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Docket Nos.: 50-528, 50-529
and 50-530

APPLICANT: Arizona Public Service Company
FACILITY: Palo Verde, Units 1, 2 and 3
SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF TRIP TO PHOENIX, ARIZONA, OCTOBER 27-31, 1986

1. Management Meeting

A management meeting was held on October 28, 1986, in the licensee's office in Phoenix, Arizona, with representatives of the licensee and NRC representatives from the Offices of NRR, Region V, I&E, and AEOD. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss NRC concerns generated during assessment of the operating performance of Palo Verde Units 1 and 2 in consideration of the pending licensing decision for Unit 3, and to identify needed licensee actions for improvement prior to the licensing decision.

The meeting agenda and list of attendees are enclosed as Enclosures 1 and 2 respectively.

The licensee prepared and presented responses to the concerns identified by the NRC in the proposed agenda provided in their letter dated October 10, 1986 to Mr. E. Van Brunt. Slides used in their presentation are enclosed as Enclosure 3. The licensee's briefing made it clear that the licensee was or is aware of the staff concerns. In some cases such as root cause analysis, operating experience at the corporate level, contacts with other plants concerning experiences on similar systems, single failure vulnerabilities in plant design, and I&C problems the licensee has taken actions he believes will resolve the concerns.

In the area of personnel errors and technical specifications surveillance violations, the licensee believes he now has programs in place to reduce the number of occurrences. He believes that experience to date has shown recognizable reductions already. However, recognizing the staff's concerns, he will monitor future performance and take further actions to resolve the problem, if necessary.

In light of the number of current staff concerns with two unit operation, the staff stated that the licensing of Unit three may deserve a reevaluation of corporate level operating experience.

There was a discussion of a number of items resulting from the licensing and operation of Units 1 and 2 that need to be resolved (Enclosure 4). It was agreed that documentation of the steps taken or planned to resolve staff concerns and schedule for resolution of the open items in Enclosure 4 will be submitted to the staff by January 1, 1987.

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The NRC staff appreciated the presentation and will watch for evidence of success of the corrective actions in improving performance trends.

2. Emergency Exercise

On October 29, 1986, Messer, Knighton, Licitra, and Davis observed licensee performance during the Palo Verde annual Emergency Exercise. Operations were observed in the simulator, the Technical Support Center, and the Emergency Operations Facility.

3. Unit 3 Readiness Meeting

On October 30, 1986, a Unit 3 readiness meeting was held at the Palo Verde site with representatives of the licensee and the NRC staff. Following the meeting the staff members toured Unit 3. The purpose of the meeting and tour was to describe the status of construction on Unit 3 and the anticipated schedule for fuel load. The licensee expects to be ready for fuel load in early March, 1987, which is consistent with the current Bevill Schedule, and appears to the staff to be reasonable.

Enclosed as Enclosures 5 and 6 are a list of meeting attendees and a copy of the licensee's handout, Palo Verde Unit 3 Project Schedule October 28, 1986.

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Enclosures:
As stated

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PALO VERDE MANAGEMENT MEETING

