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Core Operating Limits Report

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1.0 Core Operating Limits Report

This Core Ogerating Limits Report (COLR) for Catawba Unit 1, Cycle 8 has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Technical Specification 6.9.1.9.

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1.1 Operating Limits

The cycle-specific parameter limits for the specifications listed in section 1.0 are presented in the following subsections. These limits have been developed using NRC-approved methodologies specified in Technical Specification 6.9.1.9.

2.0 Reactor Trip System Instrumentation Setpoints (Specification 2.2.1)

2.1 Overtemperature ΔT Setpoint Parameter Values

Parameter	Value
Overtemperature ΔT reactor trip setpoint	K ₁ = 1.1954
Overtemperature ΔT reactor trip heatup setpoint penalty coefficient	$K_2 = 0.03371/^{\circ}F$
Overtemperature ΔT reactor trip depressurization setpoint penalty coefficient	K ₃ = 0.001529/psi
Measured reactor vessel ΔT lead/lag time constants	$\tau_1 = 12 \text{ sec.}, \ \tau_2 = 3 \text{ sec.}$
Measured ΔT lag time constant	$\tau_3 = 0$ sec.
Measured reactor vessel average temperature lead/lag time constants	$\begin{split} \tau_4 &= 22 \text{ sec.}, \\ \tau_5 &= 4 \text{ sec.} \end{split}$
Measured reactor vessel average temperature lag time constant	$\tau_6 = 0$ sec.
$f_1(\Delta I)$ "positive" breakpoint	$= 8.0\% \Delta I$
$f_1(\Delta I)$ "negative" breakpoint	= -42.0% Δ I
$f_1(\Delta I)$ "positive" slope	= 1.640% $\Delta T_0 / \% \Delta I$
$f_1(\Delta I)$ "negative" slope	= 3.672% ΔT ₀ /% ΔΙ

2.2	Overpower AT Setpoint Parameter Values	
	Parameter	Value
	Overpower ΔT reactor trip setpoint	$K_4 = 1.0855$
	Overpower ΔT reactor trip heatup setpoint penalty coefficient (for T > 590.8 °F)	$K_6 = 0.001262/^{o}F$
	Overpower ΔT reactor trip heatup setpoint penalty coefficient (for T \leq 590.8 °F)	$K_6 = 0.0/^{\circ}F$
	Measured reactor vessel ΔT lead/lag time constants	$\tau_1 = 12 \text{ sec.}, \ \tau_2 = 3 \text{ sec.}$
	Measured ΔT lag time constant	$\tau_3 = 0$ sec.
	Measured reactor vessel average temperature lag time constant	$\tau_6 = 0$ sec.
	Measured reactor vessel average temperature rate- lag time constant	$\tau_7 = 10$ sec.
	$f_2(\Delta I)$ "positive" breakpoint	$= 35.0\% \ \Delta I$
	$f_2(\Delta I)$ "negative" breakpoint	$= -35.0\% \Delta I$
	$f_2(\Delta I)$ "positive" slope	= 7.0% $\Delta T_0 / \% \Delta I$
	$f_2(\Delta I)$ "negative" slope	$= 7.0\% \Delta T_0 / \% \Delta I$

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3.0 Moderator Temperature Coefficient (Specification 3/4.1.1.3)

3.0.1 The Moderator Temperature Coefficient (MTC) Limits are:

The MTC shall be less positive than the limits shown in Figure 1. The BOC, ARO, HZP MTC shall be less positive that $0.7 * 10^{-4} \Delta K/K/^{\circ}F$.

The EOC, ARO, RTP MTC shall be less negative that -4.1* 10-4 ΔK/K/°F.

3.0.2 For the MTC Surveillance Limit:

The 300 PPM/ARO/RTP MTC should be less negative than or equal to $-3.2 \times 10^{-4} \Delta K/K/^{\circ}F$.

