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Cycle 26 Core Operating Limits Report

Pursuant to the requirements of Beaver Valley Power Station, Unit No. 1 Technical Specification 5.6.3, "CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT (COLR)," FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company hereby submits the COLR for Cycle 26. Technical Specification 5.6.3.d requires, in part, that the COLR be provided to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission upon issuance for each reload cycle, including any midcycle revisions or supplements. The Cycle 26 COLR was made effective on April 26, 2018.

There are no regulatory commitments contained in this submittal. If there are any questions or if additional information is required, please contact Mr. Thomas A. Lentz, Manager – Nuclear Licensing & Regulatory Affairs, at (330) 315-6810.

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5.0 ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROLS

5.1 Core Operating Limits Report

This Core Operating Limits Report provides the cycle specific parameter limits developed in accordance with the NRC approved methodologies specified in Technical Specification Administrative Control 5.6.3.

5.1.1 SL 2.1.1 Reactor Core Safety Limits

See Figure 5.1-1.

5.1.2 SHUTDOWN MARGIN (SDM)

a. In MODES 1, 2, 3, and 4, SHUTDOWN MARGIN shall be ≥ 1.77% Δk/k.(1)

b. Prior to manually blocking the Low Pressurizer Pressure Safety Injection Signal, the Reactor Coolant System shall be borated to ≥ the MODE 5 boron concentration and shall remain ≥ this boron concentration at all times when this signal is blocked.

c. In MODE 5, SHUTDOWN MARGIN shall be ≥ 1.0% Δk/k.

5.1.3 LCO 3.1.3 Moderator Temperature Coefficient (MTC)

a. Upper Limit - MTC shall be maintained within the acceptable operation limit specified in Technical Specification Figure 3.1.3-1.

b. Lower Limit - MTC shall be maintained less negative than - 4.4×10^{-4} Δk/k/°F at RATED THERMAL POWER.

c. 300 ppm Surveillance Limit: (- 37 pcm/°F)

d. The revised predicted near-EOL 300 ppm MTC shall be calculated using Figure 5.1-5 and the following algorithm from Reference 11 :

Revised Predicted MTC = Predicted MTC* + AFD Correction** + Predictive Correction***

where,

* Predicted MTC is calculated from Figure 5.1-5 at the burnup corresponding to the measurement of 300 ppm at RTP conditions,

** AFD Correction is the more negative value of :

{0 pcm/°F or (ΔAFD * AFD Sensitivity)}

where: ΔAFD is the measured AFD minus the predicted AFD from an incore flux map taken at or near the burnup corresponding to 300 ppm.

and

AFD Sensitivity = 0.10 pcm/°F / ΔAFD

***Predictive Correction is -3 pcm/°F.

(1) The MODE 1 and MODE 2 with k_{eff} ≥ 1.0 SDM requirements are included to address SDM requirements (e.g., MODE 1 Required Actions to verify SDM) that are not within the applicability of LCO 3.1.1, SHUTDOWN MARGIN (SDM).

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If the revised predicted MTC is less negative than the SR 3.1.3.2 limit (COLR 5.1.3.c) and all of the benchmark data contained in the surveillance procedure are met, then an MTC measurement, in accordance with SR 3.1.3.2, is not required.

e. 60 ppm Surveillance Limit: (- 42.5 pcm/°F)

5.1.4 LCO 3.1.5 Shutdown Bank Insertion Limits

The Shutdown Banks shall be withdrawn to at least 225 steps.(2)

5.1.5 LCO 3.1.6 Control Bank Insertion Limits

a. Control Banks A and B shall be withdrawn to at least 225 steps.(2)

b. Control Banks C and D shall be limited in physical insertion as shown in Figure 5.1-2.(2)

c. Sequence Limits - The sequence of withdrawal shall be A, B, C and D bank, in that order.

d. Overlap Limits(2) - Overlap shall be such that step 129 on banks A, B, and C corresponds to step 1 on the following bank. When C bank is fully withdrawn, these limits are verified by confirming D bank is withdrawn at least to a position equal to the all-rods-out position minus 128 steps.

5.1.6 LCO 3.2.1 Heat Flux Hot Channel Factor ($F_Q(Z)$)

The Heat Flux Hot Channel Factor - $F_Q(Z)$ limit is defined by:

$$F_Q(Z) \le \left[\frac{CFQ}{P}\right] * K(Z) \qquad \text{for } P > 0.5$$

$$F_Q(Z) \le \left[\frac{CFQ}{0.5}\right] * K(Z) \qquad \text{for } P \le 0.5$$

Where: CFQ = 2.40 $\qquad P = \dfrac{\text{THERMAL POWER}}{\text{RATED THERMAL POWER}}$

K(Z) = the function obtained from Figure 5.1-3.

$$F_Q^C(Z) = F_Q^M(Z) * 1.0815^{\$}$$

$$F_Q^W(Z) = F_Q^C(Z) * W(Z)$$

(2) As indicated by the group demand counter

$ An additional uncertainty is to be applied if the number of measured thimbles for the moveable incore detector system is less than 75% of the total number of thimbles. If there are less than 75% of the total number of thimbles and at least 50% of the total number of thimbles measured, an additional uncertainty of (0.01)*(3-T/12.5) is added to the measurement uncertainty, 1.05, where T is the total number of measured thimbles. This adjusted measurement uncertainty is then multiplied by 1.03 to obtain the total uncertainty to be applied. At least three measured thimbles per core quadrant are also required.

