2.

3.1.3.7 - Part Length CEA Insertion Limits

One or more CEAC's OPERABLE: The part length CEA groups shall be limited to the insertion limits shown in Figure 3.1.3.7-1.

3.2.1 - Linear Heat Rate

The linear heat rate limit of 13.5 kW/ft shall be maintained.

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3.2.3 - Azimuthal Power Tilt - T_q

The AZIMUTHAL POWER TILT (T_q) shall be less than or equal to the limit in Figure 3.2.3-1 with COLSS IN SERVICE.

3.2.4 - DNBR Margin

COLSS IN SERVICE and Both CEAC's INOPERABLE - Maintaining COLSS calculated core power less than or equal to COLSS calculated core power operation limit based on DNBR decreased by the allowance shown in Figure 3.2.4-1.

COLSS OUT OF SERVICE and Either One or Both CEAC's are OPERABLE - Operating within the region of acceptable operation of Figure 3.2.4-2 using any operable CPC channel.

COLSS OUT OF SERVICE and CEAC's INOPERABLE - Operating within the region of acceptable operation of Figure 3.2.4-3 using any operable CPC channel.

3.2.7 - Axial Shape Index

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

COLSS OPERABLE
$-0.28 \leq ASI \leq 0.26$

COLSS OUT OF SERVICE (CPC)
$-0.20 \leq ASI \leq 0.20$

3.9.1 - Boron Concentration (Mode 6)

The boron concentration of all filled portions of the Reactor Coolant System and the refueling canal shall be maintained at a uniform concentration ≥ 2650 ppm.

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FIGURE 3.1.1.1-1
SHUTDOWN MARGIN VERSUS COLD LEG TEMPERATURE
REACTOR TRIP BREAKERS OPEN

