ATTACHMENT B

Proposed Technical Specification Change
(Technical Specification 1.3)

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Note: Changes to Technical Specification are identified with a bar in the left hand margin.

1.3 REACTOR

Applicability

Applies to the reactor vessel, vessel core and internals, as well as the Reactor Coolant System and components, including associated Emergency Core Cooling Systems.

Objectives

To define those design criteria essential in providing for safe system operation which are not covered in Sections 2 and 3.

Specification

A. Reactor Core

The reactor core shall contain 217 fuel assemblies with each assembly containing 176 rods. Each fuel rod clad with Zircaloy-4 shall have a nominal active fuel length of 136 to 137 inches. The maximum as-fabricated radially-averaged enrichment of any axial enrichment zone within a fuel assembly shall be 3.95 weight percent U-235.

The core excess reactivity shall be controlled by a combination of boric acid chemical shim, integral fuel burnable absorbers, Control Element Assemblies (CEAs) and mechanically fixed non-fuel rods when required. The fixed non-fuel rods may be alumina-boron carbide, solid metal or open tubes.

There are a total of eighty-one (81) full-length, full-strength CEAs provided. Forty (40) of these are paired to form twenty (20) dual CEAs. Seventy-seven (77) CEAs, including all dual CEAs, are trippable. Four (4) of the CEAs are nontrippable.