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VERMONT YANKEE NUCLEAR POWER CORPORATION

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VERMONT YANKEE NUCLEAR POWER STATION

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 120
License No. DPR-28

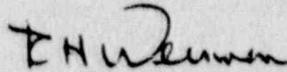
1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission or the NRC) has found that:
 - A. The application for amendment filed by the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation (the licensee) dated November 10, 1989 complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
 - B. The facility will operate in conformity with the application, the provisions of the Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission;
 - C. There is reasonable assurance: (i) that the activities authorized by this amendment can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public, and (ii) that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
 - D. The issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public; and
 - E. The issuance of this amendment is in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51 of the Commission's regulations and all applicable requirements have been satisfied.
2. Accordingly, the license is amended by changes to the Technical Specifications as indicated in the attachment to this license amendment, and paragraph 3.B of Facility Operating License No. DPR-28 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Technical Specifications

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendix A, as revised through Amendment No. 120, are hereby incorporated in the license. The licensee shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications.

3. This license amendment is effective as of its date of issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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Attachment:
Changes to the Technical
Specifications

Date of Issuance: APR 17 1990

ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENT NO. 120

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Replace the following pages of the Appendix A Technical Specifications with the attached pages. The revised pages are identified by Amendment number and contain vertical lines indicating the area of change.

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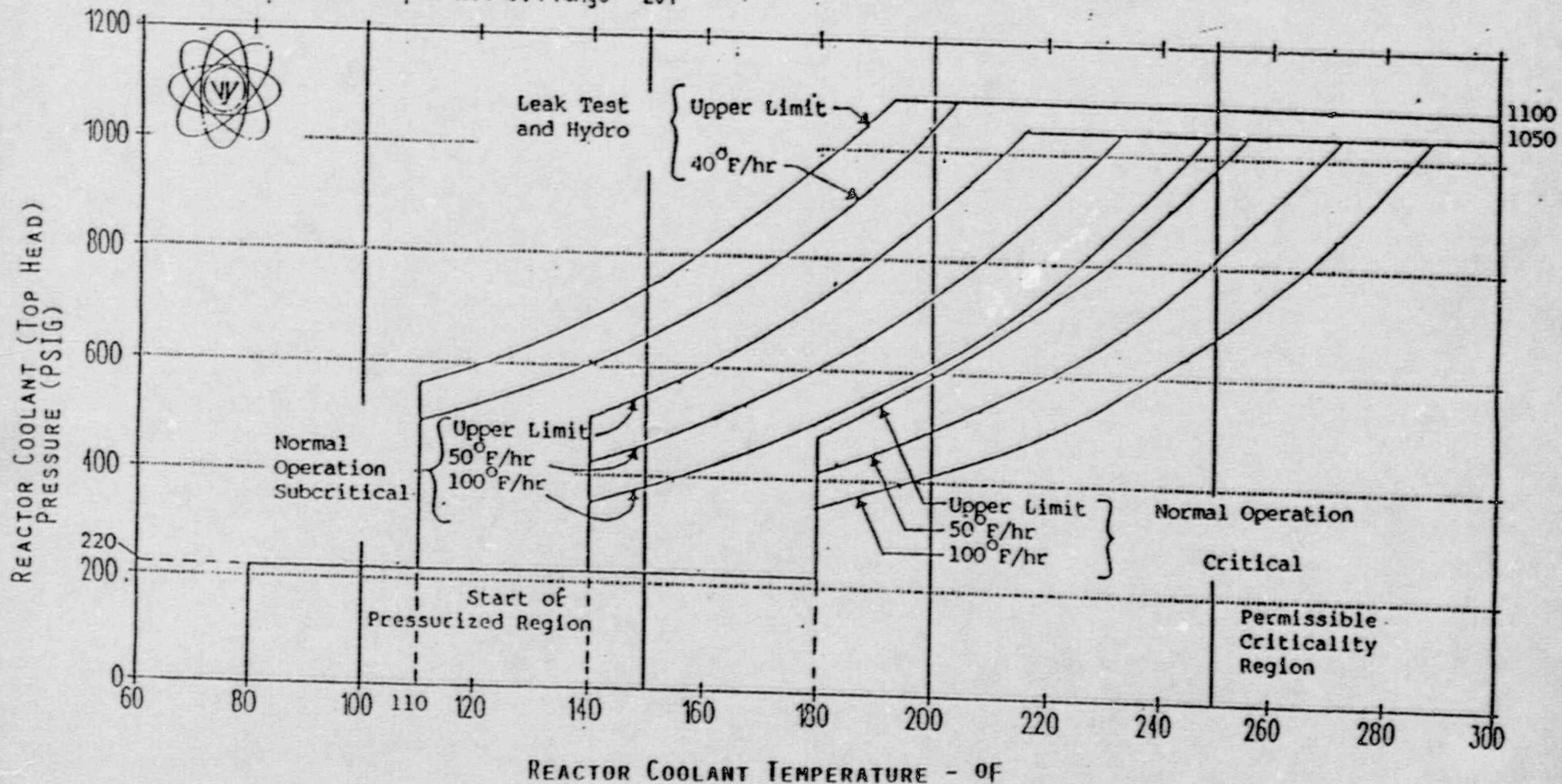
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Figure 3.6.1 Reactor Vessel Pressure-Temperature Limitations