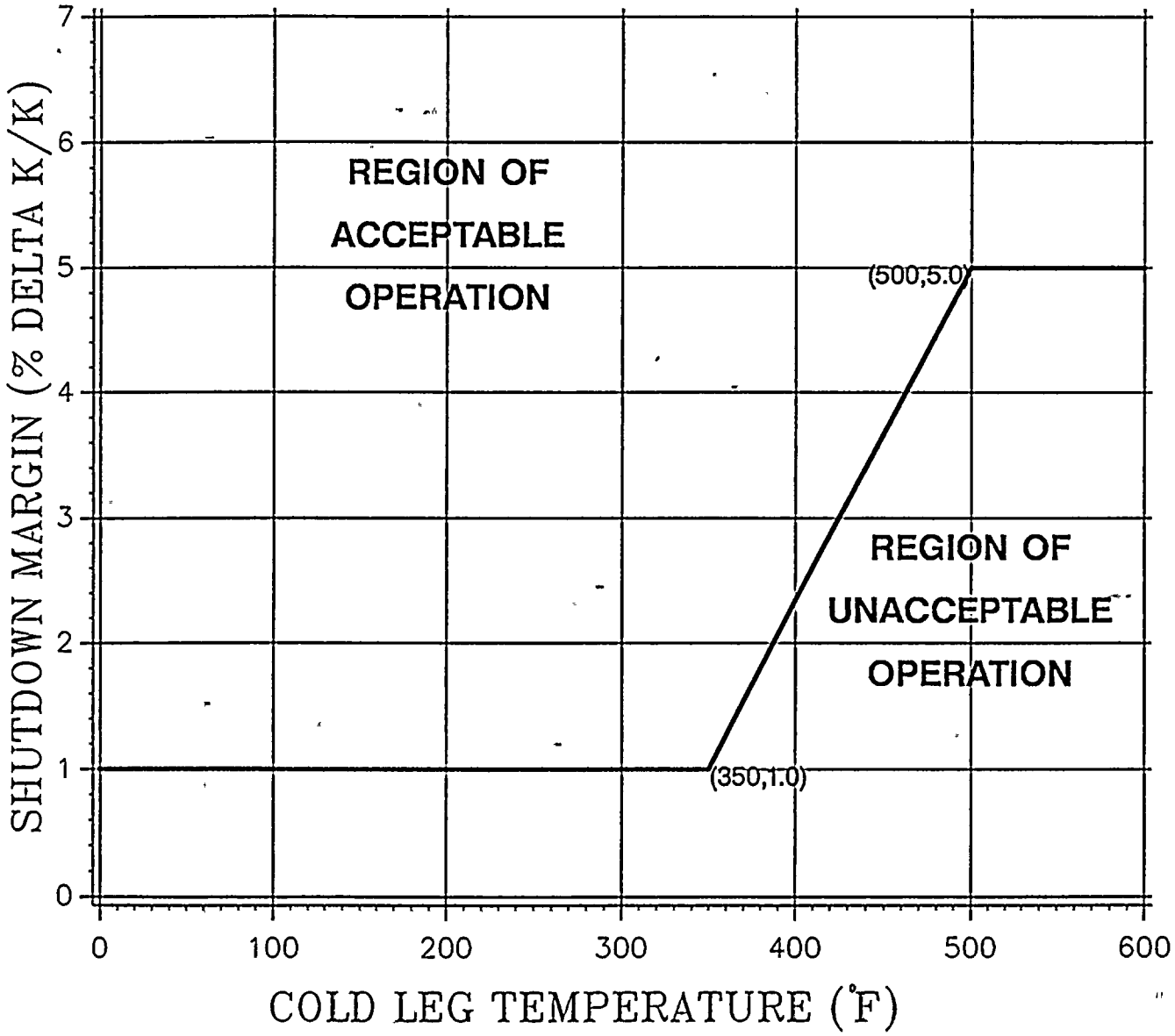

FIGURE 3.1.1.2-1
SHUTDOWN MARGIN VERSUS COLD LEG TEMPERATURE
REACTOR TRIP BREAKERS CLOSED

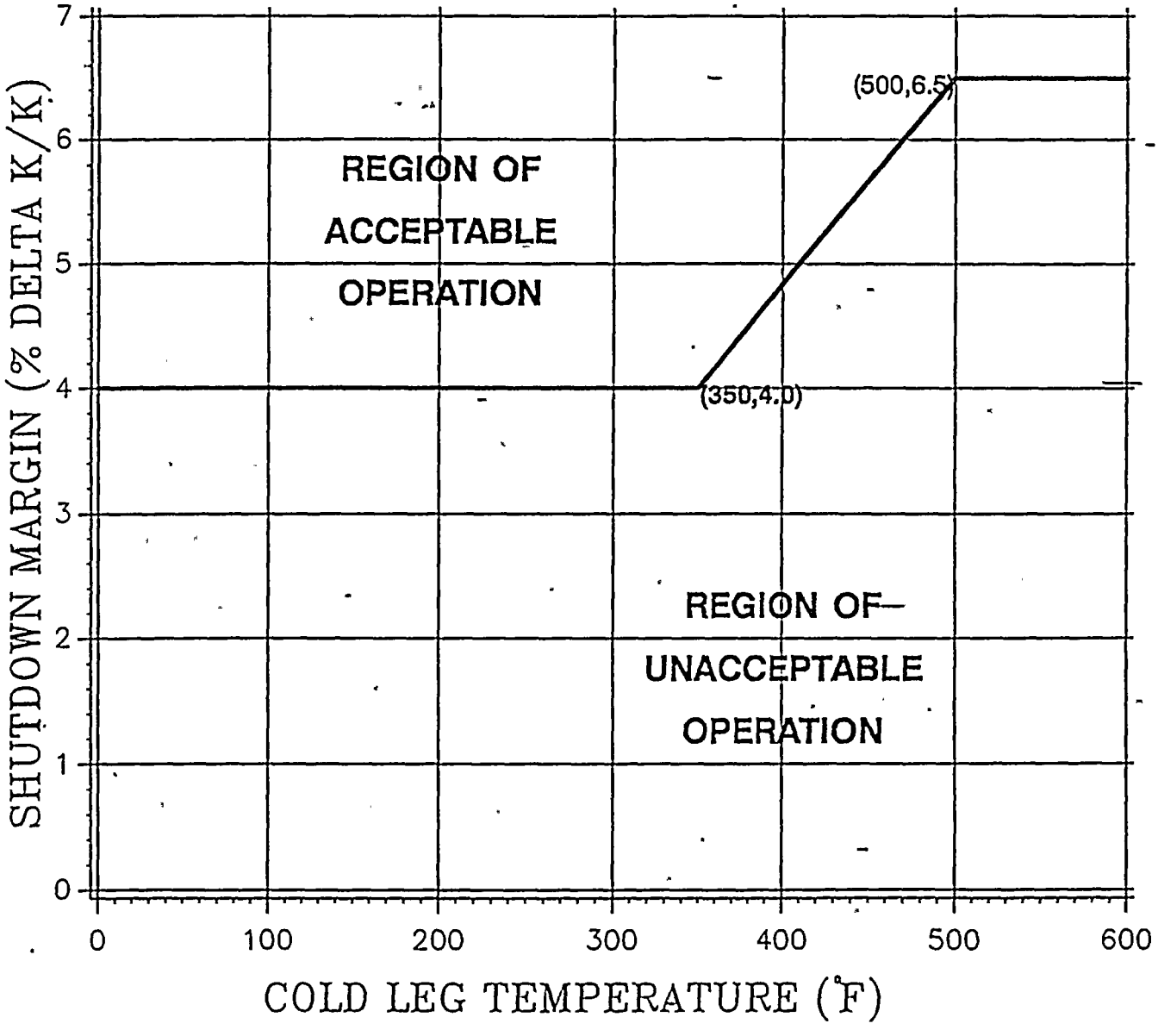

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FIGURE 3.1.1.3–1

MTC ACCEPTABLE OPERATION, MODES 1 AND 2

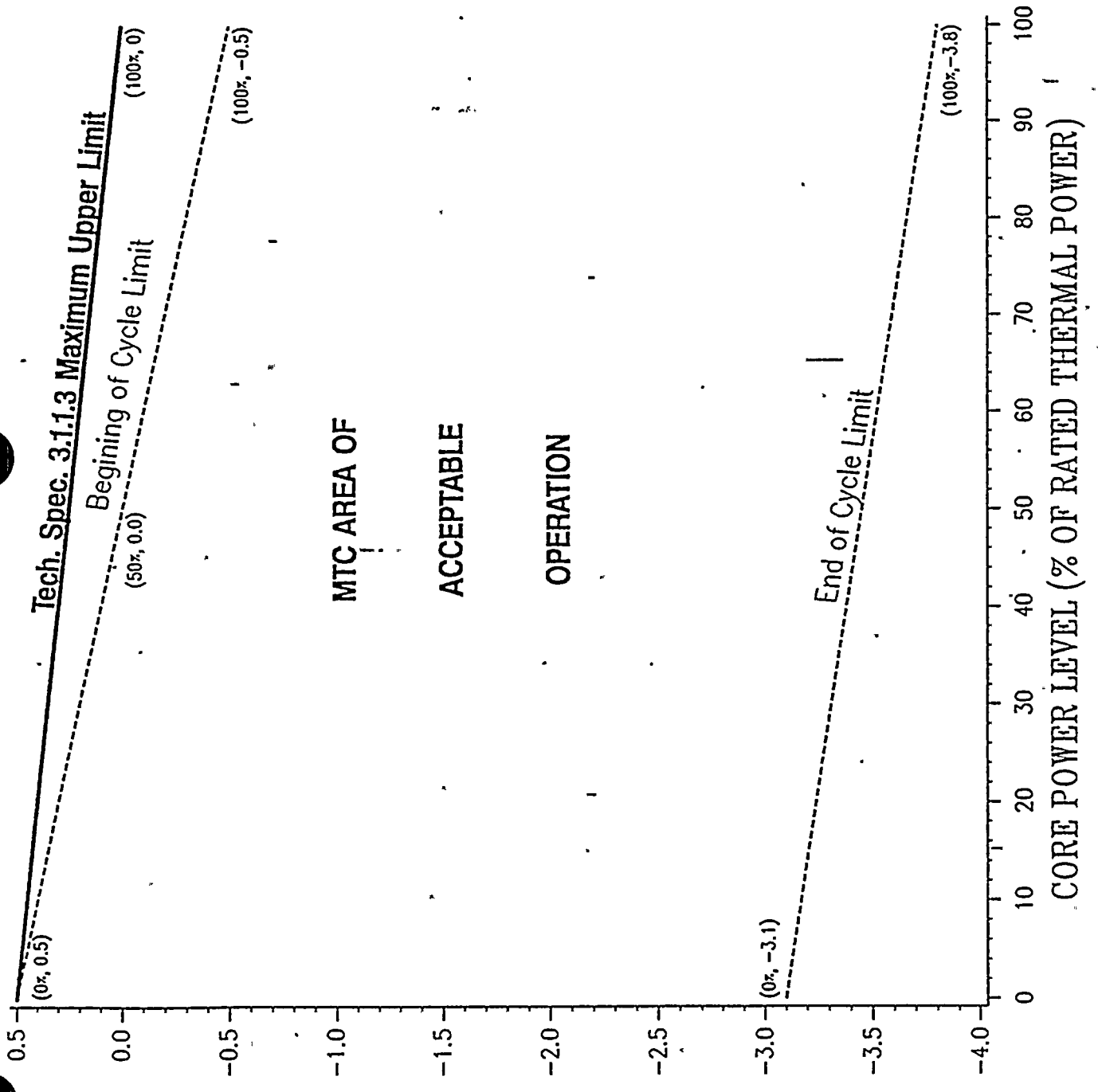
