

Exhibit B

Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant

License Amendment Request dated June 22, 1995

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(specification 2.3.A.1) provides protection to the fuel safety limit in the unlikely event of a thermal-hydraulic instability.

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3x. The reactor may be started and operated, or operation may continue with only one recirculation loop in operation provided that:

a. The following changes to setpoints and safety limit settings will be made within 24 hours after initiating operation with only one recirculation loop in operation.

1. The Operating Limit MCPR (MCPR) will be changed per Specification 3.11.C.
2. The Maximum Average Planar Linear Heat Generation Rate (MAPLHGR) will be changed ~~as noted in Table 3.11.1.~~ per Specification 3.11.A.
3. The APRM Neutron Flux Scram and APRM Rod Block setpoints will be changed as noted in Specification 2.3.A and Table 3.2.3.

b. ~~Total core flow will be maintained greater than 39% when core thermal power is above the limit specified in Figure 3.5.1.~~
Technical specification 3.5.F.1 and 3.5.F.2 are met.

4. With no reactor coolant system recirculation loops in operation:

a. Comply with Technical specifications 3.5.F.1 and 3.5.F.2 by inserting control rods and then comply with specifications 3.6.A.2 and 3.5.F.3 for operation with only one recirculation loop, or

b. The reactor shall be placed in Hot Shutdown within 12 hours.

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1. See Specification 4.6.G

~~2. The following baseline noise levels will be obtained prior to operation with only one recirculation pump in operation at a core thermal power greater than that specified in Figure 3.5.1 or with a core flow greater than 45% provided that baseline values have not been established since the last core refueling. Baseline values will be taken with only one recirculation pump running.~~

~~a. Establish a baseline core plate AP noise level.~~

~~b. Establish a baseline APRM and LPRM neutron flux noise level.~~

~~3. With only one recirculation loop in operation at a core thermal power greater than that specified in Figure 3.5.1 or with a core flow greater than 45%, determine the following noise levels at least once per 8 hour period and within 30 minutes after a core thermal power increase of greater than 5% of rated thermal power.~~

~~a. Core plate AP noise levels.~~

~~b. APRM and LPRM neutron noise levels.~~

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 - a. Insert control rods,
 - b. Increase the speed of an operating recirculation pump.
2. Entry into the stability buffer region of the power-flow map as defined in the COLR is prohibited unless the power distribution controls as defined in the COLR are in effect. If the power distribution controls are not in effect and entry into the stability buffer region does occur, immediately perform one or more of the following until the stability buffer region has been exited:
 - a. Insert control rods,
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~~c. Prior to continued operation with only one recirculation pump in operation,~~

~~1. the surveillance requirements of Specification 4.5.F.2 shall be met within 4 hours or,~~

