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Pursuant to PVNGS Unit 1 Technical Specifications, Section 6.9.1.10, enclosed is the Core Operating Limits Report (COLR), Unit 1, Revision 3, which was made effective on April 03, 1998. Revision 3 incorporates the Unit 1 Cycle 8 Reload Design and changes the Axial Shape Index allowable limits of operation with the Core Operating Limit Supervisory System (COLSS) operable. This revision replaces pages 1, 2, 3 and 6 of the COLR, Unit 1, Revision 2. This letter does not make, or imply, any commitments to the NRC.

By copy of this letter and enclosures, this COLR is being provided to the NRC Region IV Administrator, the Walnut Creek Field Office Director, and the PVNGS Senior Resident Inspector.

Please contact Scott A. Bauer at (602) 393-5978 if you have any questions or require additional information.

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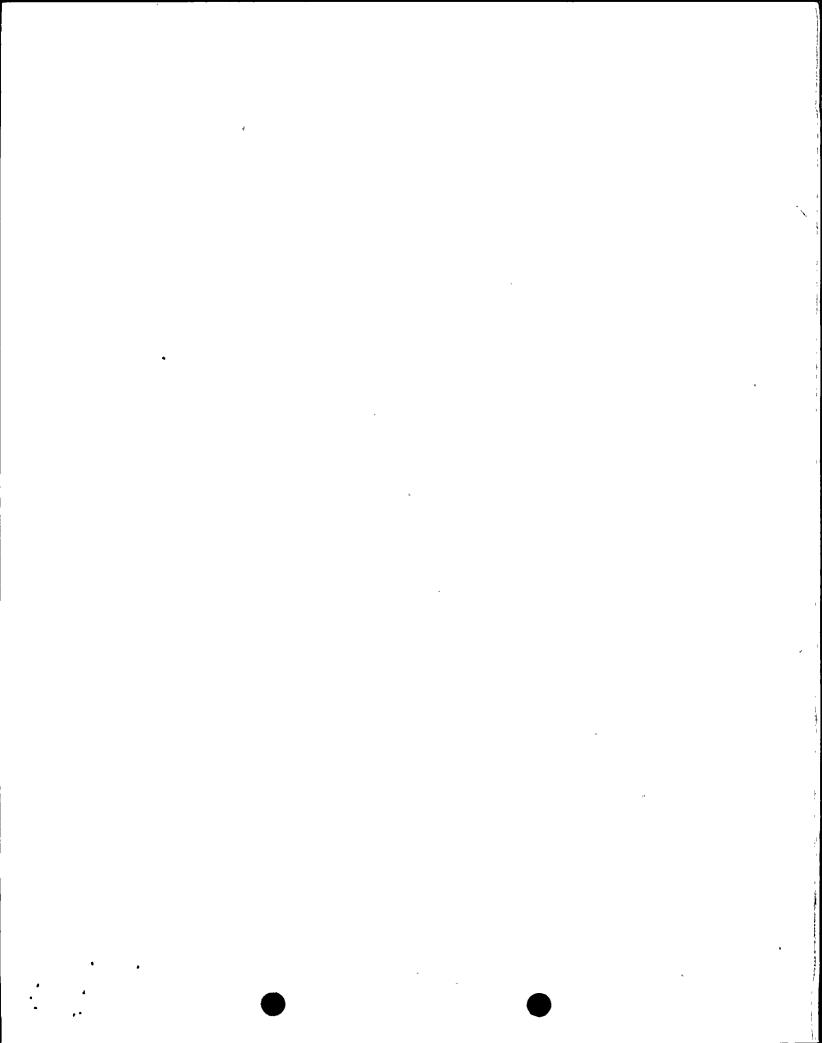
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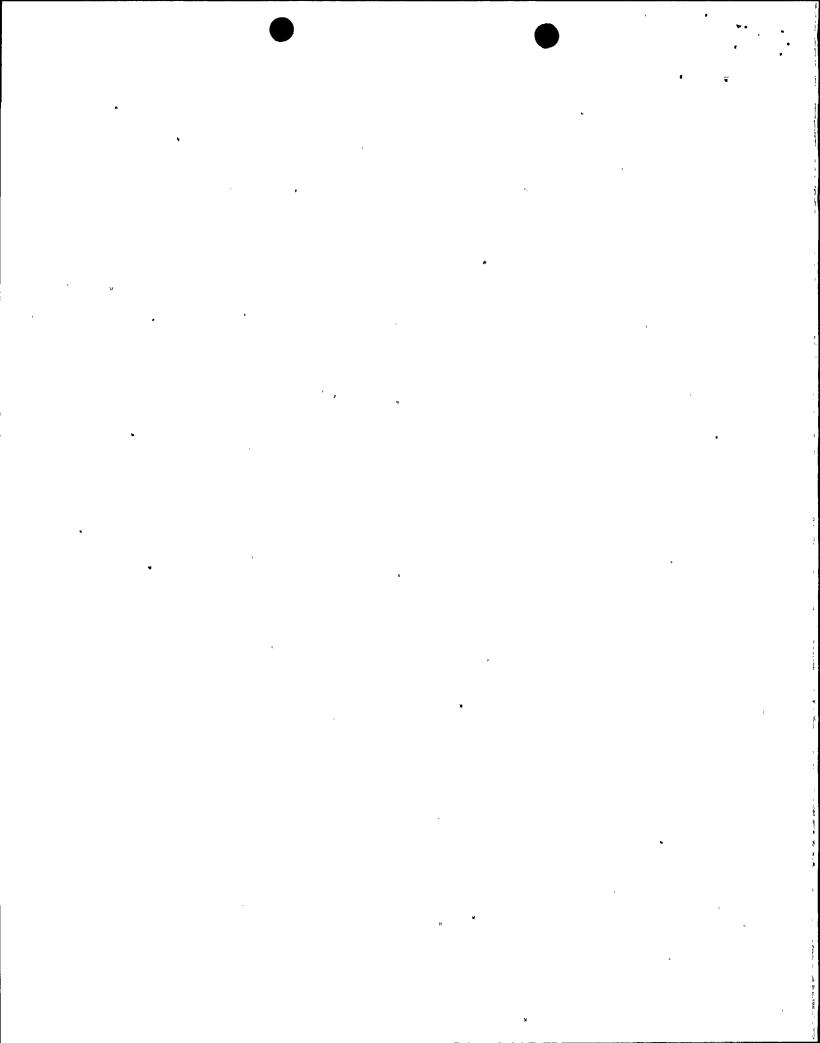
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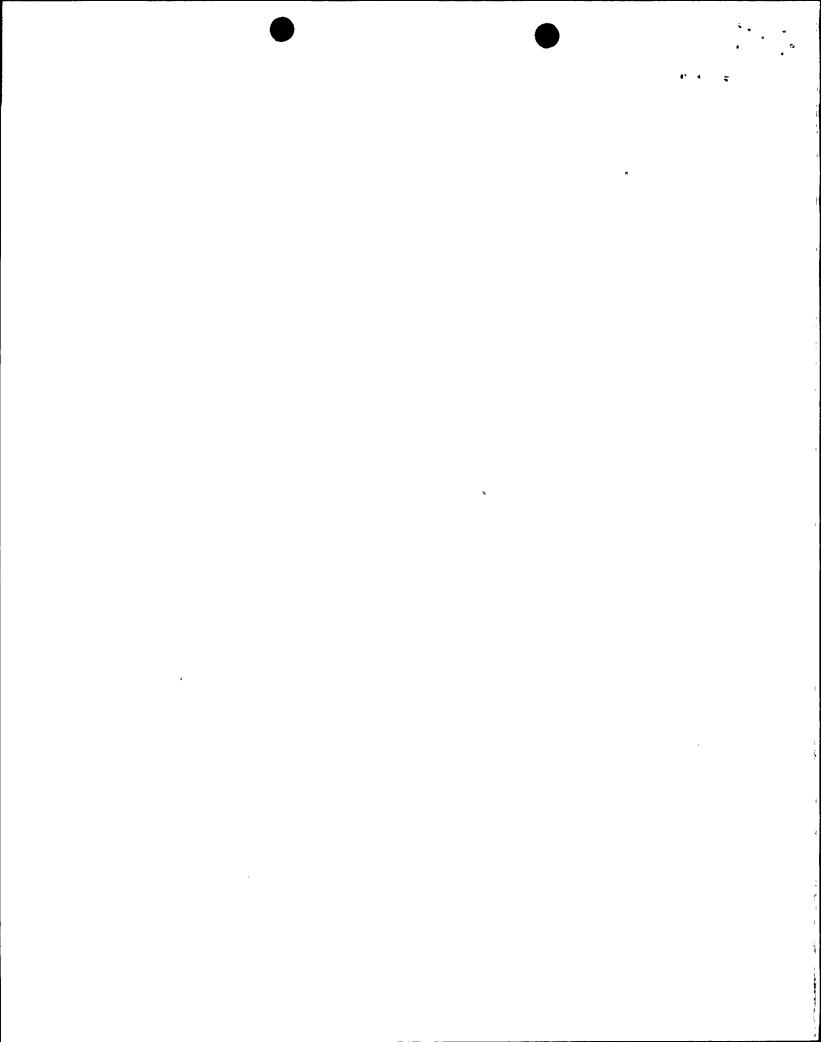




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3.2.3 - Azimuthal Power Tilt - To

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 CEACs 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 CEACs 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 CEACs 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

- $-0.18 \le ASI \le 0.16$ for power $\ge 50\%$
- $-0.28 \le ASI \le 0.16$ for power < 50%

COLSS OUT OF SERVICE (CPC)

 $-0.10 \le ASI \le 0.10$

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 ≥ 3000 ppm.