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The W(Z) values are provided in Table 5.1-1 and 5.1-2. The W(Z) values in Table 5.1-1 were generated assuming that they will be used for full power surveillance. The W(Z) values in Table 5.1-2 were generated assuming that they will be used for a part power surveillance during initial cycle startup following the refueling outage. When a part power surveillance is performed, the W(Z) values should be multiplied by the factor 1/P, when P > 0.5. When P is ≤ 0.5, the W(Z) values should be multiplied by the factor 1/(0.5), or 2.0. This is consistent with the adjustment in the $F_Q(Z)$ limit at part power conditions.

The $F_Q(Z)$ penalty function, applied when the analytic $F_Q(Z)$ function increases from one monthly measurement to the next, is provided in Table 5.1-3.

5.1.7 LCO 3.2.2 Nuclear Enthalpy Rise Hot Channel Factor ($F^N_{\Delta H}$)

$F^N_{\Delta H} \le CF_{\Delta H} * (1 + PF_{\Delta H} (1\text{-}P))^{\$}$

Where: $CF_{\Delta H} = 1.62$

$PF_{\Delta H} = 0.3$

$$P = \frac{\text{THERMAL POWER}}{\text{RATED THERMAL POWER}}$$

5.1.8 LCO 3.2.3 Axial Flux Difference (AFD)

The AFD acceptable operation limits are provided in Figure 5.1-4.

5.1.9 LCO 3.3.1 Reactor Trip System Instrumentation - Overtemperature and Overpower ΔT Parameter Values from Table Notations 1 and 2

a. Overtemperature ΔT Setpoint Parameter Values:

Parameter	Value
Overtemperature ΔT reactor trip setpoint	K1 ≤ 1.242
Overtemperature ΔT reactor trip setpoint Tavg coefficient	K2 ≥ 0.0183/°F
Overtemperature ΔT reactor trip setpoint pressure coefficient	K3 ≥ 0.001/psia
Tavg at RATED THERMAL POWER	T' ≤ 577.9°F(1)

$ An additional uncertainty is to be applied if the number of measured thimbles for the moveable incore detector system is less than 75% of the total number of thimbles. If there are less than 75% of the total number of thimbles and at least 50% of the total number of thimbles measured, an additional uncertainty of (0.01)*(3-T/12.5) is added to the standard uncertainty on FNΔH of 1.04, where T is the total number of measured thimbles. At least three measured thimbles per core quadrant are also required.

(1) T' represents the cycle-specific Full Power Tavg value used in core design.

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Nominal pressurizer pressure	P' ≥ 2250 psia
Measured reactor vessel average temperature lead/lag time constants	$\tau_1 \geq$ 30 secs $\tau_2 \leq$ 4 secs
Measured reactor vessel ΔT lag time constant	$\tau_4 \leq$ 6 secs
Measured reactor vessel average temperature lag time constant	$\tau_5 \leq$ 2 secs

f (ΔI) is a function of the indicated difference between top and bottom detectors of the power-range nuclear ion chambers; with gains to be selected based on measured instrument response during plant startup tests such that:

(i) For q_t - q_b between -37% and +15%, f(ΔI) = 0 (where q_t and q_b are percent RATED THERMAL POWER in the top and bottom halves of the core respectively, and q_t + q_b is total THERMAL POWER in percent of RATED THERMAL POWER).

(ii) For each percent that the magnitude of (q_t - q_b) exceeds -37%, the ΔT trip setpoint shall be automatically reduced by 2.52% of its value at RATED THERMAL POWER.

(iii) For each percent that the magnitude of (q_t - q_b) exceeds +15%, the ΔT trip setpoint shall be automatically reduced by 1.47% of its value at RATED THERMAL POWER.

b. Overpower ΔT Setpoint Parameter Values:

Parameter	Value
Overpower ΔT reactor trip setpoint	K4 ≤ 1.085
Overpower ΔT reactor trip setpoint Tavg rate/lag coefficient	K5 ≥ 0.02/°F for increasing average temperature K5 = 0/°F for decreasing average temperature
Overpower ΔT reactor trip setpoint Tavg heatup coefficient	K6 ≥ 0.0021/°F for T > T" K6 = 0/°F for T ≤ T"
Tavg at RATED THERMAL POWER	T" ≤ 577.9°F(2)
Measured reactor vessel average temperature rate/lag time constant	$\tau_3 \geq$ 10 secs
Measured reactor vessel ΔT lag time constant	$\tau_4 \leq$ 6 secs
Measured reactor vessel average temperature lag time constant	$\tau_5 \leq$ 2 secs

(2) T" represents the cycle-specific Full Power Tavg value used in core design.