Where: BOC stands for Beginning of Cycle EOC stands for End of Cycle ARO stands for All Rods Out HZP stands for Hot Zero (Thermal) Power RTP stands for Rated Thermal Power

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Figure 1

Moderator Temperature Coefficient Versus Percent of Rated Thermal Power

3.1 Borated Water Source - Shutdown (Specification 3/4.1.2.5)

3.1.1 Volume and boron concentrations for the Boric Acid Storage System and the Refueling Water Storage Tank (RWST) during modes 5 & 6:

Parameter	Limit
Boric Acid Storage System minimum boron concentration for LCO 3.1.2.5a	7,000 ppm
Boric Acid Storage System minimum contained water volume for LCO 3.1.2.5a	2,000 gallons
Boric Acid Storage System minimum water volume required to maintain SDM at 7,000 ppm	585 gallons
Refueling Water Storage Tank minimum boron concentration for LCO 3.1.2.5b	2,175 ppm
Refueling Water Storage Tank minimum contained water volume for LCO 3.1.2.5b	45,000 gallons
Refueling Water Storage Tank minimum water volume required to maintain SDM at 2,175 ppm	3,500 gallons

3.2 Borated Water Source - Operating (Specification 3/4.1.2.6)

3.2.1 Volume and boron concentrations for the Boric Acid Storage System and the Refueling Water Storage Tank (RWST) during modes 1, 2, 3, & 4:

	Parameter	Limit
	Boric Acid Storage System minimum boron concentration for LCO 3.1.2.6a	7,000 ppm
	Boric Acid Storage System minimum contained water volume for LCO 3.1.2.6a	22,000 gallons
	Boric Acid Storage System minimum water volume required to maintain SDM at 7,000 ppm	9,851 gallons
	Refueling Water Storage Tank minimum boron concentration for LCO 3.1.2.6b	2,175 ppm
	Refueling Water Storage Tank minimum contained water volume for LCO 3.1.2.6b	363,513 gallons
	Refueling Water Storage Tank minimum water volume required to maintain SDM at 2,175 ppm	57,107 gallons
3.3	Shutdown Rod Insertion Limit (Specification 3/4.1.3.5)	

3.3.1 The shutdown rods shall be withdrawn to at least 222 steps.

3.4 Control Rod Insertion Limits (Specification 3/4.1.3.6)

3.4.1 The control rod banks shall be limited to physical insertion as shown in Figure 2.

3.5 Axial Flux Difference (Specification 3/4.2.1)

3.5.1 The Axial Flux Difference (AFD) Limits are provided in Figure 3.

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Control Rod Bank Insertion Limits Versus Percent of Rated Thermal Power

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Figure 3

Percent of Rated Thermal Power Versus Axial Flux Difference Limits

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3.6 Heat Flux Hot Channel Factor, FQ(X,Y,Z) (Specification 3/4.2.2)

- 3.6.1 $F_Q^{RTP} = 2.32$, for all OFA fuel and the Mark-BW fuel with predicted EOC peak pin burnups < 45 GWD/MTU.
 - $F_Q^{RTP} = 2.2505$, for Mark-BW fuel with predicted EOC peak pin burnups > 45 GWD/MTU. For C1C08, applies to quarter core locations H-10, F-08, F-12, D-10, and D-12.
- 3.6.2 K(Z) is provided in Figure 4 for Mark-BW fuel.
- 3.6.3 K(Z) is provided in Figure 5 for OFA fuel.

The following parameters are required for the Surveillance Requirements of T.S. 3/4.2.2:

3.6.4
$$[F_Q^L(X,Y,Z)]^{OP} = \frac{F_Q^D(X,Y,Z) * M_Q(X,Y,Z)}{UMT * MT * TILT}$$

where: $[F_Q^L(X,Y,Z)]^{OP}$ = cycle dependent maximum allowable design peaking factor which ensures that the $F_Q(X,Y,Z)$ limit will be preserved for operation within the LCO limits. $[F_Q^L(X,Y,Z)]^{OP}$ includes allowances for calculational and measurement uncertainties.