October 28, 1986

AGENDA

I. Introduction

A. NRC

B. ANPP

E. E. Van Brunt

II. ANPP Presentation

A. Overall Plant Performance

J. R. Bynum

B. Assessing/Improving Plant Performance

O. J. Zeringue/R. M. Butler

C. Management Resources

J. G. Haynes

D. Conclusion

J. G. Haynes

III. Closing Remarks

NRC

MEETING ATTENDEES FOR PALO VERDE

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DISCUSSION LIST FROM ANPP/NRC
MANAGEMENT MEETING ON 10/28/86

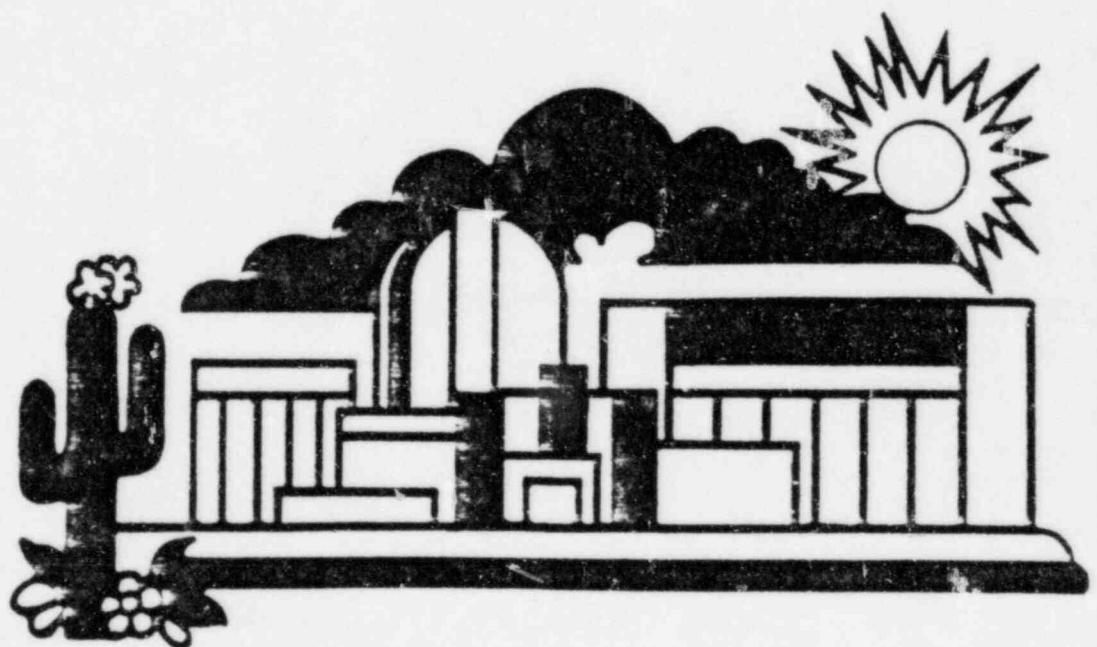
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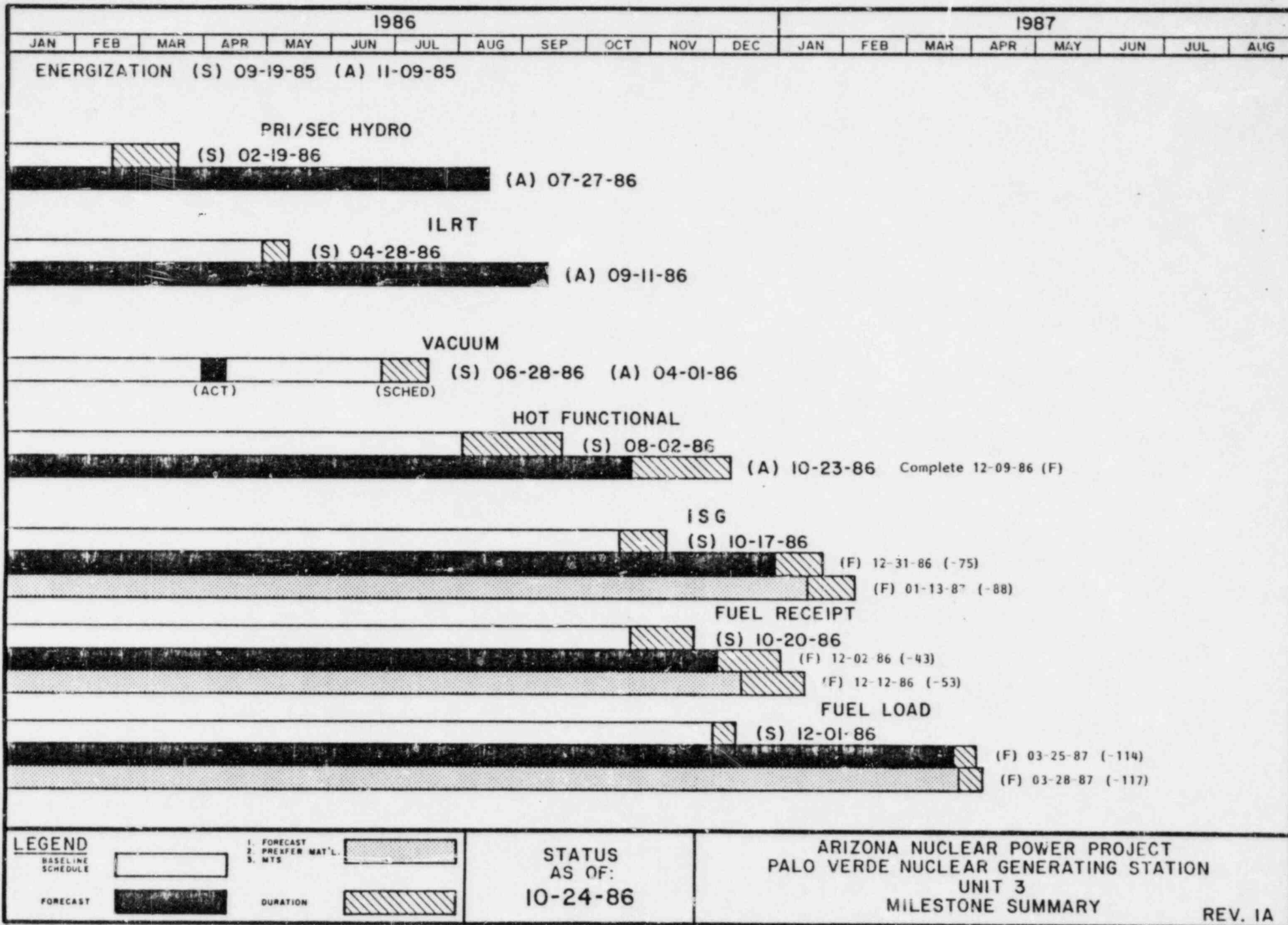
1. The CPC DNBR program needs to be modified to eliminate the flow projected DNBR trip. When a fast bus transfer occurs, a 7 RPM dip in RCP speed is sufficient to cause a flow projected DNBR trip to occur. This appears to be a problem of insufficient margin.
2. The Steam Bypass Control System (SBCS) responds as expected when actuated from power levels above 70%. However, when power level is below 70%, the system has a tendency to over respond. This appears to be a fine tuning problem, and Combustion Engineering is involved in providing a solution.
3. Reactor Coolant Pump (RCP) coastdown is quicker than indicated in the safety analysis. A re-analysis was completed indicating that the existing flow conditions are within the bounds of the current safety analysis.
4. During a partial loss of non-class 1E power, the motor operated isolation valve in the main steam supply to the moisture separator reheater remained open, due to the loss of power. Simultaneously, the high level dump valve on the reheater drain tank opened to the condenser, creating a path for steam flow from the main steam system to the condenser. This in turn caused the pressure in the steam generator to decrease sufficiently to actuate the Main Steam Isolation Valves. Design changes will be implemented to correct the problem.
5. The BOP ESFAS/RMS equipment have caused numerous actuations of the ESF systems. The problems have been varied and have included inadequate ventilation in cabinets, bad connections, and inadequate grounding.
6. Several problems have occurred with the charging pumps. Gas binding has occurred due to low VCT level and a ruptured diaphragm in a pulsation dampener. Additionally, a crack was discovered in a charging pump block. The charging pumps impact the operability of the auxiliary pressurizer spray.
7. The issue of the masonry walls at elevation 76' is being addressed in separate correspondence with the NRC.
8. During the event on 7-12-86, the control room supervisor first diagnosed the event as a small break LOCA when in reality it was an excessive steam demand event. During the event there was also a partial loss of non-class 1E power which energizes certain main control board indicators needed to complete the diagnosis. The NRC has transmitted their concerns in a letter, and ANPP is evaluating them and the emergency procedure.
9. The NRC noted that the low pressurizer pressure trip and the safety injection actuation setpoints were the same. The question was raised as to whether it was desirable or not to have them the same.
10. ANPP has taken exception to provisions in R.G. 1.68.2 which would require a test to prove remote shutdown capability in each unit. The NRC has determined that the test should be done in each unit. ANPP will respond to the NRC by 11-10-86.

11. Problems were experienced with unwanted actuation of breakers in the switchyard. The breaker operations which caused actuations of the Reactor Protection System were caused by malfunctions in the plant multiplexer system (PMUX). Switchyard breaker control circuits have been hardwired, bypassing the PMUX for this function.
12. Numerous computer failures in the security system have been a problem.
13. PVNGS has demonstrated vulnerabilities to single failures as demonstrated by charging pump pulsation dampener failures, actuation of SBCS by a computer card, startup transformer current transformer connections, and a loose wire on MOV-536.
14. Numerous annunciators remain lighted on the main control boards.
15. ANPP should develop more formal and regular communication with other plants, particularly the other CPC plants.
16. The NRC expressed concern about whether or not formal procedures existed to insure the transfer of information and data from one unit to another.
17. Concern was expressed by the NRC concerning load shedding causing valve inoperability. They wanted to know if we were looking at the problem.
18. The NRC noted that we must insure that all information for the Sholly process is included in licensing submittals. In addition, consideration must be given to changes which could be affected by the Diablo Canyon decision in the Ninth Circuit Court which opened hearings for certain kinds of changes. Change requests should look at more than just the small scope of the change, and the time when the changes are needed must be considered.
19. Does the Post Trip Review Procedure adequately cover what must be done and what must be monitored when the plant is restarted when the cause of the trip has not been fully determined?
20. Does the SPDS computer have sufficient capacity to perform in a timely manner if the third unit is added to the system?
21. There have been control problems at low power levels in the feedwater control system.
22. PVNGS has had several condenser tube problems. PVNGS has titanium tubes and relatively little debris to enter the water boxes. Condenser tube performance should be better.
23. PVNGS has had personnel errors/Tech. Spec. violations. Describe actions taken by management to reduce these occurrences.