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5.1.10 LCO 3.4.1, RCS Pressure, Temperature, and Flow Departure from Nucleate Boiling (DNB) Limits

Parameter	Indicated Value
Reactor Coolant System Tavg	Tavg ≤ 581.5°F[(1)]
Pressurizer Pressure	Pressure ≥ 2218 psia[(2)]
Reactor Coolant System Total Flow Rate	Flow ≥ 268,668 gpm[(3)]

5.1.11 LCO 3.9.1 Boron Concentration (MODE 6)

The boron concentration of the Reactor Coolant System, the refueling canal, and the refueling cavity shall be maintained ≥ 2400 ppm. This value includes a 50 ppm conservative allowance for uncertainties.

(1) The Reactor Coolant System (RCS) indicated T_{avg} value is determined by adding the appropriate allowances for rod control operation and verification via control board indication (3.6°F) to the cycle specific full power T_{avg} used in the core design.

(2) The pressurizer pressure value includes allowances for pressurizer pressure control operation and verification via control board indication.

(3) The RCS total flow rate includes allowances for normalization of the cold leg elbow taps with a beginning of cycle precision RCS flow calorimetric measurement and verification on a periodic basis via control board indication.

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5.1.12 References

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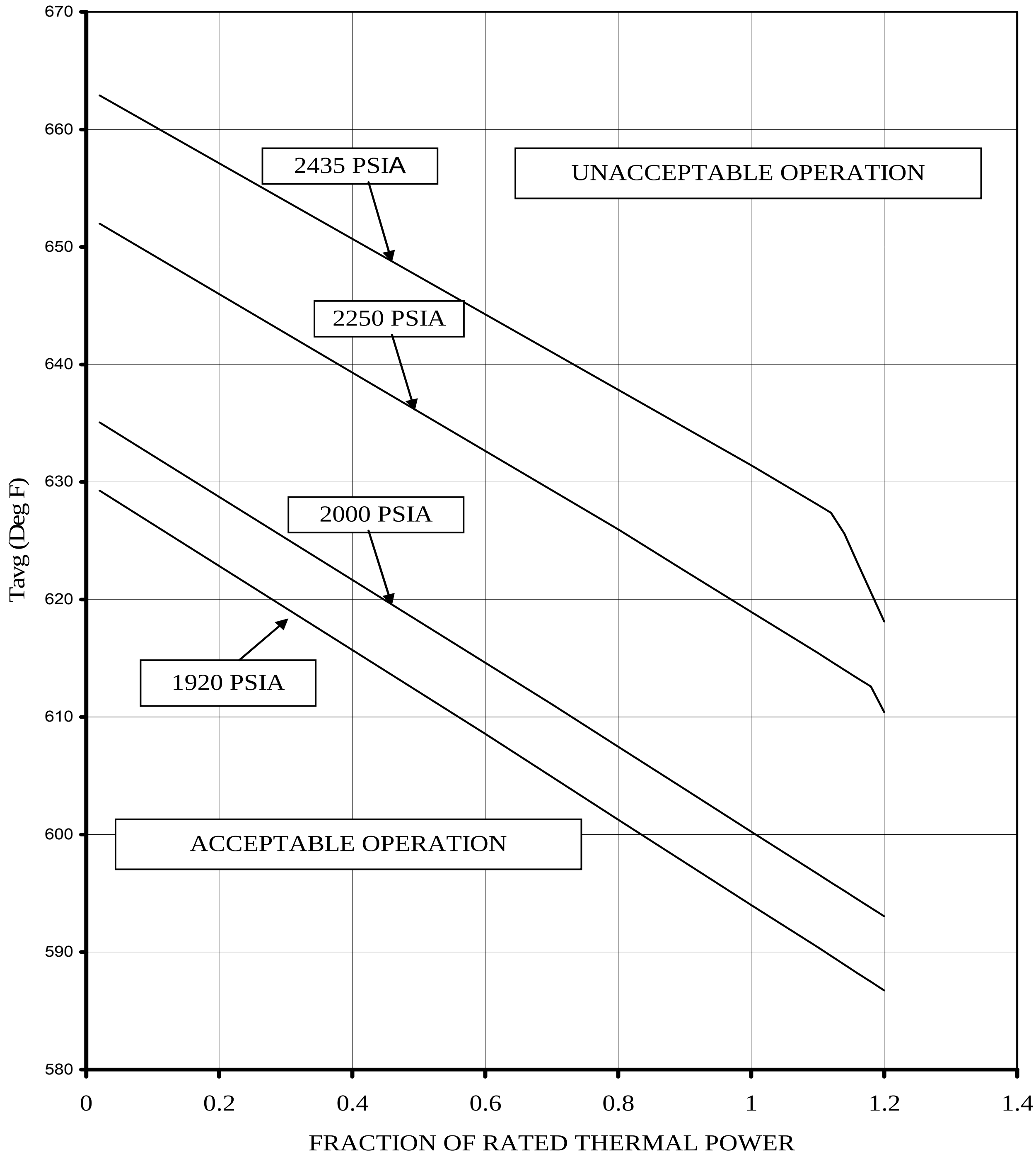