- $F_Q^D(X,Y,Z)$ = the design power distribution for F_Q . $F_Q^D(X,Y,Z)$ is provided in Table 1 for normal operation and Table 2 for power escalation testing during initial startup.
- $M_Q(X,Y,Z)$ = the margin remaining in core location X,Y,Z to the LOCA limit in the transient power distribution. $M_Q(X,Y,Z)$ is provided in Table 1 for normal operation and Table 2 for power escalation testing during initial startup.

UMT = Measurement Uncertainty, = 1.05.

MT = Engineering Hot Channel Factor, = 1.03.

TILT = Peaking penalty that accounts for allowable quadrant power tilt ratio of 1.02, = 1.035.

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NOTE:
$$[F_{Q}^{L}(X,Y,Z)]^{OP}$$
 is the parameter identified as $F_{Q}^{MAX}(X,Y,Z)$ in DPC-NE-2011PA

3.6.5
$$[F_Q^L(X,Y,Z)]^{RPS} = \frac{F_Q^D(X,Y,Z) * M_C(X,Y,Z)}{UMT * MT * TILT}$$

where:
$$[F_Q^L(X,Y,Z)]^{RPS} =$$
 cycle dependent maximum allowable design
peaking factor which ensures that the centerline
fuel melt limit will be preserved for all operation.
 $[F_Q^L(X,Y,Z)]^{RPS}$ includes allowances for
calculational and measurement uncertainties.
 $F_Q^D(X,Y,Z) =$ the design power distributions for F_Q . $F_Q^D(X,Y,Z)$
is provided in Table 1 for normal operation and

$$\begin{split} \mathsf{M}_{\mathsf{C}}(\mathsf{X},\mathsf{Y},\mathsf{Z}) &= & \text{the margin remaining to the CFM limit in core}\\ & \text{location } \mathsf{X},\mathsf{Y},\mathsf{Z} & \text{from the transient power}\\ & \text{distribution. } \mathsf{M}_{\mathsf{C}}(\mathsf{X},\mathsf{Y},\mathsf{Z}) \text{ calculations parallel the}\\ & \mathsf{M}_{\mathsf{Q}}(\mathsf{X},\mathsf{Y},\mathsf{Z}) \text{ calculations described in DPC-NE-}\\ & 2011\mathsf{PA}, \text{ except that the LOCA limit is replaced}\\ & \text{with the CFM limit. } \mathsf{M}_{\mathsf{C}}(\mathsf{X},\mathsf{Y},\mathsf{Z}) \text{ is provided in}\\ & \text{Table 3 for normal operation and Table 4 for}\\ & \text{power escalation testing during initial startup.} \end{split}$$

Table 2 for power escalation testing during initial

UMT = Measurement Uncertainty, = 1.05.

startup.

MT = Engineering Hot Channel Factor, = 1.03.

TILT = Peaking penalty that accounts for allowable quadrant power tilt ratio of 1.02, = 1.035.

NOTE: $[F_Q^L(X,Y,Z)]^{R^{\Gamma}S}$ is similar to the parameter identified as $F_Q^{MAX}(X,Y,Z)$ in DPC-NE-2011PA except that $M_C(X,Y,Z)$ replaces $M_O(X,Y,Z)$.

3.6.6 KSLOPE = adjustment to the K₁ value from OT Δ T required to compensate for each 1% that $[F_Q^L(X, Y, Z)]^{RPS}$ exceeds it limit, = 0.0725



Figure 4

K(Z), Normalized $F_Q(X, Y, Z)$ as a Function of Core Height for MkBW Fuel

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K(Z), Normalized $F_Q(X, Y, Z)$ as a Function of Core Height for OFA Fuel

3.7 Nuclear Enthalpy Rise Hot Channel Factor, FAH(X,Y,Z) (Specification 3/4.2.3)

The following parameters are required for the LCO Requirements of T.S. 3/4.2.3:

3.7.1
$$[F_{\Delta H}^{L}(X, Y)]^{LCO} = MARP(X, Y) * \left[1.0 + \frac{1}{RRH} * (1.0 - P)\right]$$

where: MARP(X,Y) = Catawba 1 Cycle 8 Operating Limit Maximum Allowable Radial Peaks. (MARP(X,Y)) is provided in Table 7.