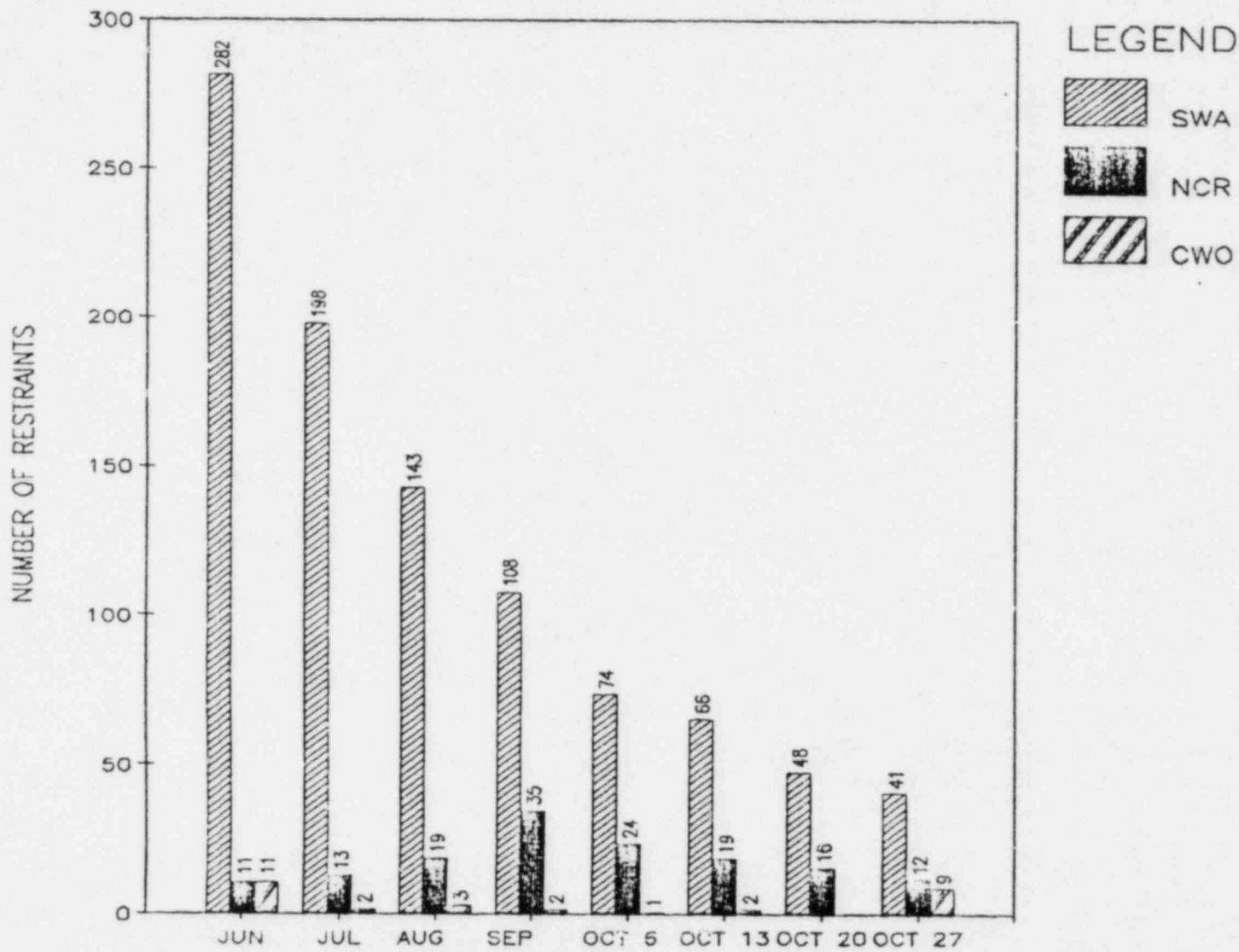
PALO VERDE UNIT 3 PROJECT SCHEDULE

DATE: 10-28-86



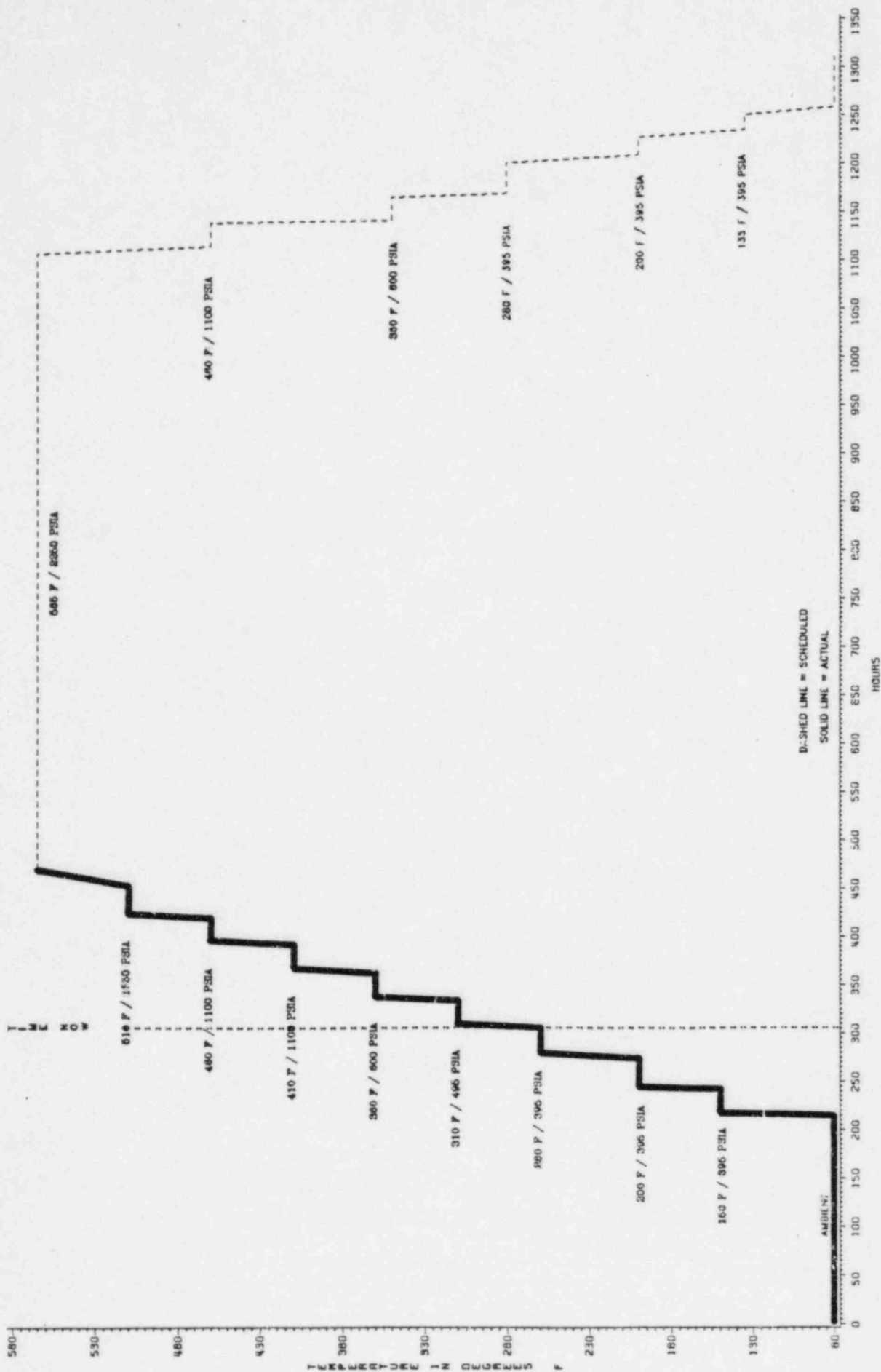


UNIT 3 MATERIAL RESTRAINTS JUNE - OCTOBER 1986



AVERAGE MONTHLY/ACTUAL WEEKLY

UNIT THREE HOT FUNCTIONAL TESTING