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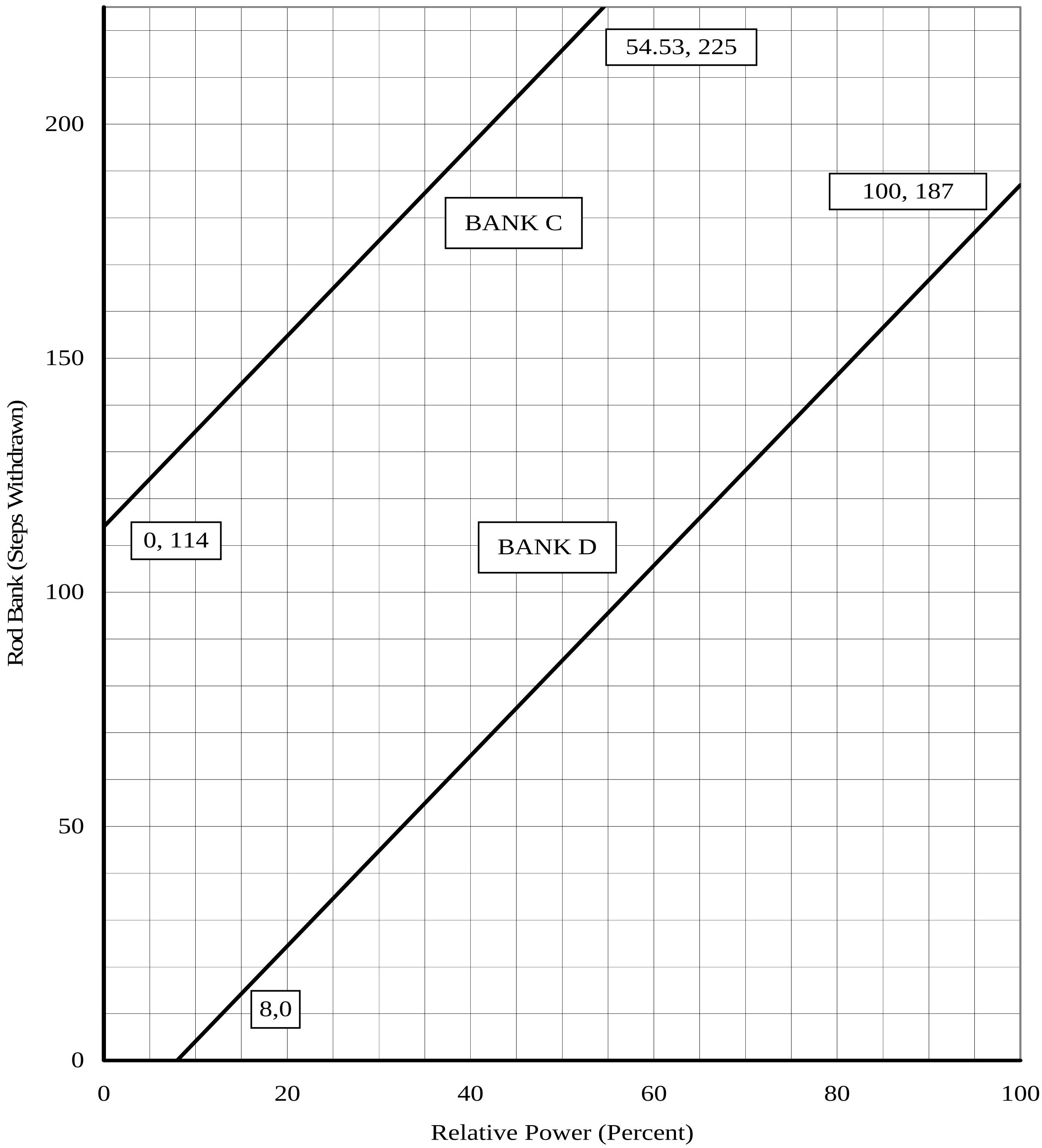
REACTOR CORE SAFETY LIMIT
THREE LOOP OPERATION
(Technical Specification Safety Limit 2.1.1)