Valid Thru 4.46E8 MWH(t) [32 EFPY]

Adjusted Reference Temperature at 1/4T = 89°F
 Adjusted Reference Temperature at 3/4T = 73°F
 Adjusted Reference Temperature at Flange = 20°F

Curves are in accordance with
 10CFR50 App G and RG 1.99 Rev 2



Amendments No. 62, 82, 83, 120

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Bases

3.6 and 4.6 Reactor Coolant System

A. Pressure and Temperature Limitations

All components in the Reactor Coolant System are designed to withstand the effects of cyclic loads due to system temperature and pressure changes. These cyclic loads are introduced by normal load transients, reactor trips, and startup and shutdown operations. The various categories of load cycles used for design purposes are provided in Section 4.2 of the FSAR. During startup and shutdown, the rates of temperature and pressure changes are limited so that the maximum specified heatup and cooldown rates are consistent with the design assumptions and satisfy the stress limits for cyclic operation.

During heatup, the thermal gradients in the reactor vessel wall produce thermal stresses which vary from compressive at the inner wall to tensile at the outer wall. These thermal induced compressive stresses tend to alleviate the tensile stresses induced by their internal pressure. Therefore, a pressure-temperature curve based on steady-state conditions (i.e., no thermal stresses) represents a lower bound of all similar curves for finite heatup rates when the inner wall of the vessel is treated as the governing locations.

The heatup analysis also covers the determination of pressure-temperature limitations for the case in which the outer wall of the vessel becomes the controlling location. The thermal gradients established during heatup produce tensile stresses at the outer wall of the vessel. These stresses are additive to the pressure induced tensile stresses which are already present. The thermal induced stresses at the outer wall of the vessel are tensile and are dependent on both the rate of heatup and the time along the heatup ramp; therefore, a lower bound curve similar to that described for the heatup of the inner wall cannot be defined. Subsequently, for the cases in which the outer wall of the vessel becomes the stress controlling location, each heatup rate of interest must be analyzed on an individual basis.

In order to prevent undue stress on the vessel nozzles and bottom head region, the recirculation loop temperatures should be within 50°F of each other prior to startup of an idle loop.

The reactor vessel materials have been tested to determine their initial reference temperature nil-ductility transition temperature (RT_{NDT}) of 40°F maximum. Reactor operation and resultant fast neutron (E > 1 Mev) irradiation will cause an increase in the RT_{NDT}. Therefore, an adjusted reference temperature can be predicted using current industry practices and Vermont Yankee Surveillance Program data. (Regulatory Guide 1.99, Revision 2, and Battelle Columbus Laboratory Report BCL 585-84-3, dated May 15, 1984. The pressure/temperature limit curve, Figure 3.6.1, includes predicted adjustments for this shift in RT_{NDT} for operation through 4.46 x 10⁸ MWh(t), as well as adjustments for possible errors in the pressure and temperature sensing instruments.