



SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT ELECTRIC GENERATING STATION

UNIT 2 CYCLE 5

CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT

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This Core Operating Limits Report for STPEGS Unit 2 Cycle 5 has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Technical Specification 6.9.1.6. The core operating limits have been developed using the NRC-approved methodologies specified in Technical Specification 6.9.1.6.

The Technical Specifications affected by this report are:

- 1) 3/4.1.1.3 Moderator Temperature Coefficient Limits
- 2) 3/4.1.3.5 Shutdown Rod Insertion Limit
- 3) 3/4.1.3.6 Control Rod Insertion Limits
- 4) 3/4.2.1 AFD Limits
- 5) 3/4.2.2 Heat Flux Hot Channel Factor
- 6) 3/4.2.3 Nuclear Enthalpy Rise Hot Channel Factor

2 OPERATING LIMITS

The cycle-specific parameter limits for the specifications listed in Section 1.0 are presented below.

2.1 MODERATOR TEMPERATURE COEFFICIENT (Specification 3.1.1.3)

- 2.1.1 The BOL, ARO, MTC shall be less positive than the limits shown in Figure 1.
- 2.1.2 The EOL, ARO, HFP, MTC shall be less negative than $-6.12 \times 10^{-4} \Delta k/k/^\circ F$.
- 2.1.3 The 300 ppm, ARO, HFP, MTC shall be less negative than $-5.22 \times 10^{-4} \Delta k/k/^\circ F$ (300 ppm Surveillance Limit).

Where: BOL stands for Beginning-of-Cycle Life
EOL stands for End-of-Cycle Life
ARO stands for All Rods Out
HFP stands for Hot Full Power (100% RATED THERMAL POWER)
HFP vessel average temperature is 589 °F

2.2 ROD INSERTION LIMITS (Specification 3.1.3.5 and 3.1.3.6)

2.2.1 The Control Rod Insertion limits are provided in Figure 2.

2.2.2 Fully withdrawn for all Control and Shutdown Banks shall be at least 250 steps withdrawn but not exceeding 259 steps withdrawn.

2.2.3 All banks shall have the same Full Out Position (FOP).

2.3 AXIAL FLUX DIFFERENCE (Specification 3.2.1)

2.3.1 AFD limits as required by Technical Specification 3.2.1 are determined by CAOC Operations with an AFD target band of +3, -12%.

2.3.2 The AFD shall be maintained within the ACCEPTABLE OPERATION portion of Figure 3, as required by Technical Specifications.

2.4 HEAT FLUX HOT CHANNEL FACTOR (Specification 3.2.2)

2.4.1 $F_Q^{RTP} = 2.70$.

2.4.2 $K(Z)$ is provided in Figure 4.

2.4.3 The F_{xy} limits for RATED THERMAL POWER (F_{xy}^{RTP}) within specific core planes shall be:

2.4.3.1 less than or equal to 2.102 for all core planes containing Bank "D" control rods, and

2.4.3.2 less than or equal to the appropriate core height-dependent value from Table 1 for all unrodded core planes.

2.4.3.3 $PF_{xy} = 0.2$.



These F_{xy} limits were used to confirm that the heat flux hot channel factor $F_Q(z)$ will be limited by Technical Specification 3.2.2 assuming the most-limiting axial power distributions expected to result for the insertion and removal of Control Banks C and D during operation, including the accompanying variations in the axial xenon and power distributions, as described in WCAP-8385. Therefore, these F_{xy} limits provide assurance that the initial conditions assumed in the LOCA analysis are met, along with the ECCS acceptance criteria of 10CFR50.46.

2.5 ENTHALPY RISE HOT CHANNEL FACTOR (Specification 3.2.3)

Standard Fuel

2.5.1 $F_{\Delta H}^{RTP} = 1.49.$

2.5.2 $PF_{\Delta H} = 0.3.$

VANTAGE 5H Fuel

$F_{\Delta H}^{RTP} = 1.557.$

$PF_{\Delta H} = 0.3.$

3 REFERENCES

- 3.1 Correspondence Serial Number ST-UB-HL-1518, Letter from Robert C. Cobb (Westinghouse) to Dave Hoppes (HL&P), Core Operating Limits Report, Unit 2 Cycle 5, 10-26-95
- 3.2 NUREG-1346, Technical Specifications, South Texas Project Unit Nos. 1 and 2.