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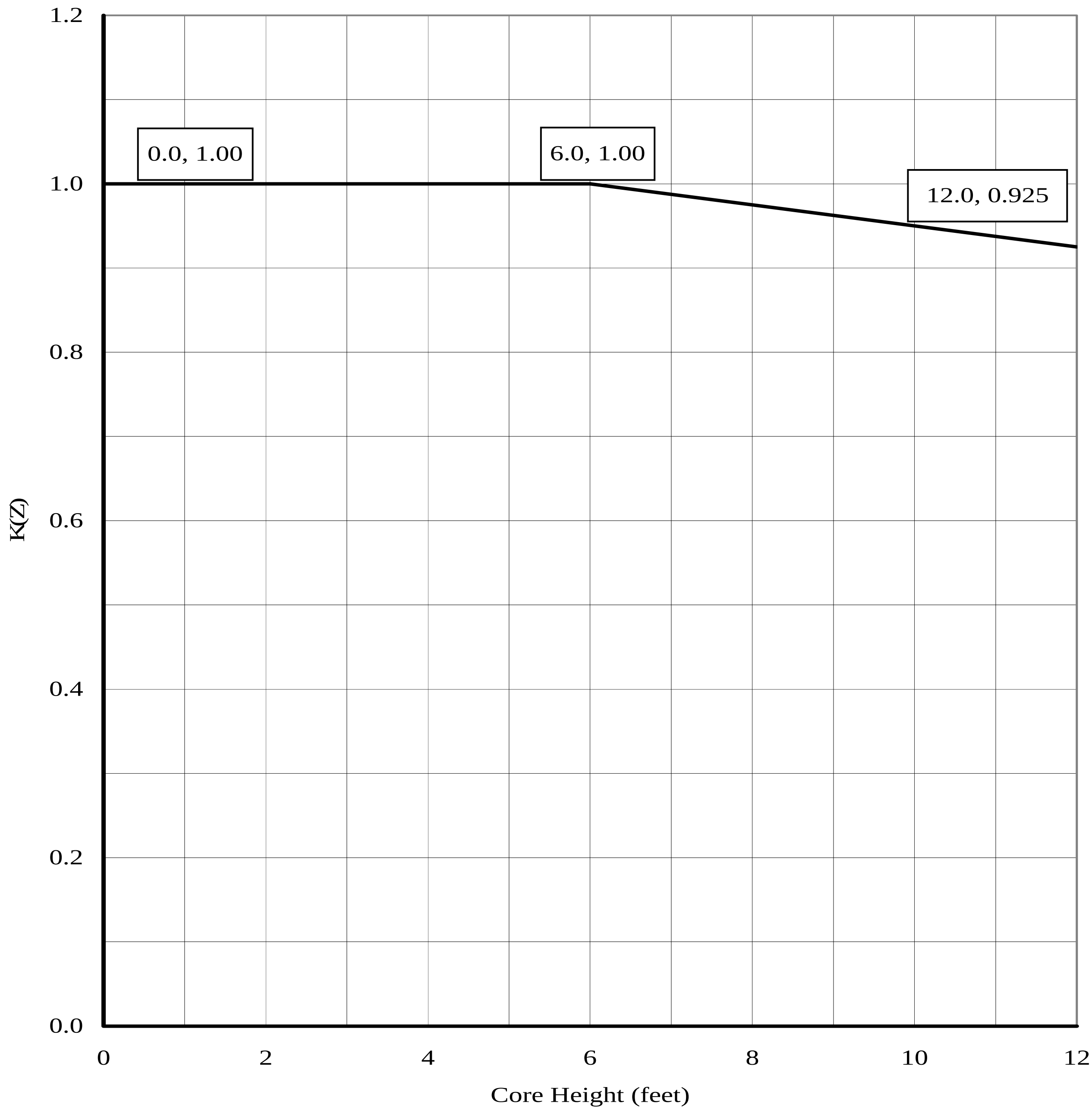
CONTROL ROD INSERTION LIMITS