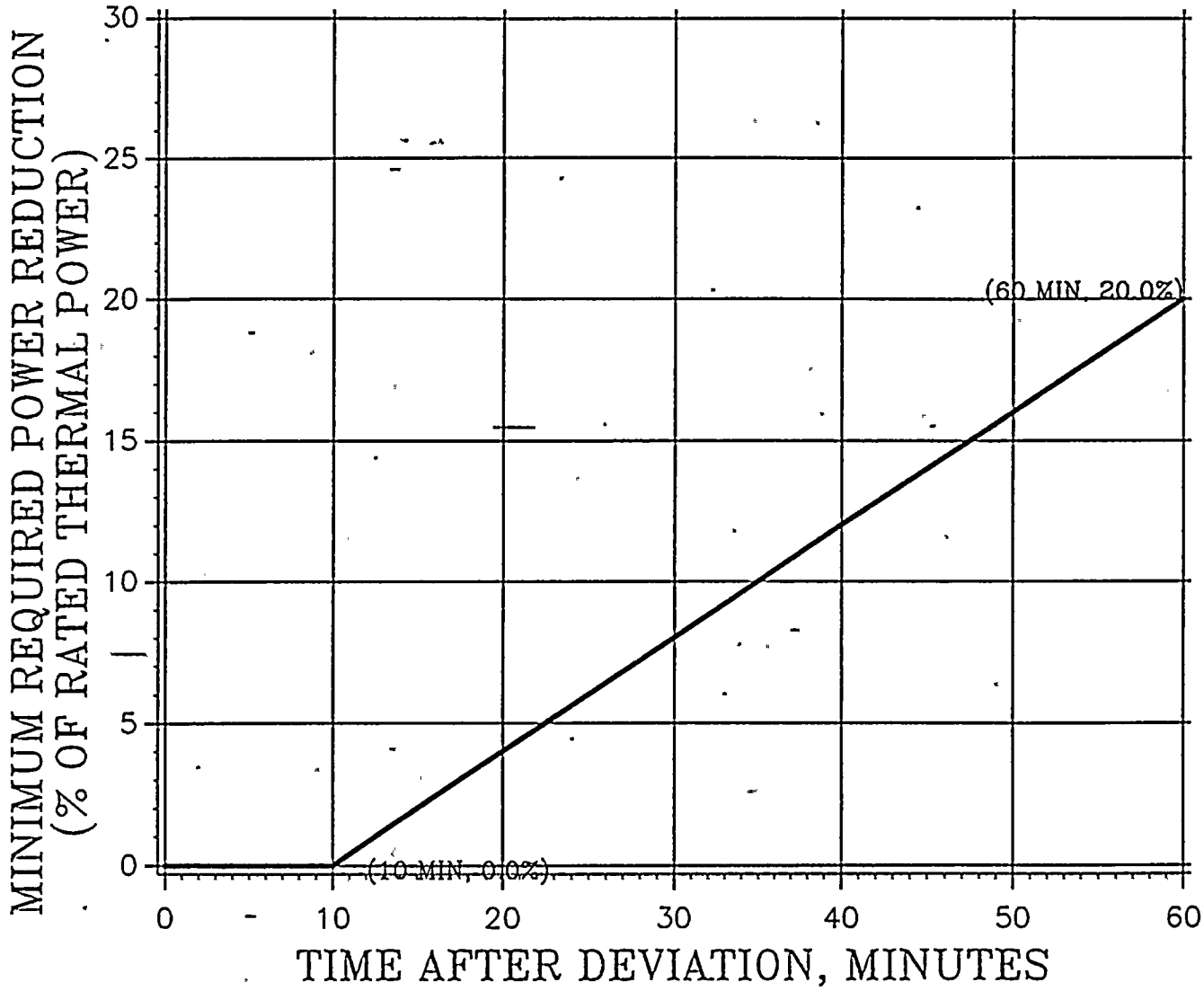


FIGURE 3.1.3.1-1
CORE POWER LIMIT AFTER CEA DEVIATION *



* WHEN CORE POWER IS REDUCED TO 55% OF RATED THERMAL POWER PER THIS LIMIT CURVE, FURTHER REDUCTION IS NOT REQUIRED

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FIGURE 3.1.3.6–1 .