FIGURE 1
MTC versus Power Level

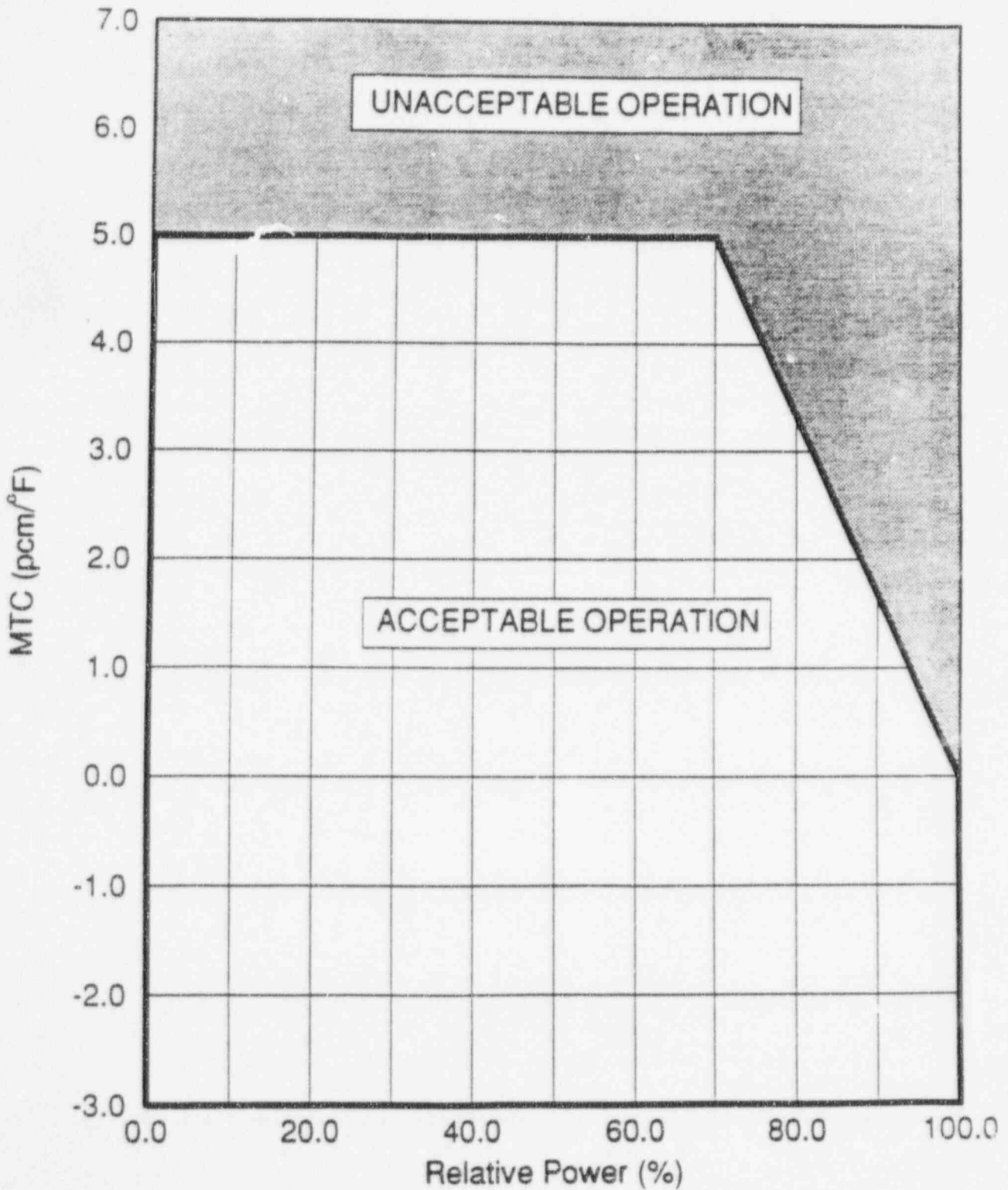