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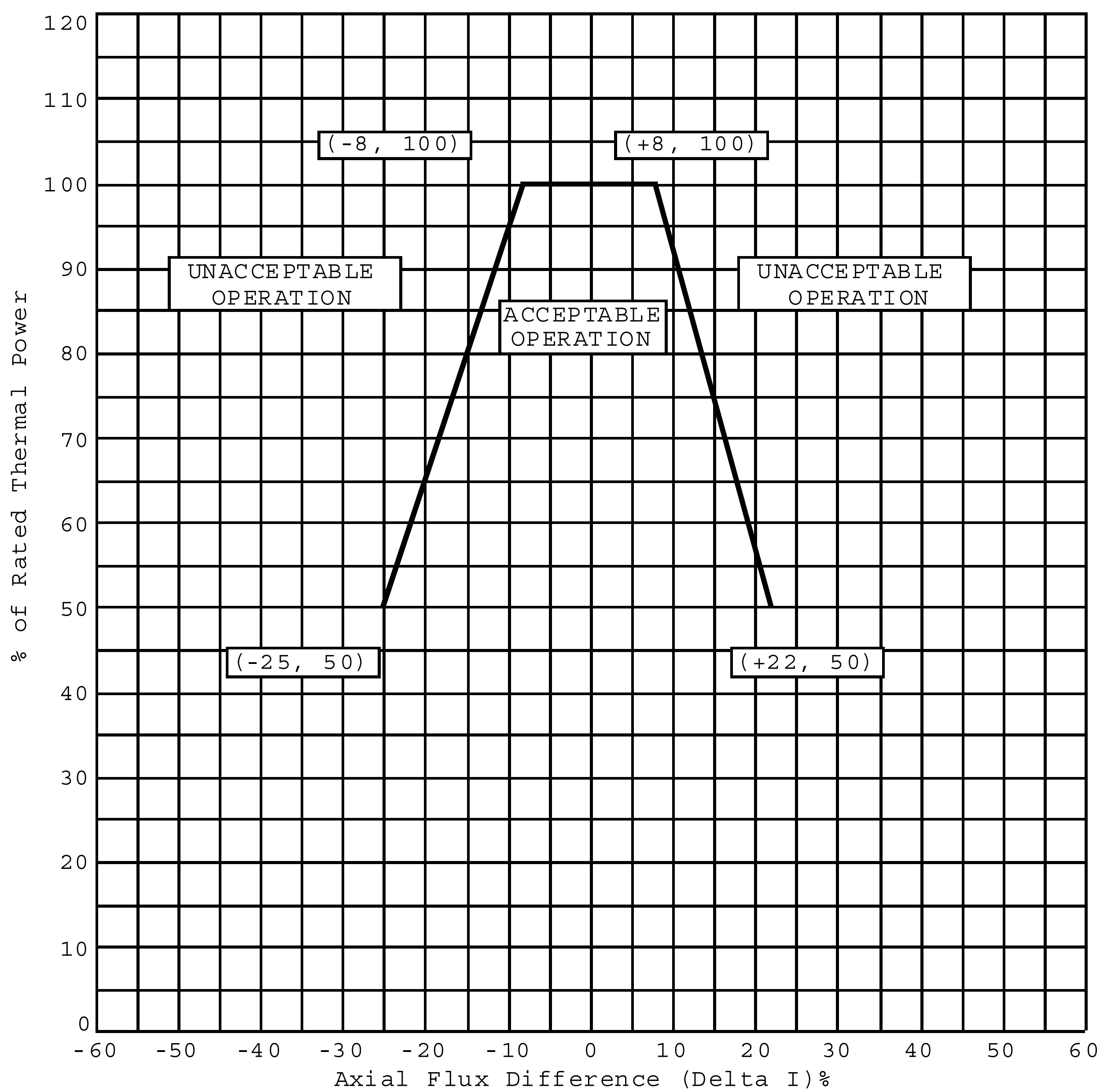
F_QT NORMALIZED OPERATING ENVELOPE, K(Z)



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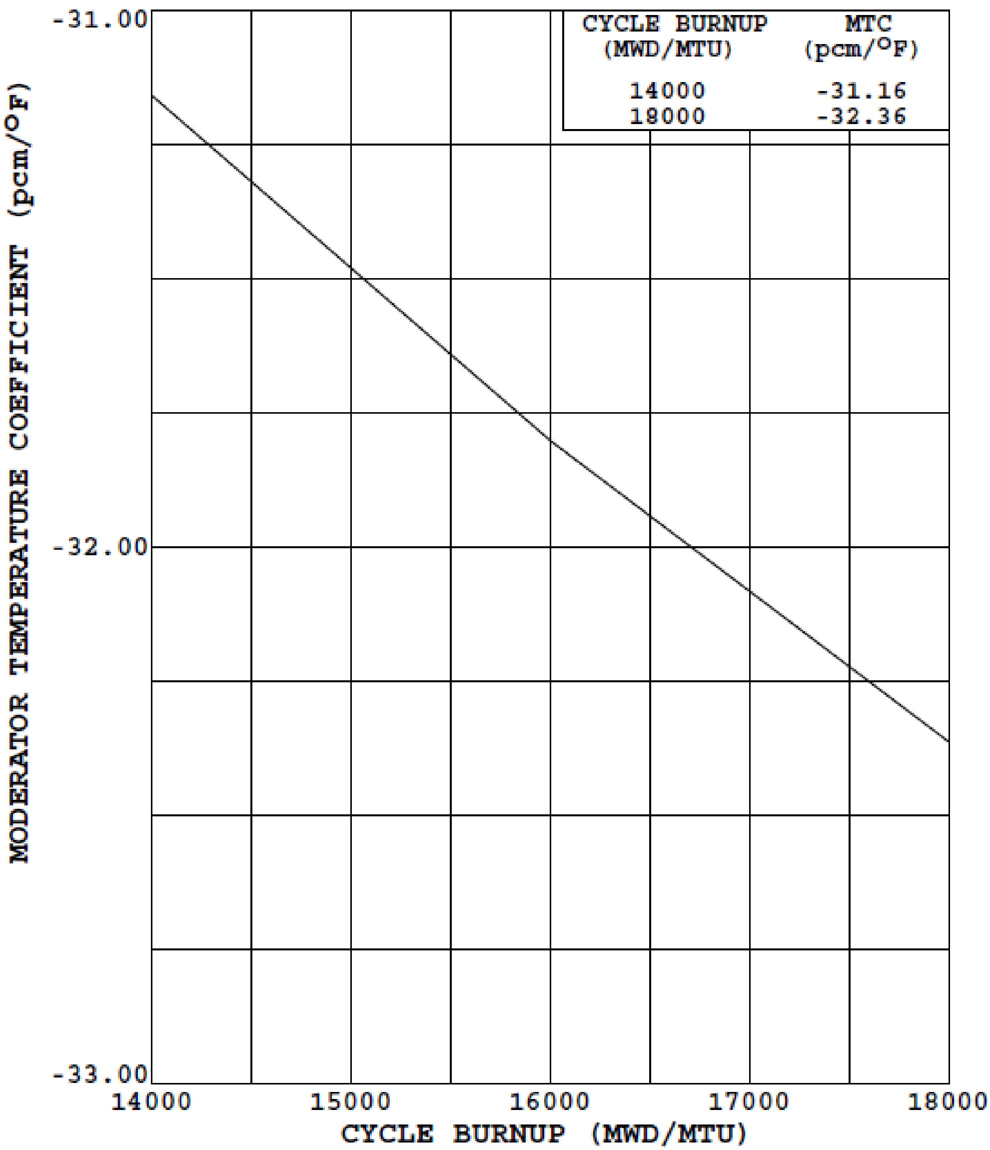
AXIAL FLUX DIFFERENCE LIMITS AS A FUNCTION OF