CEA INSERTION LIMITS VERSUS THERMAL POWER
(COLSS IN SERVICE)

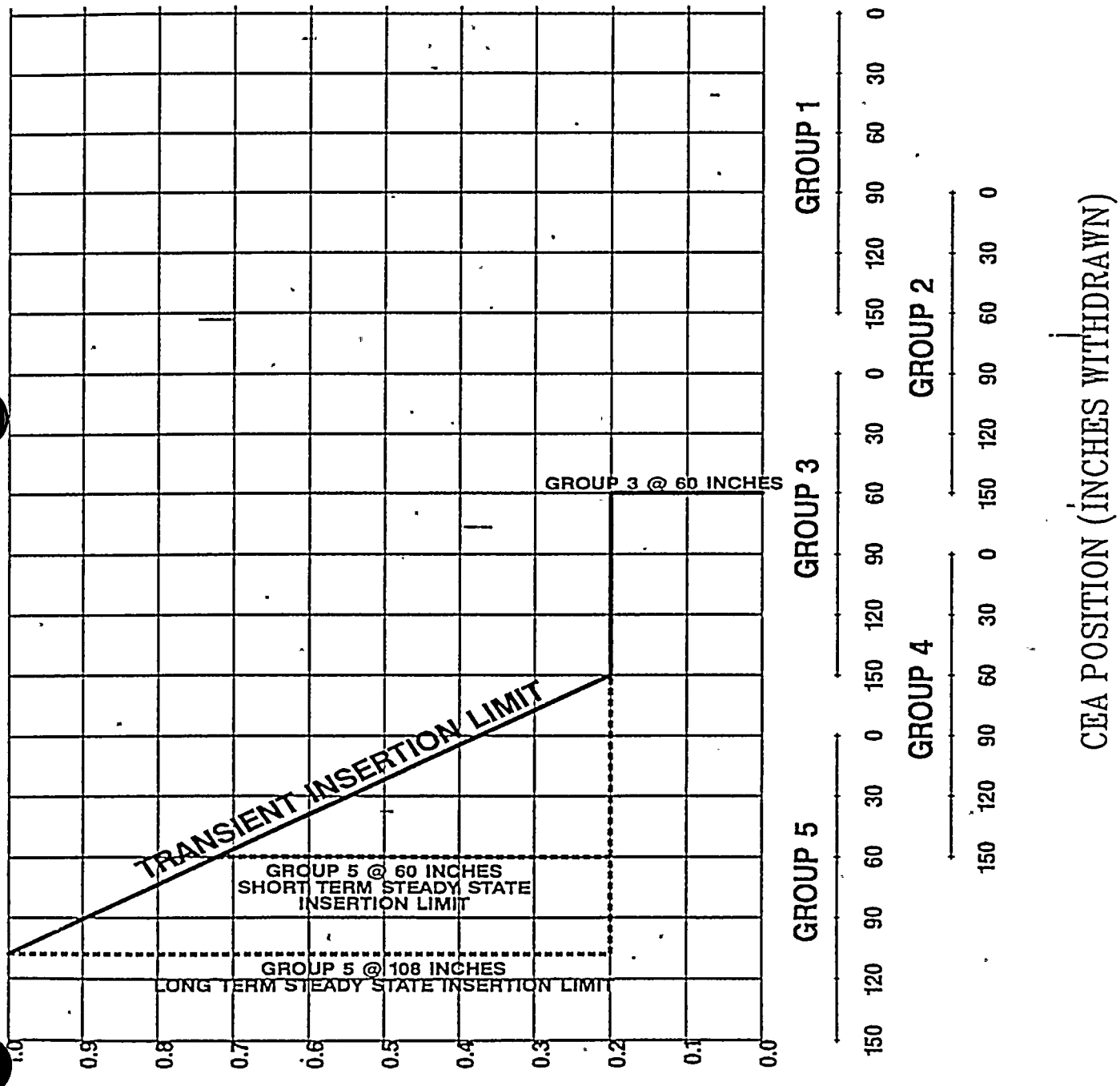

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FIGURE 3.1.3.6–2

CEA INSERTION LIMITS VERSUS THERMAL POWER
(COLSS OUT OF SERVICE)