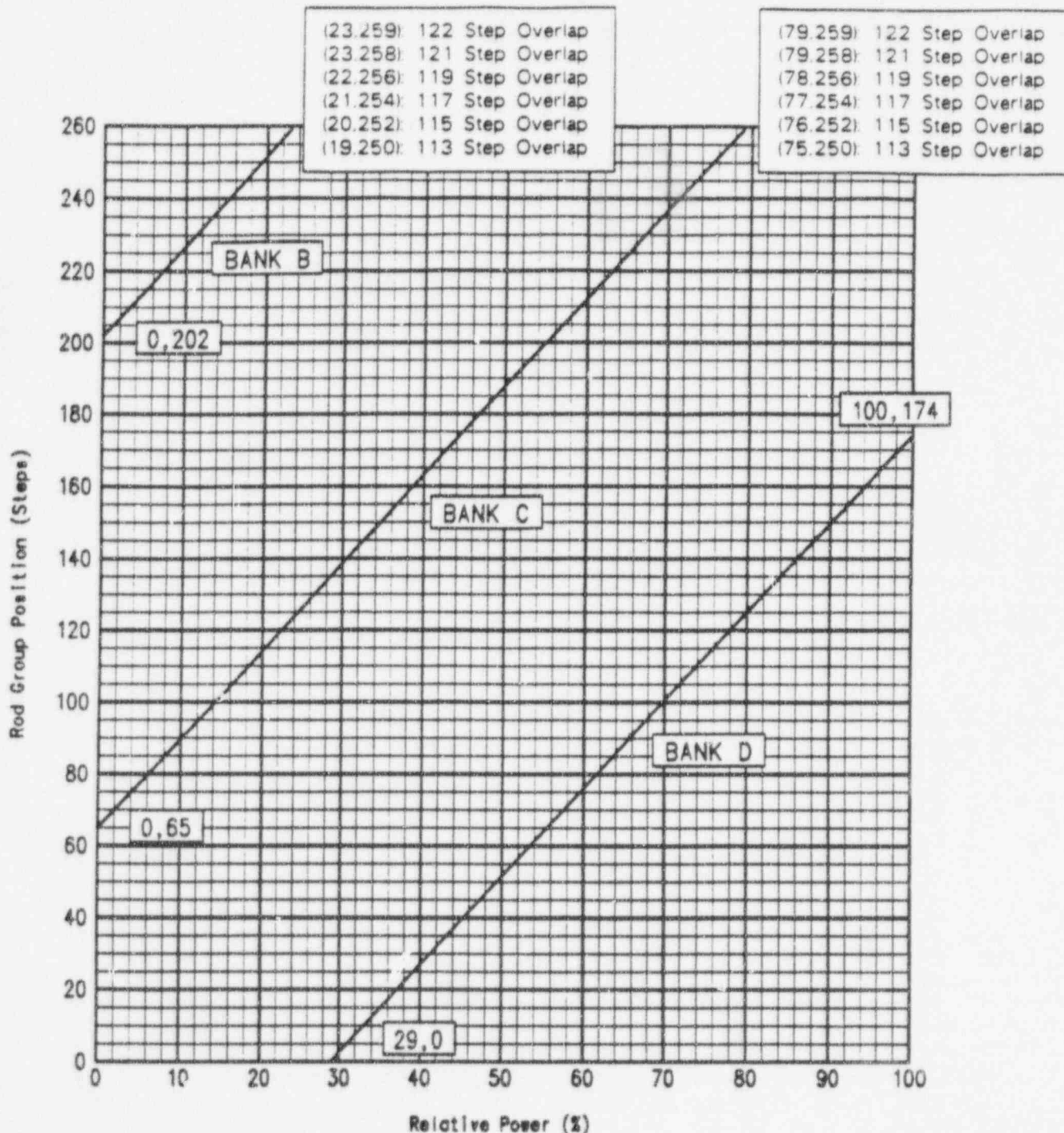