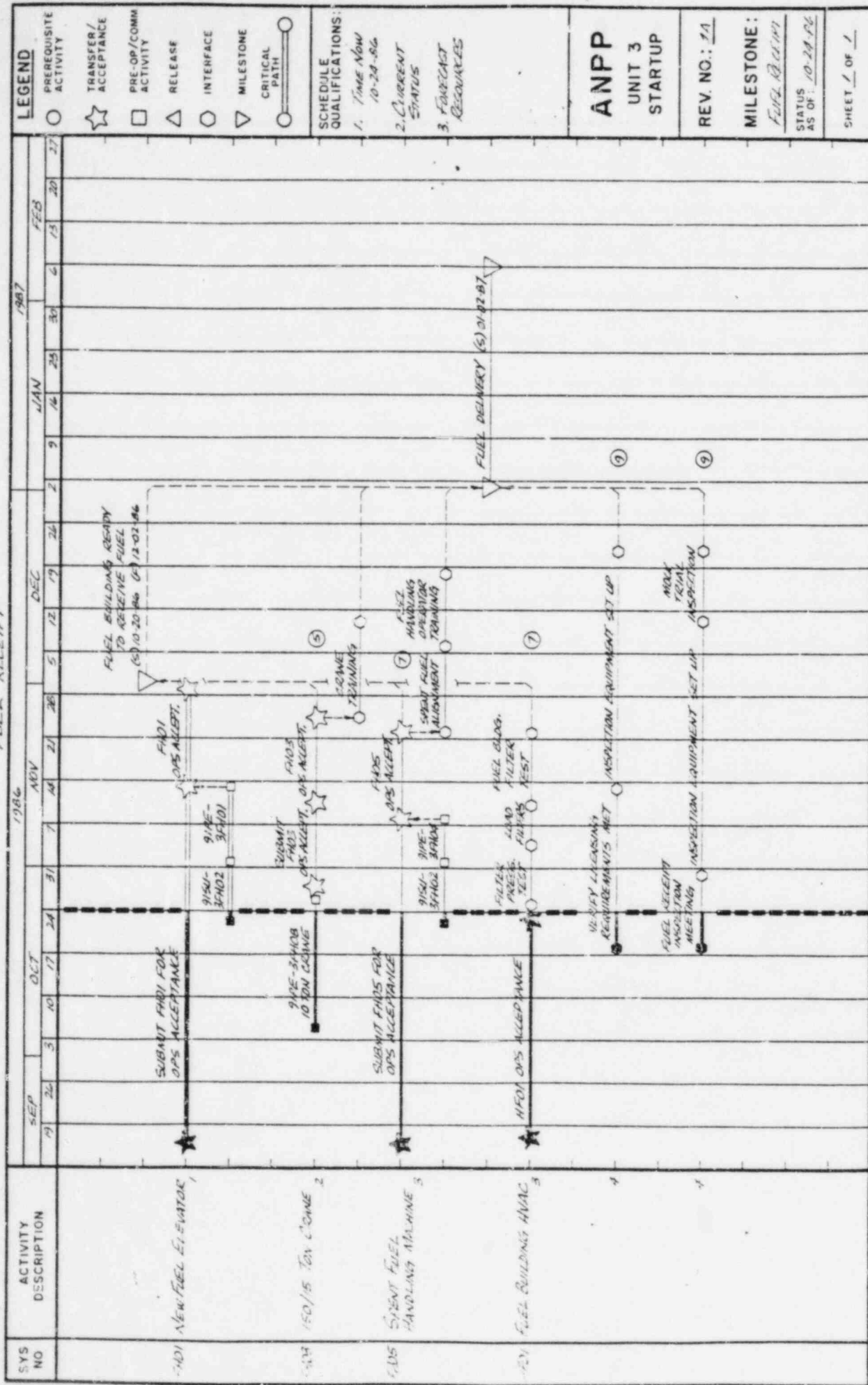


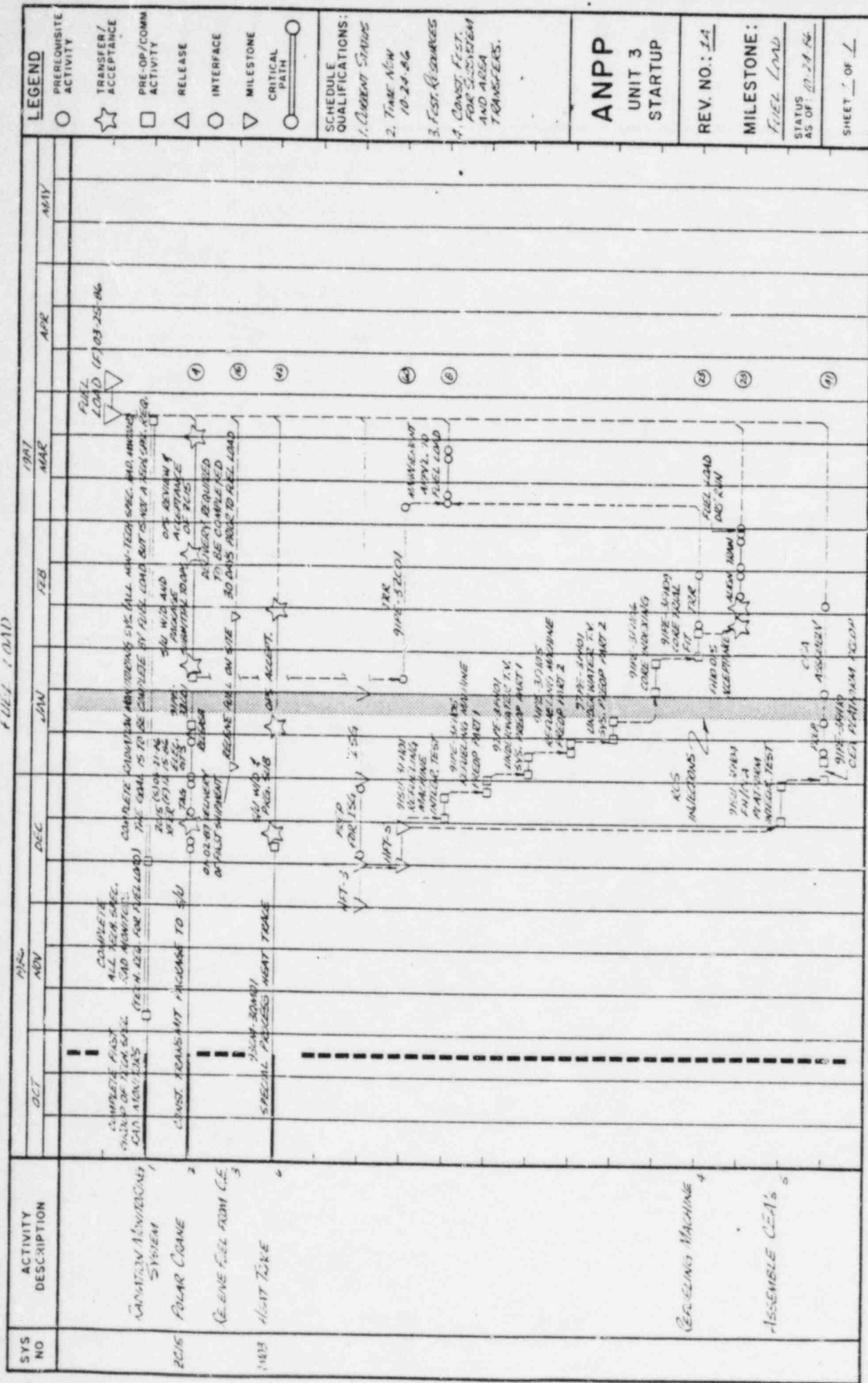
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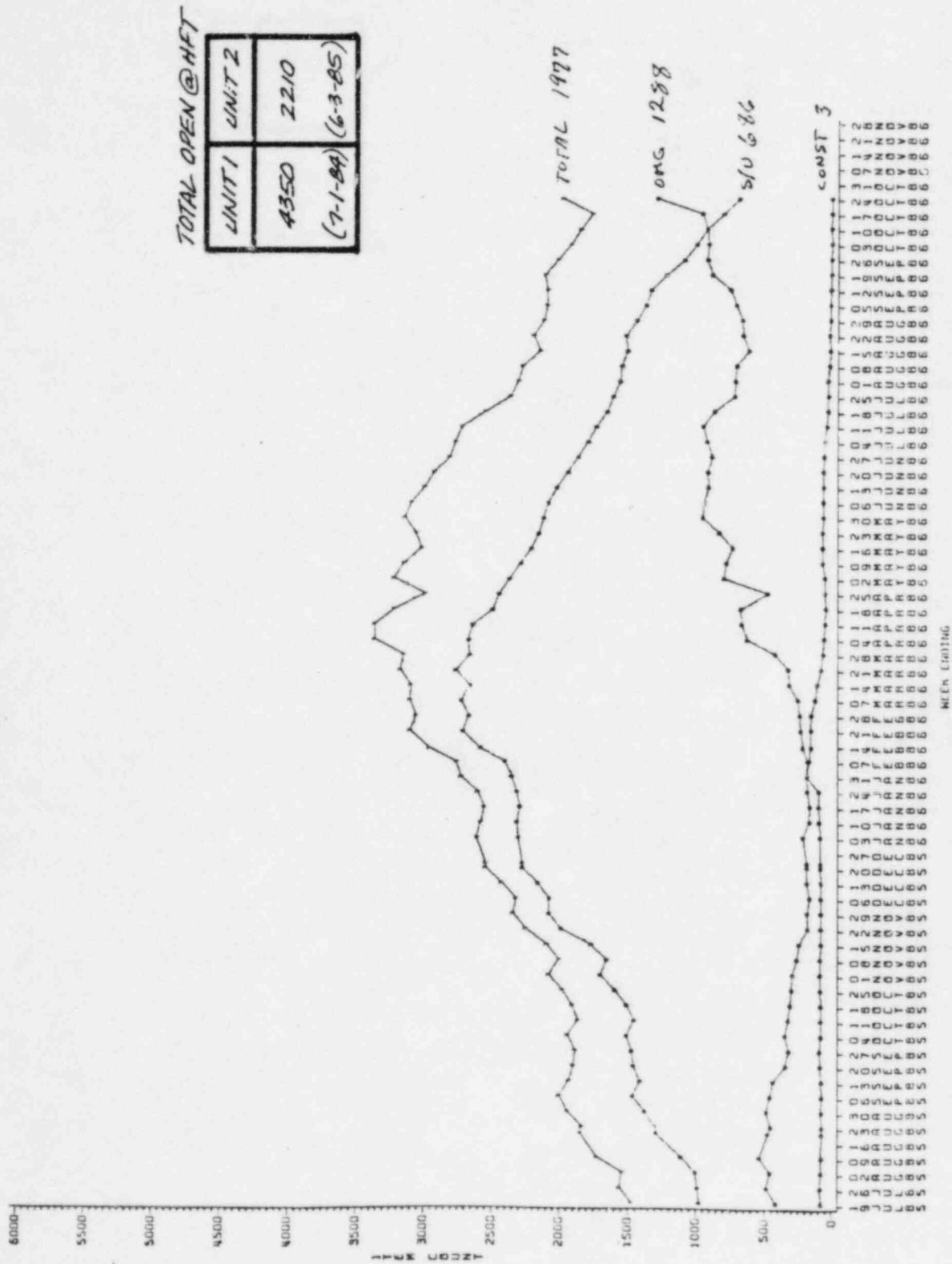
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FUEL RECEIPT