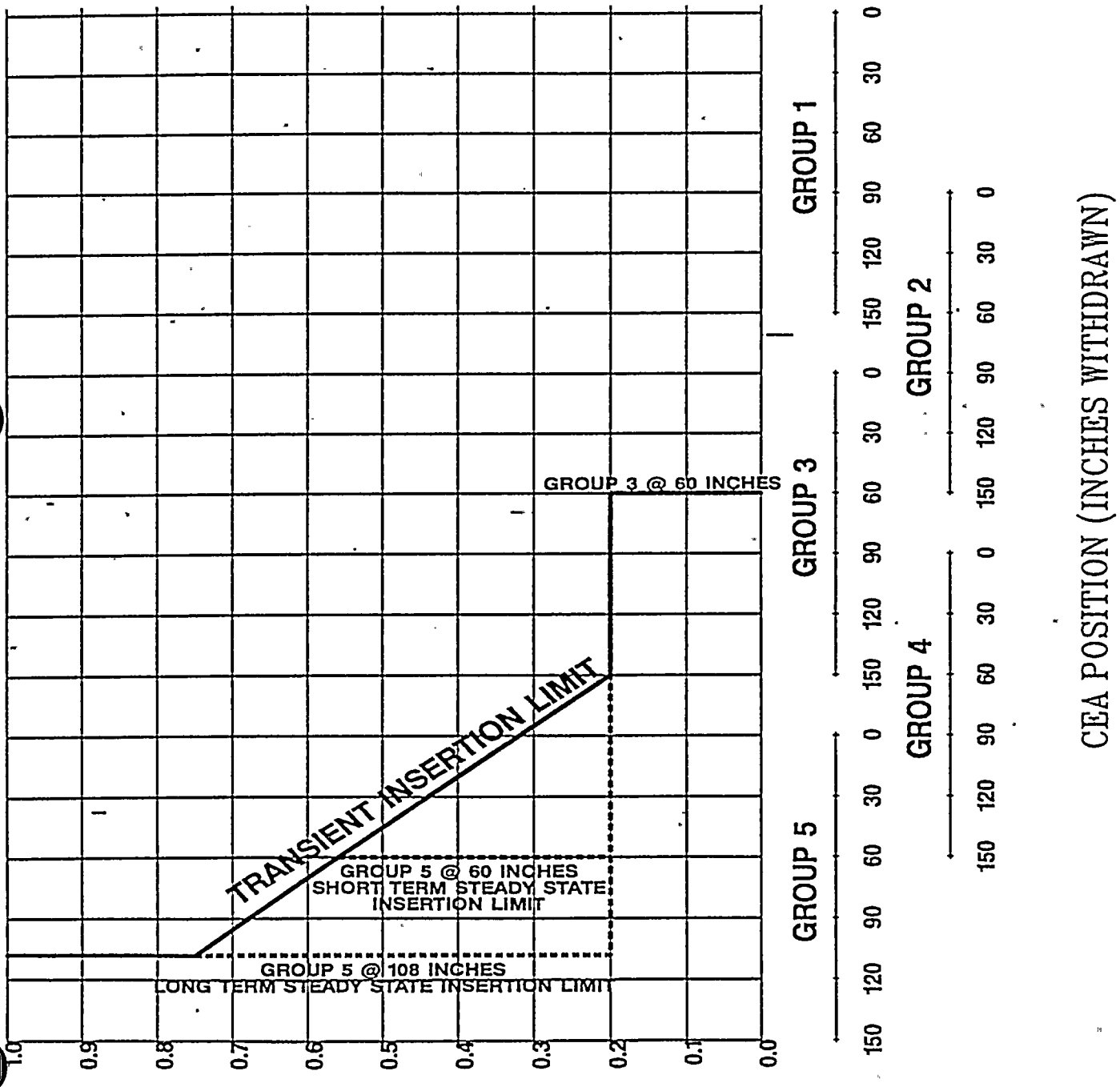

FIGURE 3.1.3.7-1
PART LENGTH CEA INSERTION LIMITS VERSUS THERMAL POWER

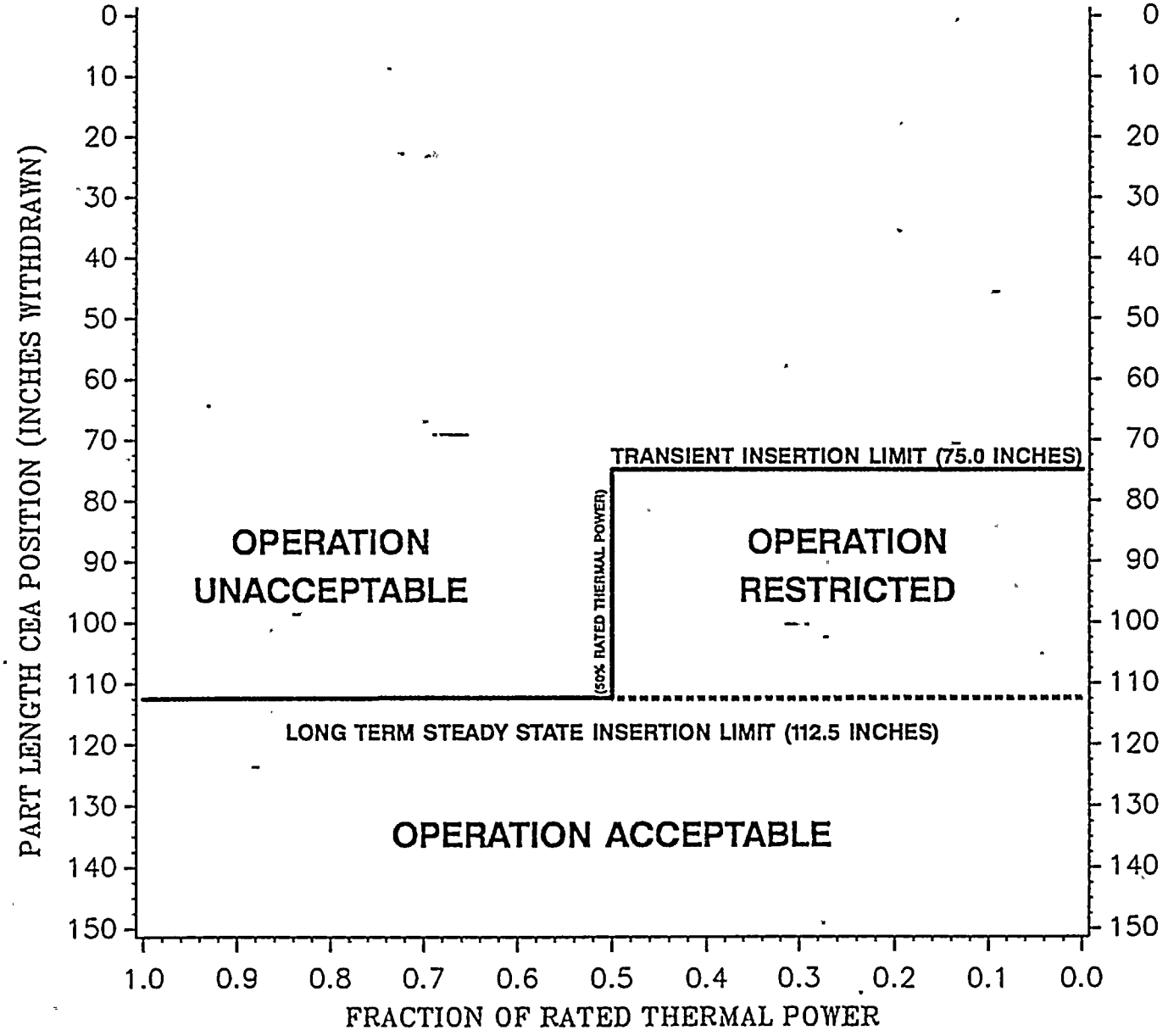

FIGURE 3.2.3-1
AZIMUTHAL POWER TILT VERSUS THERMAL POWER
(COLSS IN SERVICE)