 $P = \frac{\text{Thermal Power}}{\text{Rated Thermal Power}}$

RRH is defined in section 3.7.3

The following parameters are required for the Surveillance Requirements of T.S. 3/4.2.3:

3.7.2
$$[F_{\Delta H}^{L}(X,Y)]^{SURV} = \frac{F_{\Delta H}^{D}(X,Y) \times M_{\Delta H}(X,Y)}{UMR \times TILT}$$

where: $[F_{\Delta H}^{L}(X, Y)]^{SURV} =$ cycle dependent maximum allowable design peaking factor which ensures that the $F_{\Delta H}(X, Y)$ limit will be preserved for operation within the LCO limits. $[F_{\Delta H}^{L}(X, Y)]^{SURV}$ includes allowances for calculational and measurement uncertainties.

- $F_{\Delta H}^{D}(X, Y) =$ the design power distribution for $F_{\Delta H}$. $F_{\Delta H}^{D}(X, Y)$ is provided in Table 5 for normal operation and Table 6 for power escalation testing during initial startup.
- $M_{\Delta H}(X,Y) =$ the margin remaining in core location X,Y to the Operational DNB limit in the transient power distribution. $M_{\Delta H}(X,Y)$ is provided in Table 5 for normal operation and Table 6 for power escalation testing during initial startup.
 - UMR = Uncertainty value for measured radial peaks, = 1.04.
 - TILT = Peaking penalty that accounts for allowable quadrant power tilt ratio of 1.02, = 1.035.

- NOTE: $[F_{\Delta H}^{L}(X, Y)]^{SURV}$ is the parameter identified as $F_{\Delta H}^{MAX}(X, Y)$ in DPC-NE-2011PA.
- 3.7.3 RRH = Thermal Power reduction required to compensate for each 1% that $F_{AH}(X,Y)$ exceeds its limit, = 3.34.
- 3.7.4 TRH = Reduction in OT Δ T K₁ setpoint required to compensate for each 1% that F $_{\Delta$ H}(X,Y) exceeds its limit, = 0.04

3.8 Boron Dilution Mitigation System (Specification 3/4.3.3.11)

3.8.1 Reactor Water Makeup Pump flowrate limits:

Applicable Mode	Limit
Mode 3 or 4	\leq 150 gpm
Mode 5	≤ 70 gpm

3.9 Accumulators (Specification 3/4.5.1)

3.9.1 Boron concentration limits during modes 1, 2 and 3:

	Parameter	<u>Limits</u>
	Cold Leg Accumulator minimum boron concentration for LCO 3.5.1c	2,000 ppm
	Cold Leg Accumulator maximum boron concentration for LCO 3.5.1c	2,275 ppm
	Minimum Cold Leg Accumulator boron concentration required to ensure post-LOCA subcriticality	1,900 ppm
3.10	Refueling Water Storage Tank (Specification	3/4.5.4)
3.10	0.1 Boron concentration limits during modes 1, 2, 3	and 4:

Parameter	Lamus
Refueling Water Storage Tank minimum boron	2,175 ppm
concentration for LCO 3.5.4b	

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Refueling Water Storage Tank maximum boron 2,275 ppm concentration for LCO 3.5.4b

3.11 Instrumentation (Specification 3/4.9.2)

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3.11.1 Reactor Makeup Water Pump Flowrate Limit:

Applicable Mode Mode 6 <u>Limits</u> ≤ 70 gpm