~~2. action shall be taken to:~~

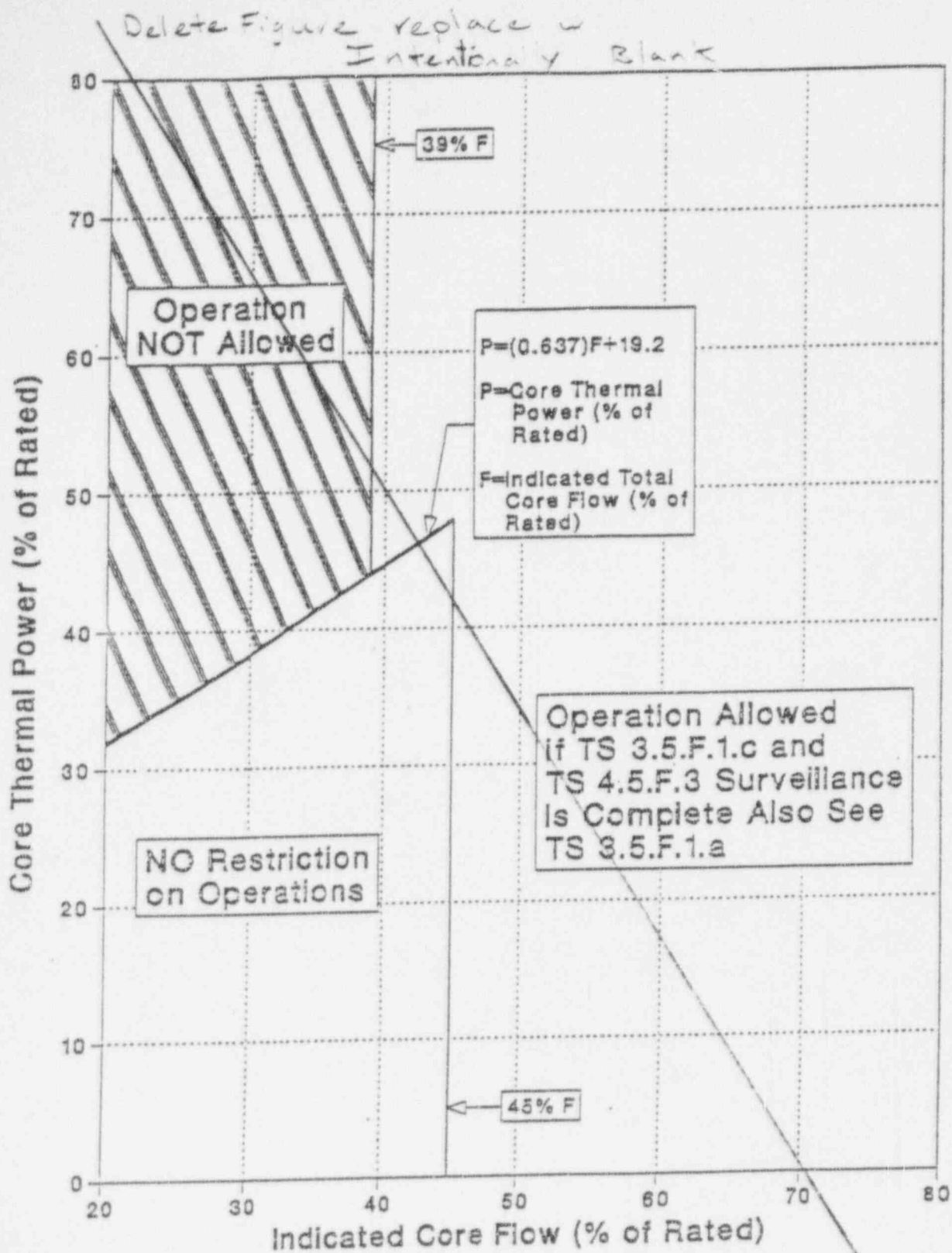
~~a. reduce total core flow to less than 45% and,~~

~~b. reduce core thermal power to less than the limit specified in Figure 3.5.1.~~

~~d. If the core plate AP noise level is found to be greater than 1.0 psi and 2 times its established baseline during the performance of Specification 4.5.F.3, immediately initiate corrective action and restore the noise levels to within the required limits within 2 hours by decreasing core flow and/or initiating an orderly reduction of core thermal power by inserting control rods.~~

~~e. If the APRM and/or LPRM neutron flux noise levels are found to be greater than three times their established baseline values during the performance of Specification 4.5.F.3, immediately initiate corrective action to restore the noise levels to within the required limits within 2 hours by increasing core flow and/or initiating an orderly reduction of core thermal power by inserting control rods.~~

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~~Figure 3.5-1 Single Loop Operation Surveillance Power/Flow Curve~~

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page ~~Specification 3.5.F.1 is based upon providing assurance that neutron flux limit cycle oscillations, which have a small probability of occurring in the high power/low flow corner of the operating domain, are detected and suppressed. Under certain high power/low flow conditions that could occur during a recirculation pump trip and subsequent Single Loop Operation (SLO) where reverse flow occurs in inactive jet pumps, a hydraulic/reactor kinetic feedback mechanism can be enhanced such that sustained limit cycle oscillations of flow noise with peak to peak levels several times normal values are exhibited. Although large margins to safety limits are maintained when these limit cycle oscillations occur, they are to be monitored for, and suppressed when flux noise exceeds the three time baseline value by inserting rods and/or increasing coolant flow. The line in Figure 3.5.1 is based on the 80% rod line below which the probability of limit cycle oscillations occurring is negligible.~~

~~APRM and/or LPRM oscillations in excess of those specified in Specification 3.5.F.1.e could be an indication that a condition of thermal hydraulic instability exists and that appropriate remedial action should be taken. By restricting core flow to greater than or equal to 39% of rated, which corresponds to the core flow at the 80% rod line with 2 recirculation pumps running at minimum speed, the region of the power/flow map where these oscillations are most likely to occur is avoided (Ref. 1).~~

~~Above 45% of rated core flow in Single Loop Operation there is the potential to set up high flow-induced noise in the core. Thus, surveillance of core plate AP noise is required in this region of the power/flow map to alert the operators to take appropriate remedial action if such a condition exists.~~

Specification 3.6.A.2 governs the restart of the pump in an idle recirculation loop. Adherence to this specification limits the probability of excessive flux transients and/or thermal stresses.