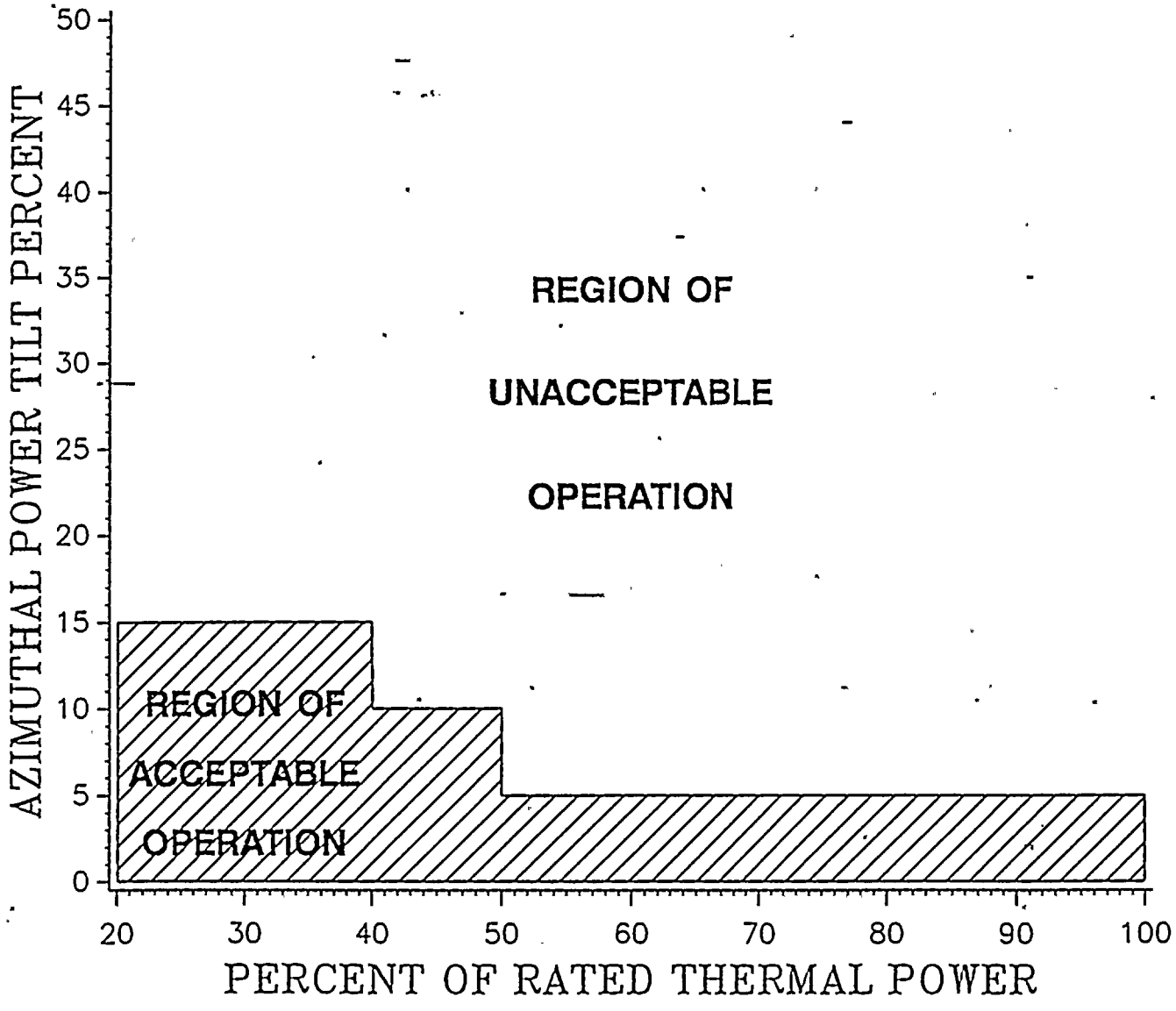

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FIGURE 3.2.4–1
COLSS DNBR OPERATING LIMIT
ALLOWANCE FOR BOTH CEAC's INOPERABLE

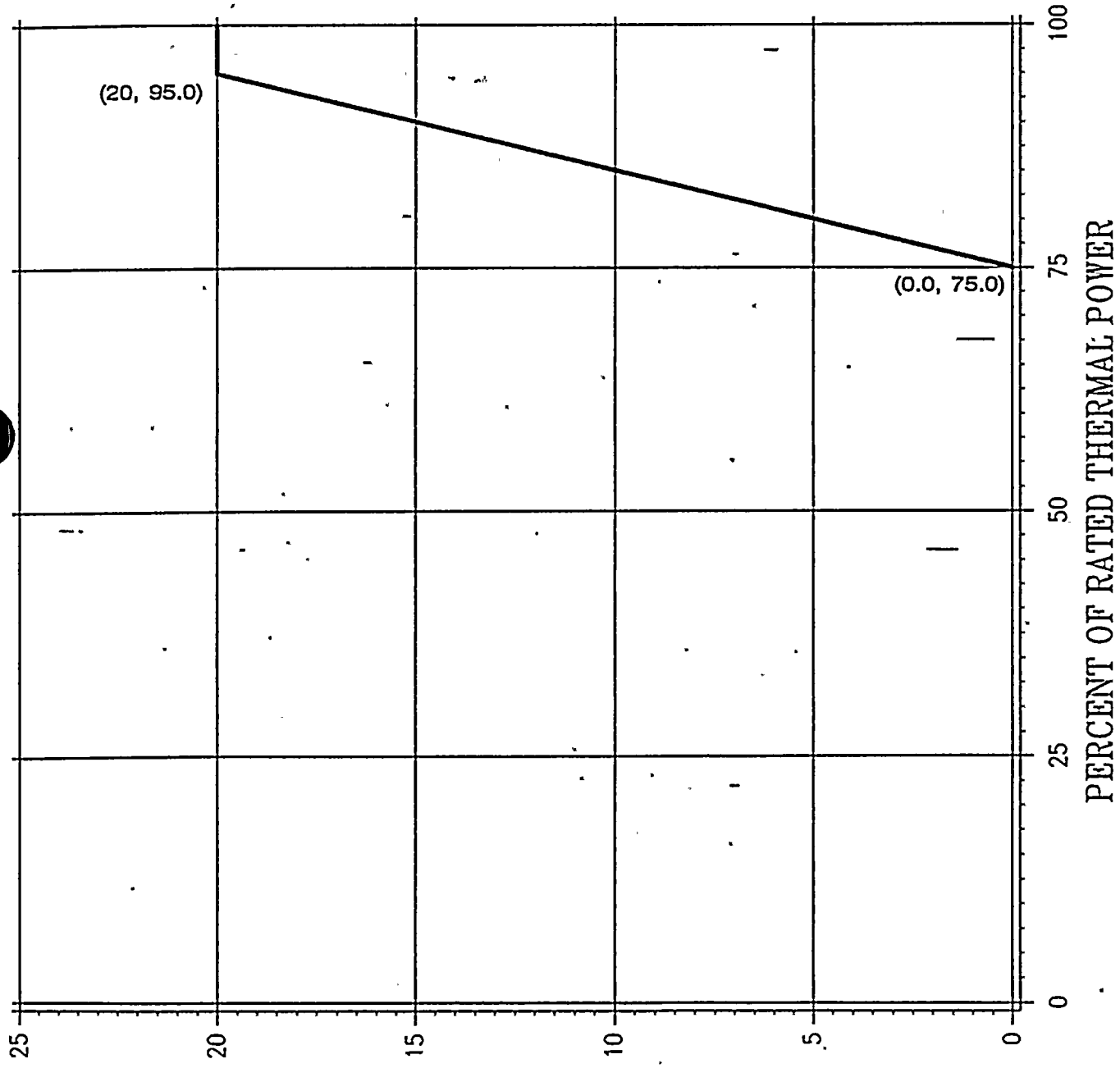


FIGURE 3.2.4-2
DNBR MARGIN OPERATING LIMIT BASED ON
THE CORE PROTECTION CALCULATORS
(COLSS OUT OF SERVICE, CEAC's OPERABLE)