PERCENT OF RATED THERMAL POWER FOR RAOC



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HOT FULL POWER PREDICTED

MODERATOR TEMPERATURE COEFFICIENT

AS A FUNCTION OF CYCLE BURNUP

WHEN 300 PPM IS ACHIEVED

Table 5.1-1 (Page 1 of 2)
F_Q Surveillance W(Z) Function versus Burnup at 100% RTP

Exclusion Zone	Axial Point	Elevation (feet)	150 MWD/MTU	3000 MWD/MTU	8000 MWD/MTU	12000 MWD/MTU	16000 MWD/MTU
*	1	12.08	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
*	2	11.88	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
*	3	11.68	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
*	4	11.47	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
*	5	11.27	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
*	6	11.07	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
*	7	10.87	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
	8	10.67	1.1275	1.1799	1.2476	1.2393	1.2320
	9	10.47	1.1232	1.1771	1.2408	1.2270	1.2192
	10	10.27	1.1177	1.1754	1.2323	1.2097	1.2037
	11	10.07	1.1111	1.1794	1.2225	1.2024	1.2003
	12	9.86	1.1046	1.1741	1.2118	1.2048	1.1979
	13	9.66	1.0981	1.1696	1.2109	1.2050	1.1946
	14	9.46	1.0958	1.1633	1.2104	1.2032	1.1906
	15	9.26	1.1019	1.1534	1.2059	1.2000	1.1864
	16	9.06	1.1090	1.1497	1.2059	1.1966	1.1808
	17	8.86	1.1145	1.1486	1.2044	1.1957	1.1771
	18	8.66	1.1223	1.1569	1.2072	1.1975	1.1792
	19	8.46	1.1300	1.1609	1.2114	1.2046	1.1837
	20	8.25	1.1360	1.1640	1.2133	1.2102	1.1952
	21	8.05	1.1408	1.1654	1.2130	1.2134	1.2041
	22	7.85	1.1444	1.1657	1.2113	1.2150	1.2112
	23	7.65	1.1457	1.1639	1.2073	1.2143	1.2159
	24	7.45	1.1459	1.1610	1.2020	1.2122	1.2193
	25	7.25	1.1446	1.1562	1.1940	1.2072	1.2194
	26	7.05	1.1423	1.1508	1.1846	1.2003	1.2172
	27	6.84	1.1387	1.1446	1.1741	1.1928	1.2136
	28	6.64	1.1336	1.1369	1.1621	1.1840	1.2090
	29	6.44	1.1279	1.1284	1.1489	1.1739	1.2026
	30	6.24	1.1219	1.1195	1.1370	1.1624	1.1945
	31	6.04	1.1146	1.1094	1.1275	1.1501	1.1851
	32	5.84	1.1101	1.1026	1.1175	1.1371	1.1746

Note: Top and Bottom 10% Excluded

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F_Q Surveillance W(Z) Function versus Burnup at 100% RTP