UNIT 3 OPEN ITEMS (ALL JURISDICTIONS) (FIG. 1)



SUO ITEMS = DATA MARKED WITH S
 OPS ITEMS = DATA MARKED WITH O
 CONST ITEMS = DATA MARKED WITH C
 TOTAL ITEMS = DATA MARKED WITH T
 NOTE: DATA POINT FOR 1986 EXCLUDED FOR OVERALL TREND

***** MASTER TRACKING SYSTEM *****
UNIT 3 STATUS REPORT WITH ACTION RESPONSIBILITY
SUMMARY

0:46 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1986

ACTIVITY	ADDED	CLOSED	XFRD	CHC	TOTAL
INIT ENER (13.1-13.3)	0	0	0	0	0
PRIM HYDRO (1.0)	0	0	0	0	0
SEC HYDRO (2.0)	115	4	0	0	119
CONDENSER VACUUM (3.0)	0	0	0	0	0
PRE-CORE HFT (4.0-4.4)	71	6	0	0	77
SIT/ILLRT (5.0)	2	0	0	0	2
FUEL RECEIPT (6.0)	5	0	0	0	5
FUEL LOAD (7.1 & 7.4)	0	0	0	0	0
POST-CORE HFT (8.0)	0	0	0	0	0
INITIAL CRITICAL (9.0)	0	0	0	0	0
POWER ASCENT (10.0-10.9)	0	1	0	0	1
NON-MILESTONE ITEMS	8	453	0	0	461
ALL SUBSYSTEMS	201	464	0	0	665

PALO VERDE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION
UNIT 3 STARTUP STATUS SUMMARY
STATUS AS OF 10/18/86 - 10/24/86

I. SUBSYSTEM TRANSFERS TO STARTUP

<u>Total</u>	<u>Scheduled To Date</u>	<u>Late</u>	<u>Actual This Period</u>	<u>Actual To Date</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
374	374	(1)	0	373	1

II. PREREQUISITE TESTING STATUS

<u>Discipline</u>	<u>Total Tests</u>	<u>Total This Period</u>	<u>Actual To Date</u>	<u>Actual % Complete</u>	<u>% Diff for Reporting Period</u>
Electrical	10,198 (2)	81	9,961	97.7	0.6
I & C	13,147 (39)	91	12,821	97.5	0.4
Mechanical	3,643 (-15)	50	3,384	92.9	1.8
TOTAL	26,988 (26)	222	26,166	97.0	0.8
OPS DTS	2,303 (37)	38	931	40.4	1.0

III. SUBSYSTEM RELEASES TO PREOPERATIONAL TESTING

<u>Total</u>	<u>Schedule To Date</u>	<u>Actual This Period</u>	<u>Actual To Date</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
374	373	0	373	1

