

Virginia Electric and Power Company
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Positive Moderator Coefficient

On 4/13/78, analysis of startup physics testing data revealed that a positive moderator temperature coefficient (MTC) was present at the all rods withdrawn, beginning of core life, hot zero thermal power condition. The finalized data indicated an isothermal temperature coefficient of -0.979 pcm/°F, which converts to an MTC of $+1.126$ pcm/°F when corrected for the Doppler Contribution (-2.105 pcm/°F), was present with an RCS boron concentration of 1322 ppm. The rod withdrawal limits illustrated by the attached figure have been instituted. It is estimated that a core burnup of 3000 MWD/MTU will be required to restore the MTC within its limits.

The withdrawal limits will apply throughout the entire first cycle of the unit or until a negative MTC for the ARO configuration is verified by measurement.

NORTH ANNA UNIT 1 CYCLE 1 MODERATOR COEFFICIENT ROD WITHDRAWAL RESTRICTIONS

