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## EVENT DESCRIPTION

On August 30, 1976 during a review of the Core XII analysis and in preparation of Core XIII analysis, an error was discovered in Fig. 8-1 of the Technical Specification D.2.c.1. This curve delineates the allowable peak LHGR and was found to be non-conservative by 2.7%.

The allowable peak LHGR curve, Fig. 8.1 as originally evaluated did not include a correction for the fact that only 0.973 of the heat is generated in the fuel (P.C. 125 Table 6-1) and 0.027 is due to gamma energy. Therefore, on applying the 0.973 multiplier, so that the curve will be consistent with measured numbers, the curve (Fig. 8.1) will be reduced by 2.7%.

To determine whether the KW/FT limits were actually exceeded, the measured data for Core XII was re-examined. The re-examination shows that the correct limiting LHGR has been exceeded only for 12 days out of the 221 power days of operation from startup to Core XII to August 30, 1976. During those 12 days (which occurred in June 1976) the actual peak LHGR was between 10.24 and 10.41 KW/FT. compared to the correct limit of 10.22 KW/FT. From INCORE run YR-XII-13 covering the period of interest, it was found that only 4 fuel rods out of 17734 in the core were in excess of the correct limiting LHGR for each of the 12 days.

The plant load was reduced immediately by 2.7% in order to correct for this error.

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The gamma heating correction was omitted by an error in application of the computer codes.

In the future the data used in the preparation of the accident analysis will be placed under more stringent review and control.

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