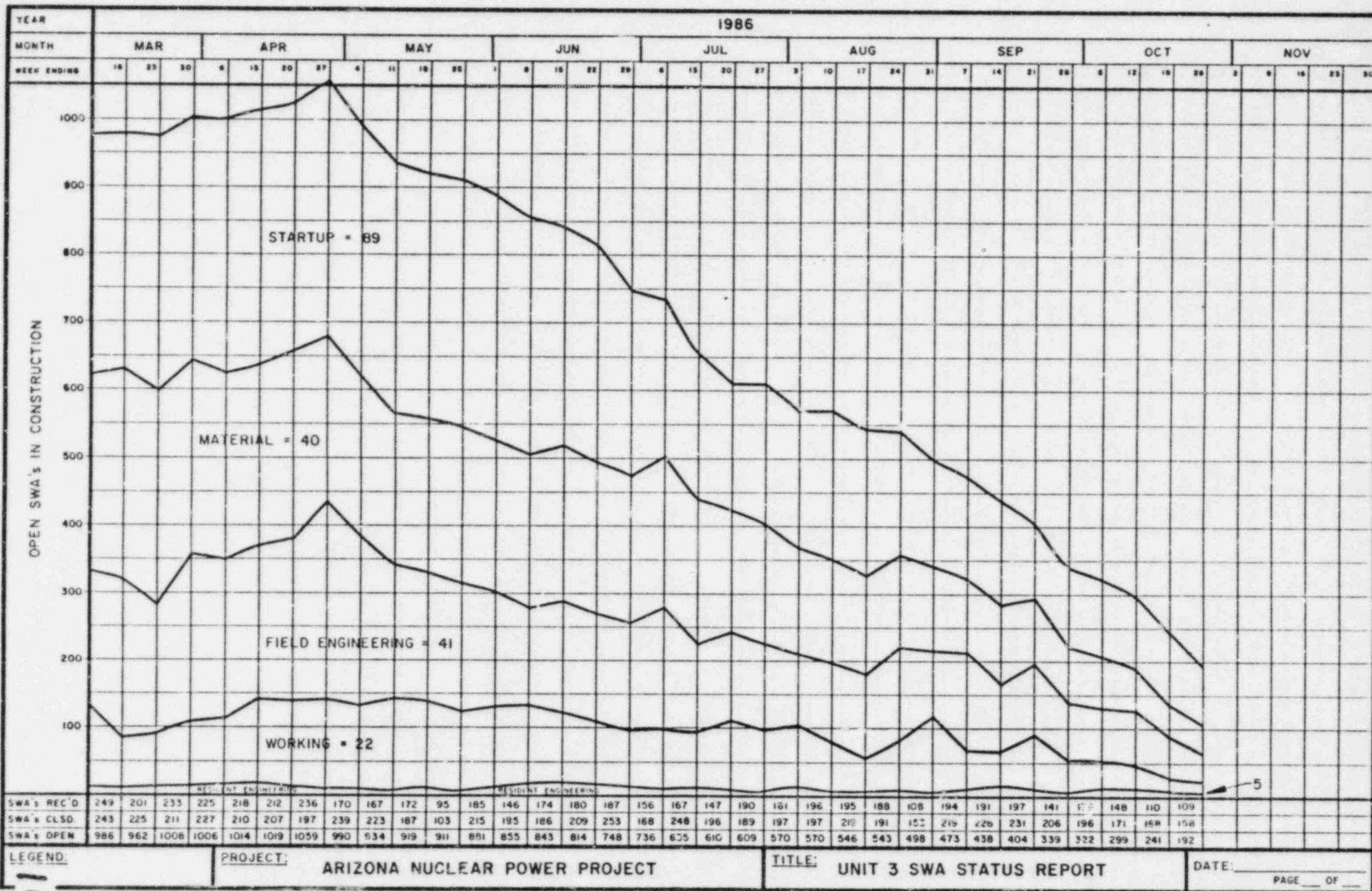
IV. PREOPERATIONAL/COMMISSIONING TESTING STATUS

	<u>Total Tests</u>	<u>Sched. Comp.</u>	<u>TESTS In Progress</u>	<u>TO DATE Complete</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
Preoperational	137	123	24	88	49
Commissioning	66	59	1	63	3
Hot Functional Test	34	-	13	-	34
Total	237	182	38	151	86

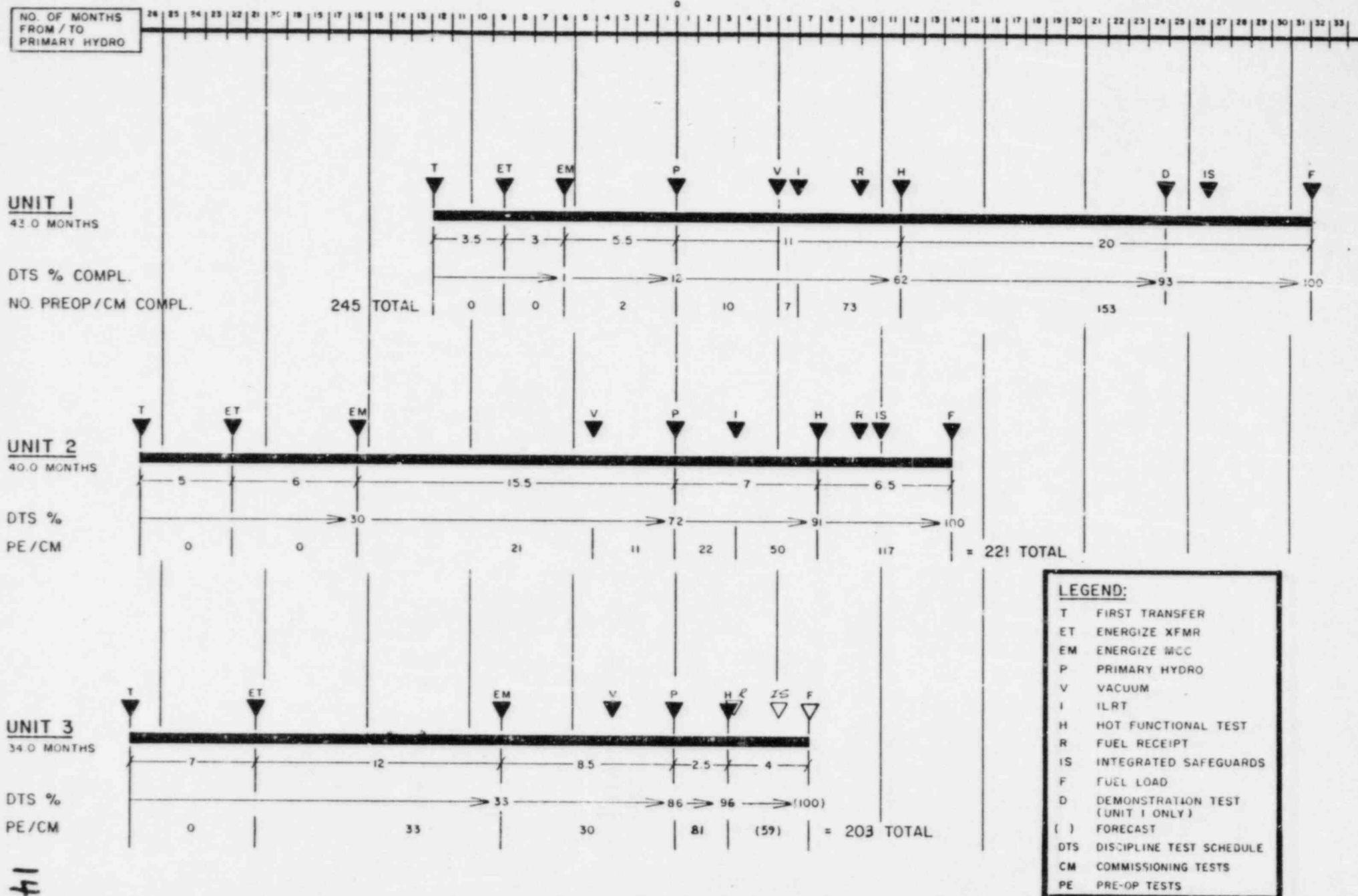
* V. OPERATIONS ACCEPTANCE

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Scheduled To Date</u>	<u>LATE</u>	<u>Actual This Period</u>	<u>Actual To Date</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
Startup	374	188	(5)	24	210	164
Construction	142	124	(5)	1	121	21
Total	516	312	(10)	25	331	185