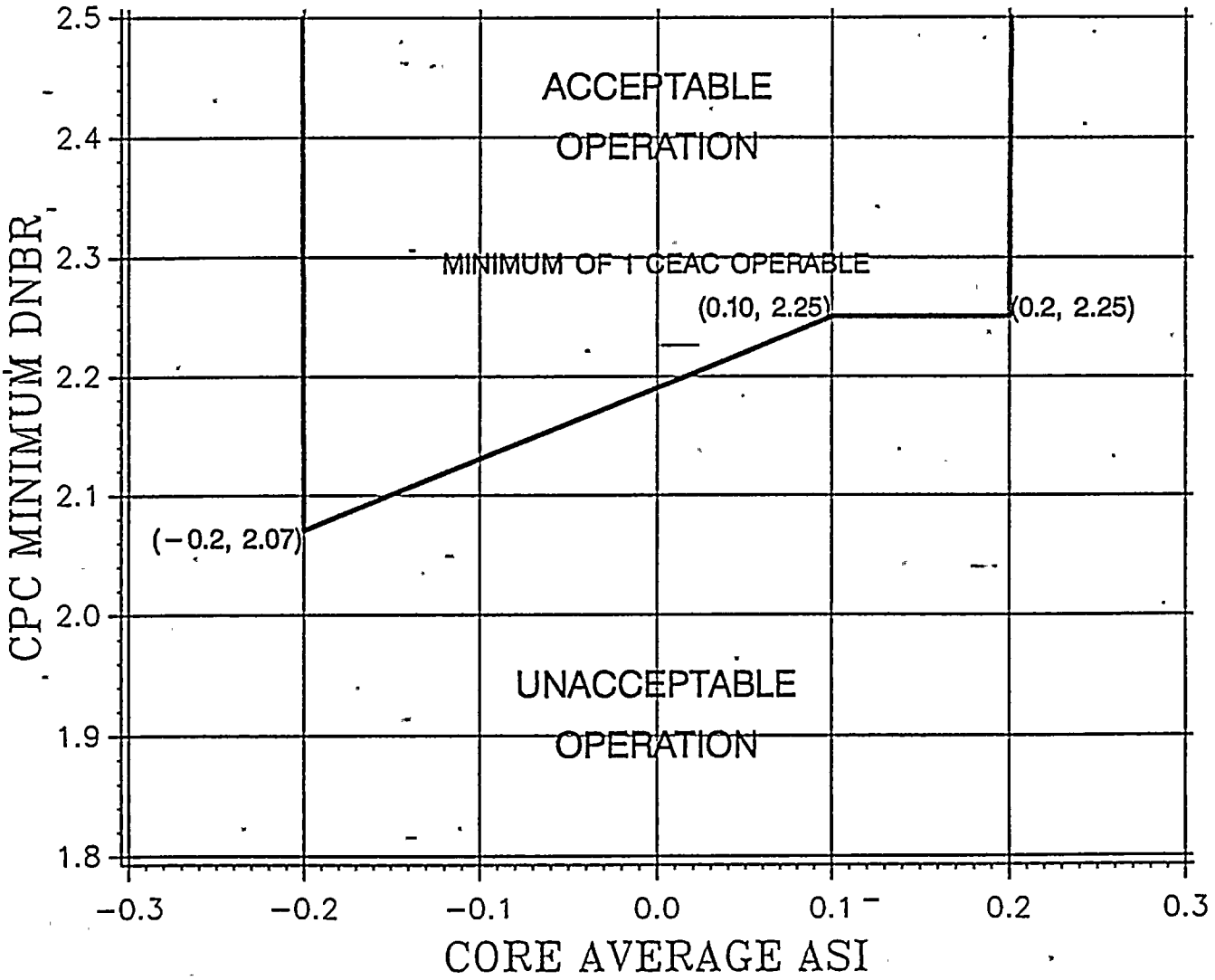
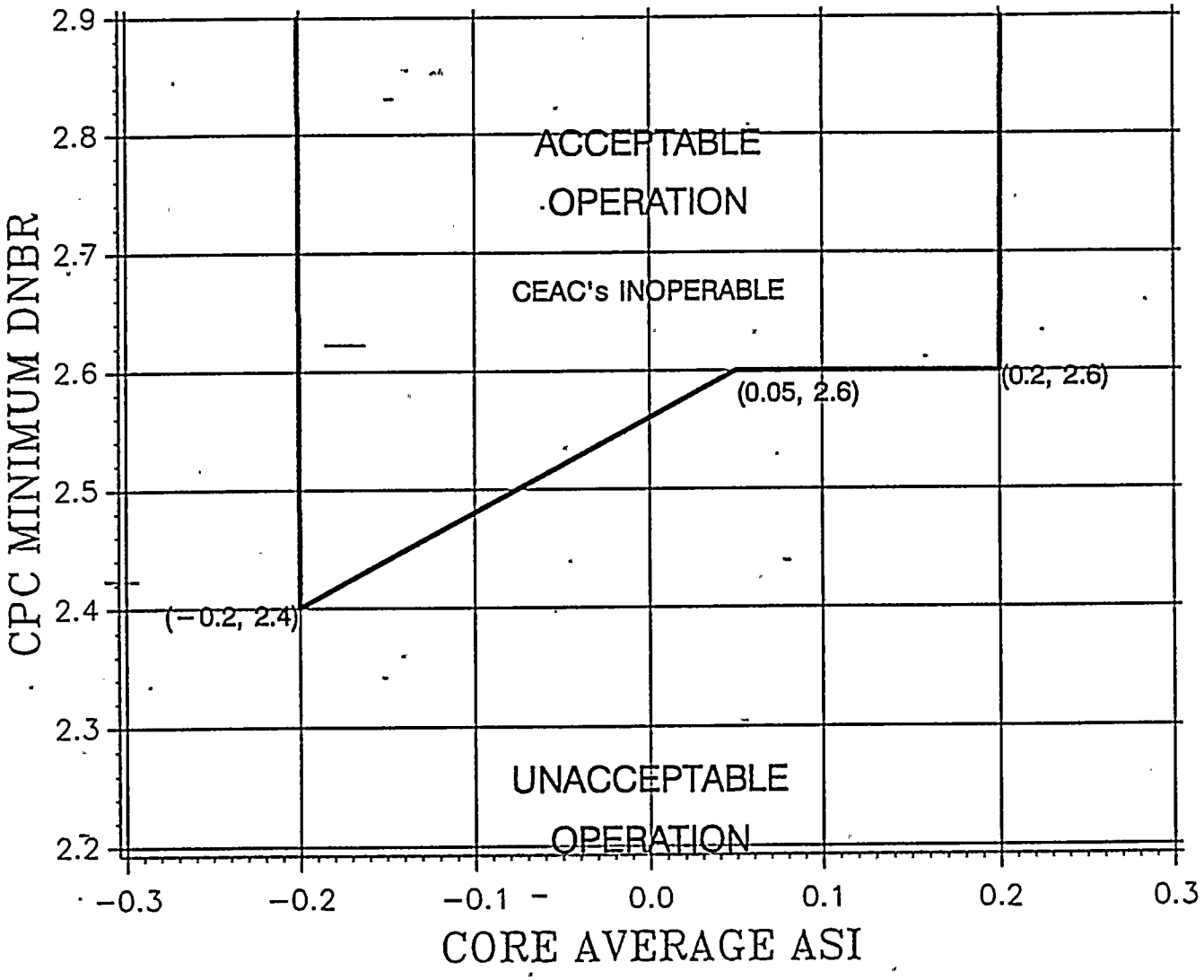