FIGURE 2
Control Rod Insertion Limits* Versus Power Level



* Control Bank A is already withdrawn to Full Out Position. Fully withdrawn region shall be the condition where shutdown and control banks are at a position within the interval of ≥ 250 and ≤ 259 steps withdrawn, inclusive.



FIGURE 3
AFD Limits versus Rated Thermal Power

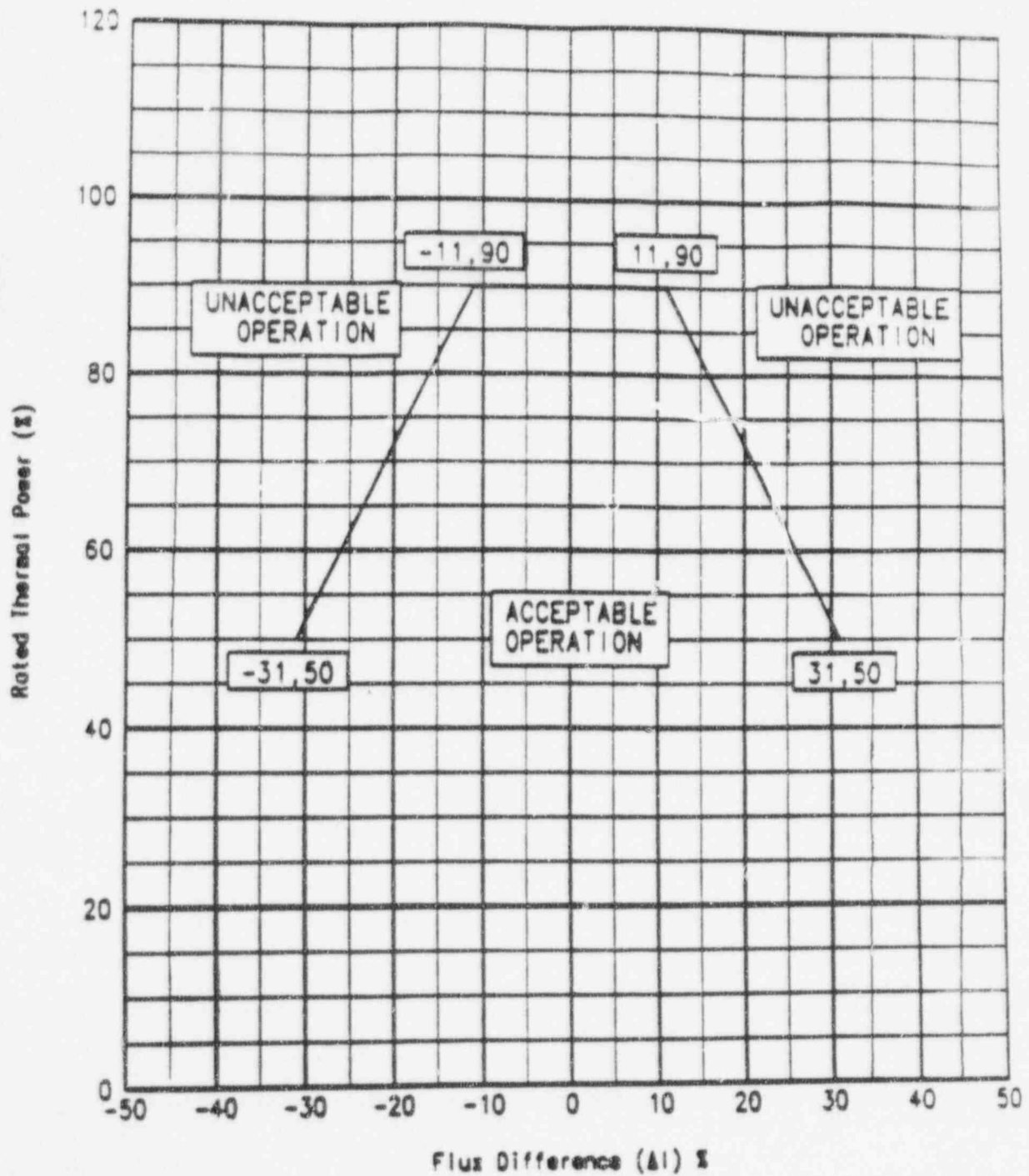




FIGURE 4
K(Z) - Normalized $F_Q(Z)$ versus Core Height

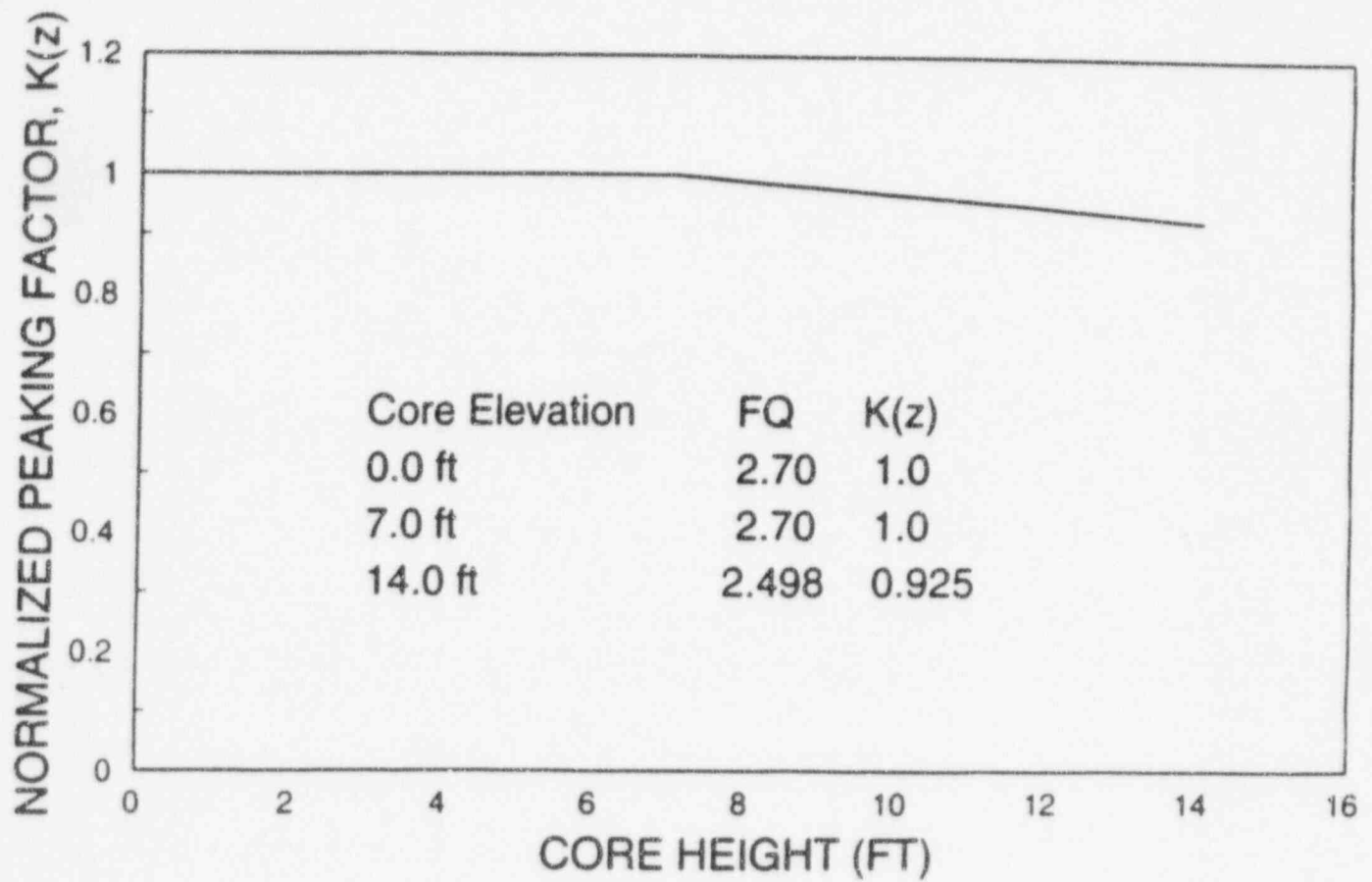




Table 1
Unrodded Fxy for Each Core Height

Core Height (Ft.)	Unrodded Fxy	Core Height (Ft.)	Unrodded Fxy
0.000	2.061	7.200	1.973
0.200	2.014	7.400	1.977
0.400	1.967	7.600	1.981
0.600	1.920	7.800	1.984
0.800	1.878	8.000	1.988
1.000	1.845	8.200	1.991
1.200	1.823	8.400	1.994
1.400	1.811	8.600	1.995
1.600	1.809	8.800	1.993
1.800	1.824	9.000	1.993
2.000	1.838	9.200	1.995
2.200	1.850	9.400	1.999
2.400	1.858	9.600	1.999
2.600	1.859	9.800	1.993
2.800	1.869	10.000	1.978
3.000	1.878	10.200	1.963
3.200	1.879	10.400	1.947
3.400	1.876	10.600	1.932
3.600	1.874	10.800	1.917
3.800	1.893	11.000	1.904
4.000	1.902	11.200	1.891
4.200	1.905	11.400	1.879
4.400	1.909	11.600	1.861
4.600	1.914	11.800	1.856
4.800	1.919	12.000	1.850
5.000	1.924	12.200	1.845
5.200	1.928	12.400	1.842
5.400	1.932	12.600	1.861
5.600	1.937	12.800	1.893
5.800	1.941	13.000	1.938
6.000	1.945	13.200	2.004
6.200	1.949	13.400	2.079
6.400	1.954	13.600	2.162
6.600	1.959	13.800	2.241
6.800	1.963	14.000	2.319
7.000	1.968		