* REFLECTS THE REV. 3 ACCEPTANCE PROFILE



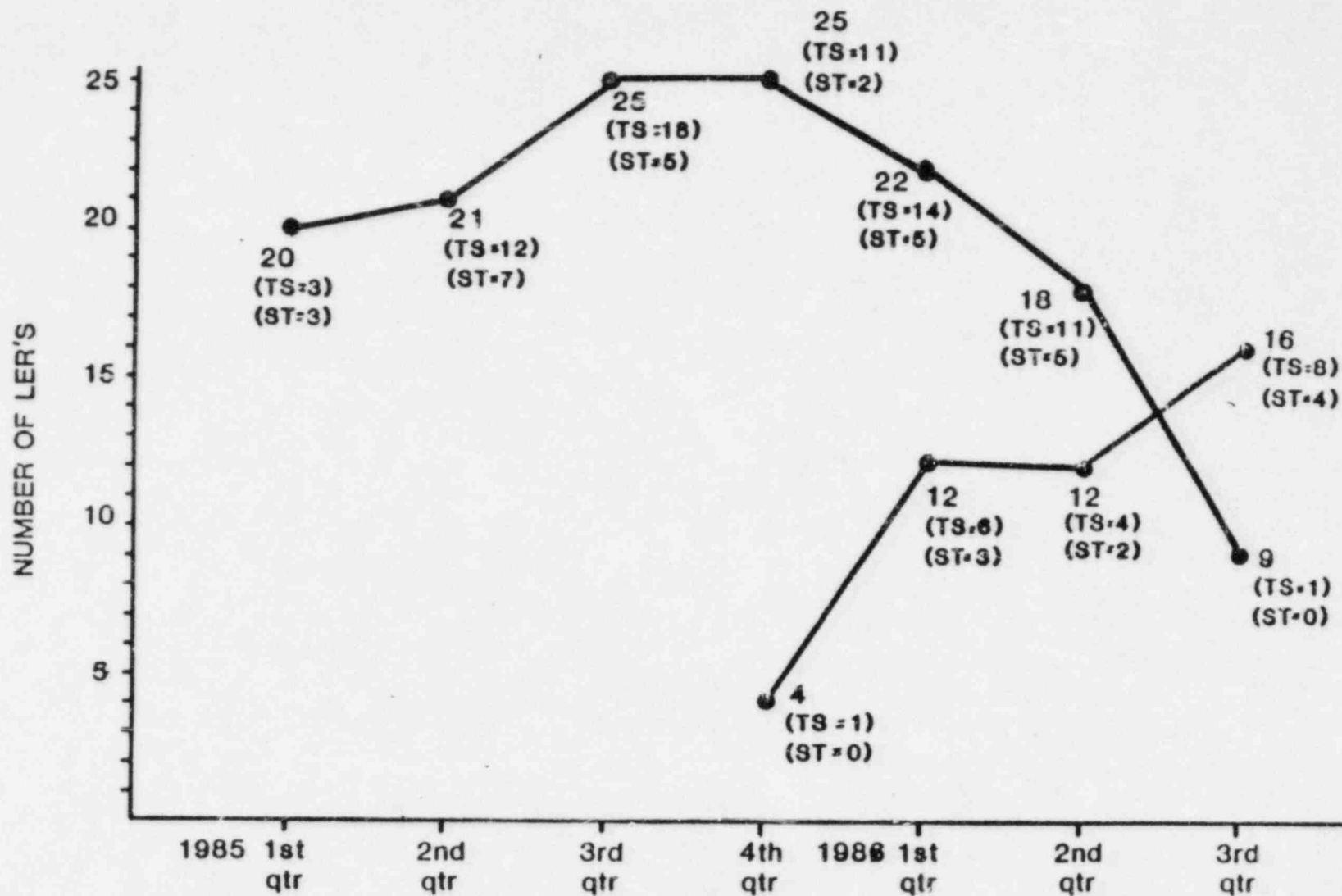
PROJECT MILESTONE / UNIT COMPARISON CHART



Readiness Meeting Attendees
October 30, 1986

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J. Kirby	ANPP/Transition Manager
G. Knighton	NRC/NRR
E. Licitra	NRC/NRR