FIGURE 3.2.4-3
DNBR MARGIN OPERATING LIMIT BASED ON
THE CORE PROTECTION CALCULATORS
(COLSS OUT OF SERVICE, CEAC's INOPERABLE)



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REQUIRED MONITORING FREQUENCIES FOR BACKUP BORON DILUTION DETECTION AS A FUNCTION OF OPERATING CHARGING PUMPS AND PLANT OPERATIONAL MODES FOR $K_{eff} > 0.98$

OPERATIONAL MODE	Number of Operating Charging Pumps			
	0	1	2	3
3	12 hours	0.5 hour	ONA	ONA
4 not on SCS	12 hours	1 hour	ONA	ONA
5 not on SCS	8 hours	1 hour	ONA	ONA
4 & 5 on SCS	ONA	ONA	ONA	ONA

Notes: SCS = Shutdown Cooling System
ONA = Operation Not Allowed

TABLE 3.1.2.7-2

REQUIRED MONITORING FREQUENCIES FOR BACKUP BORON DILUTION DETECTION AS A FUNCTION OF OPERATING CHARGING PUMPS AND PLANT OPERATIONAL MODES FOR $0.98 \geq K_{eff} > 0.97$

OPERATIONAL MODE	Number of Operating Charging Pumps			
	0	1	2	3
3	12 hours	2 hours	0.5 hours	ONA
4 not on SCS	12 hours	2.5 hours	1 hour	0.5 hours
5 not on SCS	8 hours	2.5 hours	1 hour	0.5 hours
4 & 5 on SCS	8 hours	0.5 hours	ONA	ONA

Notes: SCS = Shutdown Cooling System
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TABLE 3.1.2.7-3

REQUIRED MONITORING FREQUENCIES FOR BACKUP BORON DILUTION DETECTION AS A FUNCTION OF OPERATING CHARGING PUMPS AND PLANT OPERATIONAL MODES FOR $0.97 \geq K_{eff} > 0.96$

OPERATIONAL MODE	Number of Operating Charging Pumps			
	0	1	2	3
3	12 hours	3.5 hours	1.5 hours	0.5 hours
4 not on SCS	12 hours	3.5 hours	1.5 hours	1 hour
5 not on SCS	8 hours	3.5 hours	1.5 hours	1 hour
4 & 5 on SCS	8 hours	1 hour	0.5 hours	ONA

Notes: SCS = Shutdown-Cooling System
ONA = Operation Not Allowed

TABLE 3.1.2.7-4

REQUIRED MONITORING FREQUENCIES FOR BACKUP BORON DILUTION DETECTION AS A FUNCTION OF OPERATING CHARGING PUMPS AND PLANT OPERATIONAL MODES FOR $0.96 \geq K_{eff} > 0.95$

OPERATIONAL MODE	Number of Operating Charging Pumps			
	0	1	2	3
3	12 hours	4.5 hours	2 hours	1 hour
4 not on SCS	12 hours	5 hours	2 hours	1 hour
5 not on SCS	8 hours	5 hours	2 hours	1 hour
4 & 5 on SCS	8 hours	2 hours	0.5 hours	ONA

Notes: SCS = Shutdown Cooling System
ONA = Operation Not Allowed

TABLE 3.1.2.7-5

REQUIRED MONITORING FREQUENCIES FOR BACKUP BORON DILUTION DETECTION AS A FUNCTION OF OPERATING CHARGING PUMPS AND PLANT OPERATIONAL MODES FOR $K_{eff} \leq 0.95$

OPERATIONAL MODE	Number of Operating Charging Pumps			
	0	1	2	3
3	12 hours	6 hours	2.5 hours	1.5 hours
4 not on SCS	12 hours	6 hours	3 hours	1.5 hours
5 not on SCS	8 hours	6 hours	3 hours	1.5 hours
4 & 5 on SCS	8 hours	2 hours	1 hour	0.5 hours
6 ($\geq$ 4000 ppm)	24 hours	8 hours	3.5 hours	2 hours
6 (< 4000 ppm)	24 hours	2 hours	0.5 hours	ONA

Notes: SCS = Shutdown Cooling System
ONA = Operation not allowed