References: ~~1. General Electric Service Information Letter No. 380, Rev. 1, February 10, 1984~~

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The reactor is designed such that thermal hydraulic oscillations are prevented or can be readily detected and suppressed without exceeding specified fuel design limits. To minimize the likelihood of a thermal-hydraulic instability, a power-flow exclusion region, to be avoided during normal operation, is calculated using the approved methodology as stated in specification 6.7.A.7. Since the exclusion region may change each fuel cycle the limits are contained in the Core Operating Limits Report. Specific directions are provided to avoid operation in this region and to immediately exit upon an entry. Entries into the exclusion region are not part of normal operation. An entry may occur as the result of an abnormal event such as a single recirculation pump trip. In these events, operation in the exclusion region may be needed to prevent equipment damage, but actual time spent inside the exclusion region is minimized. Though operator action can prevent the occurrence and protect the reactor from an instability, the APRM flow biased scram function will suppress oscillations prior to exceeding the fuel safety limit.

Power distribution controls are established to ensure the reactor is operated within the bounds of the stability analysis. With these controls in place, there is confidence that an oscillation will not occur outside of the stability exclusion region. Without these controls, it is theoretically possible to operate the reactor in such a manner as to cause an oscillation outside of the exclusion region. A nominal 5% power-flow buffer region outside of the exclusion region is provided to establish a stability margin to the analytically defined exclusion region. The buffer region may be entered only when the power distribution controls are in place.

Continuous operation with one recirculation loop was analyzed and the adjustments specified in specification 3.5.F.2 were determined by NEDO-24271, June 1980, "Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant Single Loop Operation".

3.0 LIMITING CONDITIONS FOR OPERATION

3.11 REACTOR FUEL ASSEMBLIES

Applicability

The Limiting Conditions for Operation associated with the fuel rods apply to those parameters which monitor the fuel rod operating conditions.

Objective

The objective of the Limiting Conditions for Operation is to assure the performance of the fuel rods.

Specifications

A. Average Planar Linear Heat Generating Ratio (APLHGR)

During two recirculation loop operation, the APLHGR for each type of fuel as a function of average planar exposure shall not exceed the applicable limiting values specified in the Core Operating Limits Report. When hand calculations are required, the APLHGR for each type of fuel as a function of average planar exposure shall not exceed the limiting value for the most limiting lattice (excluding natural uranium) provided in the Core Operating Limits Report.

During one recirculation loop power operation, the APLHGR limiting condition for operation for each type of fuel shall not exceed the above values multiplied by 0.85.

If at any time during power operation, it is determined that the APLHGR limiting condition for operation is being exceeded, action shall be initiated within 15 minutes to restore operation to within the prescribed limits. Surveillance and corresponding action shall continue until reactor operation is within the prescribed limits. If the APLHGR is not returned to within the prescribed limits within two hours, reduce thermal power to less than 25% within the next four hours.

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A. Average Planar Linear Heat Generation Rate (APLHGR)

The APLHGR for each type of fuel as a function of average planar exposure shall be determined daily during reactor operation at $\geq 25\%$ rated thermal power.

During one recirculation loop operation, the APLHGR limiting condition for operation for each type of fuel shall not exceed the most limiting of:

- The above values multiplied by 0.85, or
- The above values multiplied by the appropriate flow and power dependent correction factors provided in the Core Operating Limits Report.

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7. Core Operating Limits Report

- a. Core operating limits shall be established and documented in the Core Operating Limits Report before each reload cycle or any remaining part of a reload cycle for the following:

Rod Block Monitor Operability Requirements
(Specification 3.2.C.2a)

Rod Block Monitor Upscale Trip Settings
(Table 3.2.3, Item 4.a)

Recirculation System Power to Flow Map Stability Regions (Specification 3.5.F)
Maximum Average Planar Linear Heat Generation Rate Limits
(Specification 3.11.A)

Linear Heat Generation Ratio Limits
(Specification 3.11.B)

Minimum Critical Power Ratio Limits
(Specification 3.11.C)

Power to Flow Map
(Bases 2.3.A)

- b. The analytical methods used to determine the core operating limits shall be those previously reviewed and approved by the NRC, specifically those described in the following documents:

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- c. The core operating limits shall be determined such that all applicable limits (e.g., fuel thermal-mechanical limits, core thermal-hydraulic limits, ECCS limits, nuclear limits such as shutdown margin, transient analysis limits and accident analysis limits) of the safety analysis are met.

- d. The Core Operating Limits Report, including any mid-cycle revisions or supplements, shall be supplied upon issuance, for each reload cycle, to the NRC Document Control Desk with copies to the Regional Administrator and Resident Inspector.

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Exhibit C

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4.0 SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

F. Recirculation system

1. See Specification 4.6.G

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 - b. Technical Specifications 3.5.F.1 and 3.5.F.2 are met.
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OR
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