Exclusion Zone	Axial Point	Elevation (feet)	150 MWD/MTU	3000 MWD/MTU	8000 MWD/MTU	12000 MWD/MTU	16000 MWD/MTU
	33	5.64	1.1081	1.1010	1.1095	1.1234	1.1627
	34	5.44	1.1098	1.1007	1.1087	1.1154	1.1480
	35	5.23	1.1169	1.1023	1.1068	1.1138	1.1382
	36	5.03	1.1236	1.1042	1.1048	1.1109	1.1349
	37	4.83	1.1300	1.1060	1.1024	1.1078	1.1303
	38	4.63	1.1363	1.1087	1.0996	1.1042	1.1251
	39	4.43	1.1422	1.1123	1.0965	1.1002	1.1192
	40	4.23	1.1476	1.1153	1.0932	1.0960	1.1131
	41	4.03	1.1524	1.1182	1.0898	1.0916	1.1067
	42	3.83	1.1571	1.1208	1.0857	1.0864	1.0989
	43	3.62	1.1617	1.1242	1.0813	1.0804	1.0905
	44	3.42	1.1655	1.1285	1.0761	1.0766	1.0843
	45	3.22	1.1708	1.1332	1.0771	1.0749	1.0768
	46	3.02	1.1763	1.1357	1.0835	1.0724	1.0825
	47	2.82	1.1910	1.1480	1.0934	1.0755	1.0963
	48	2.62	1.2136	1.1681	1.1071	1.0854	1.1088
	49	2.42	1.2361	1.1878	1.1223	1.0971	1.1226
	50	2.21	1.2593	1.2080	1.1378	1.1092	1.1366
	51	2.01	1.2834	1.2282	1.1530	1.1208	1.1495
	52	1.81	1.3073	1.2482	1.1678	1.1320	1.1617
	53	1.61	1.3292	1.2666	1.1818	1.1430	1.1735
	54	1.41	1.3490	1.2833	1.1945	1.1532	1.1847
*	55	1.21	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
*	56	1.01	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
*	57	0.81	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
*	58	0.60	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
*	59	0.40	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
*	60	0.20	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
*	61	0.00	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000

Note: Top and Bottom 10% Excluded

Table 5.1-2 (Page 1 of 2)
F_Q Surveillance W(Z) Function versus Burnup at 75% RTP

Exclusion Zone	Axial Point	Elevation (feet)	75% RTP
*	1	12.08	1.0000
*	2	11.88	1.0000
*	3	11.68	1.0000
*	4	11.47	1.0000
*	5	11.27	1.0000
*	6	11.07	1.0000
*	7	10.87	1.0000
	8	10.67	1.2775
	9	10.47	1.2581
	10	10.27	1.2312
	11	10.07	1.1967
	12	9.86	1.1604
	13	9.66	1.1274
	14	9.46	1.1031
	15	9.26	1.0924
	16	9.06	1.0852
	17	8.86	1.0799
	18	8.66	1.0786
	19	8.46	1.0792
	20	8.25	1.0794
	21	8.05	1.0794
	22	7.85	1.0795
	23	7.65	1.0783
	24	7.45	1.0769
	25	7.25	1.0750
	26	7.05	1.0729
	27	6.84	1.0699
	28	6.64	1.0655
	29	6.44	1.0616
	30	6.24	1.0578
	31	6.04	1.0527
	32	5.84	1.0502

Note: Top and Bottom 10% Excluded

Table 5.1-2 (Page 2 of 2)
F_Q Surveillance W(Z) Function versus Burnup at 75% RTP

Exclusion Zone	Axial Point	Elevation (feet)	75% RTP
	33	5.64	1.0506
	34	5.44	1.0554
	35	5.23	1.0650
	36	5.03	1.0745
	37	4.83	1.0843
	38	4.63	1.0940
	39	4.43	1.1033
	40	4.23	1.1119
	41	4.03	1.1195
	42	3.83	1.1289
	43	3.62	1.1378
	44	3.42	1.1451
	45	3.22	1.1539
	46	3.02	1.1633
	47	2.82	1.1818
	48	2.62	1.2087
	49	2.42	1.2353
	50	2.21	1.2627
	51	2.01	1.2913
	52	1.81	1.3198
	53	1.61	1.3463
	54	1.41	1.3698
*	55	1.21	1.0000
*	56	1.01	1.0000
*	57	0.81	1.0000
*	58	0.60	1.0000
*	59	0.40	1.0000
*	60	0.20	1.0000
*	61	0.00	1.0000

Note: Top and Bottom 10% Excluded

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$F_Q(Z)$ Penalty Factor versus Burnup

Cycle Burnup (MWD/MTU)	$F_Q(Z)$ Penalty Factor
<751	1.0200
751 - 1651	1.0301
> 1651	1.0200

Note: The Penalty Factor, to be applied to $F_Q(Z)$ in accordance with Technical Specification Surveillance Requirement (SR) 3.2.1.2, is the maximum factor by which $F_Q(Z)$ is expected to increase over a 39 Effective Full Power Day (EFPD) interval (surveillance interval of 31 EFPD plus the maximum allowable extension not to exceed 25% of the surveillance interval per Technical Specification SR 3.0.2) starting from the burnup at which the $F_Q(Z)$ was determined.