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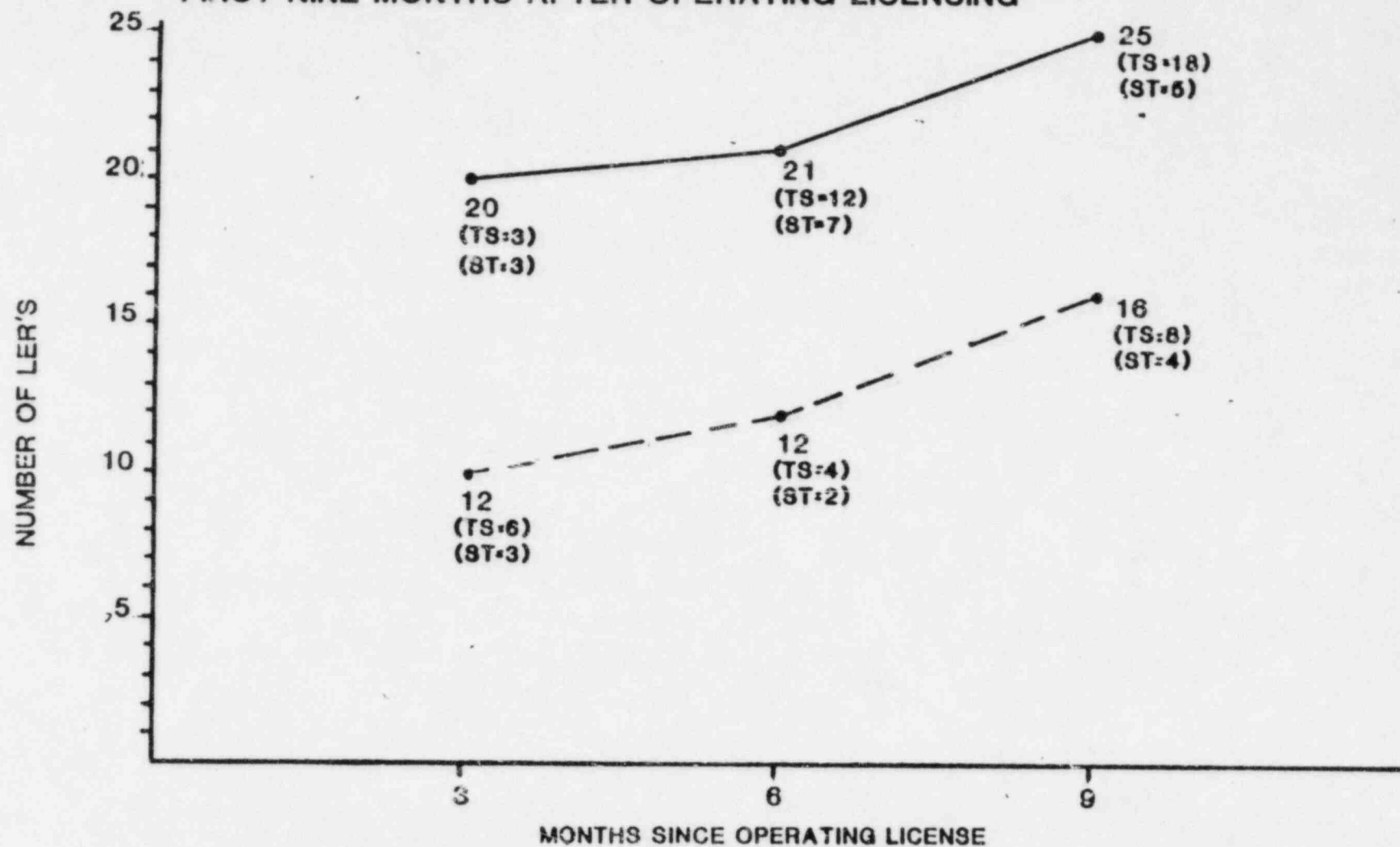
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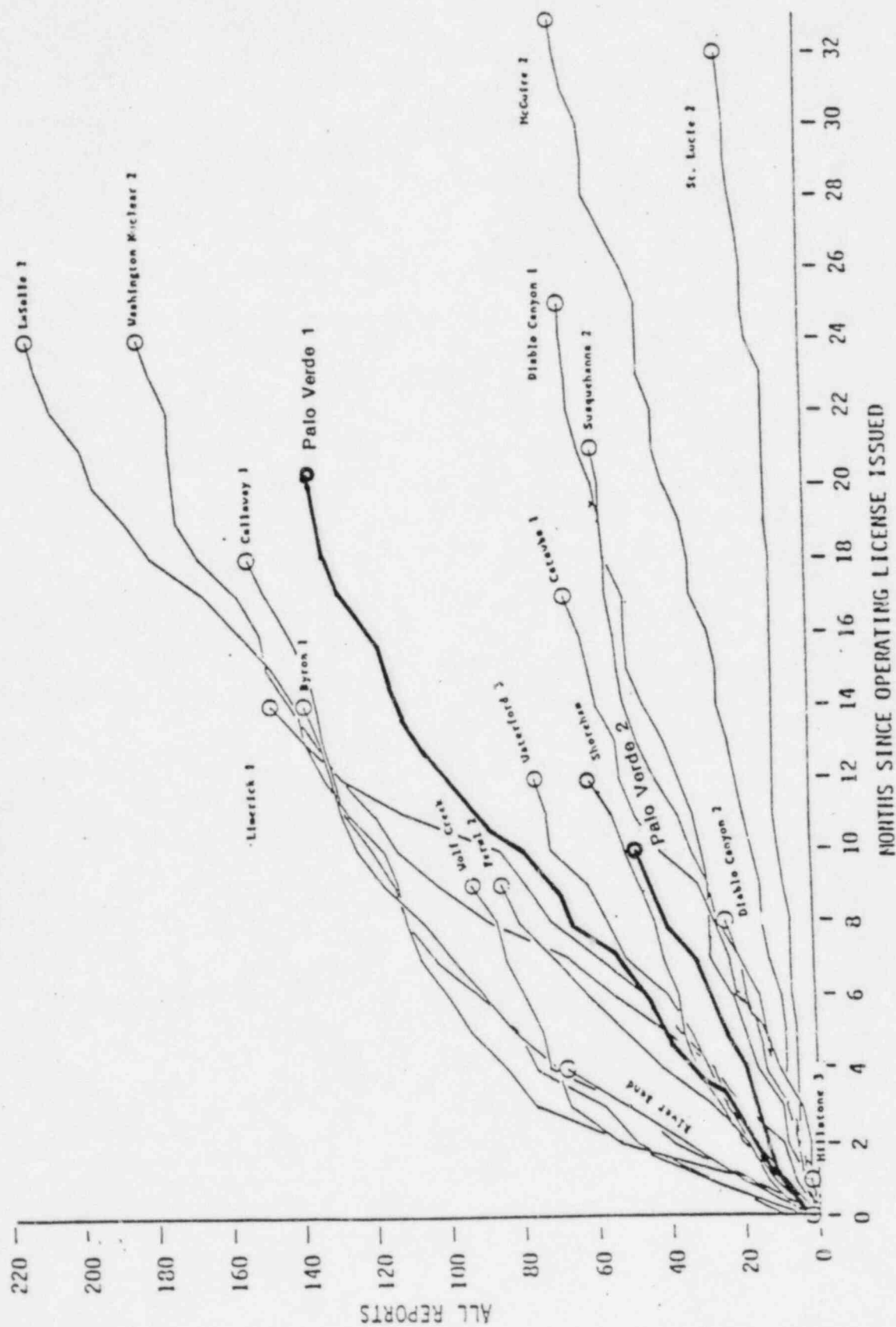
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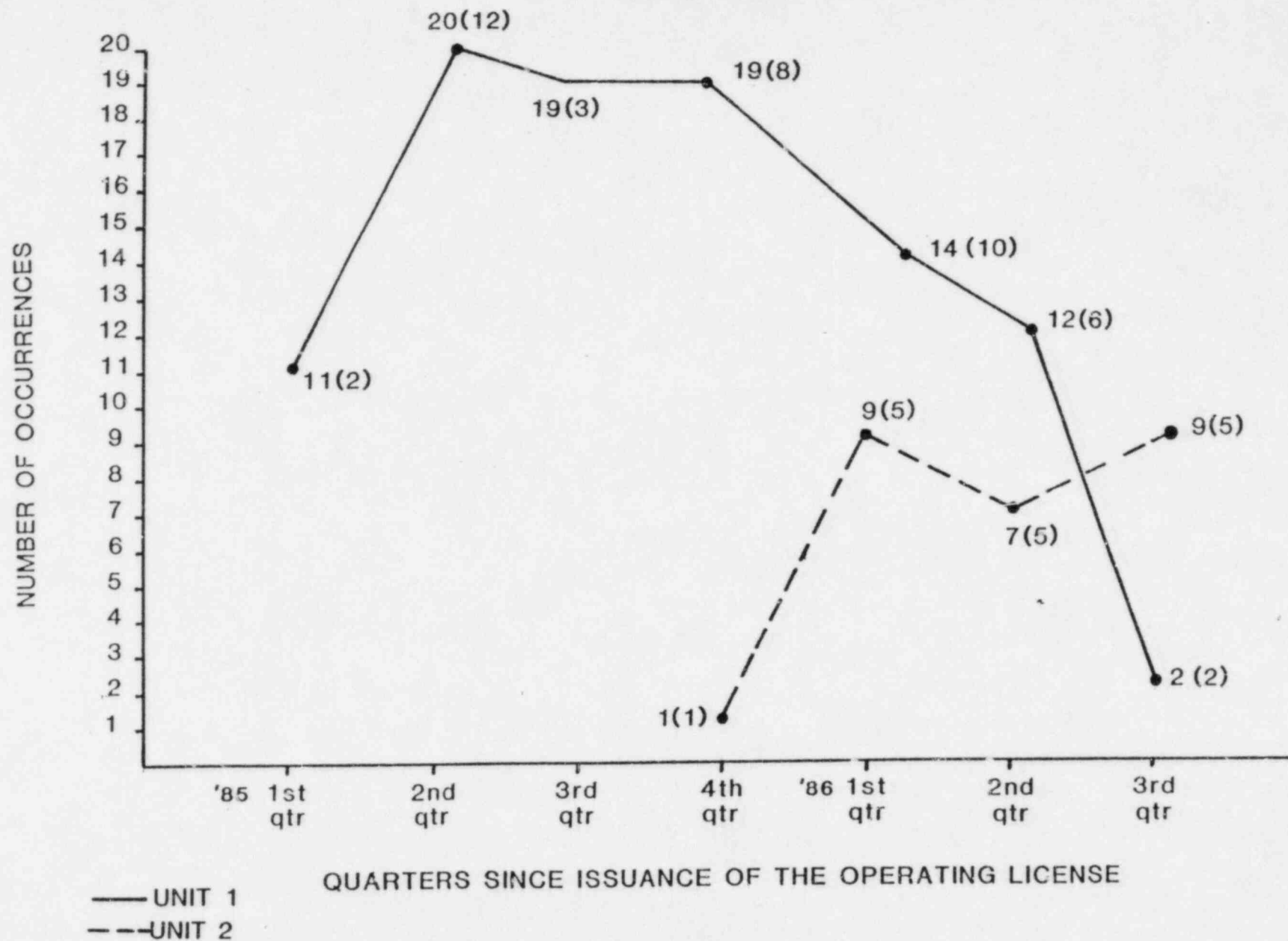
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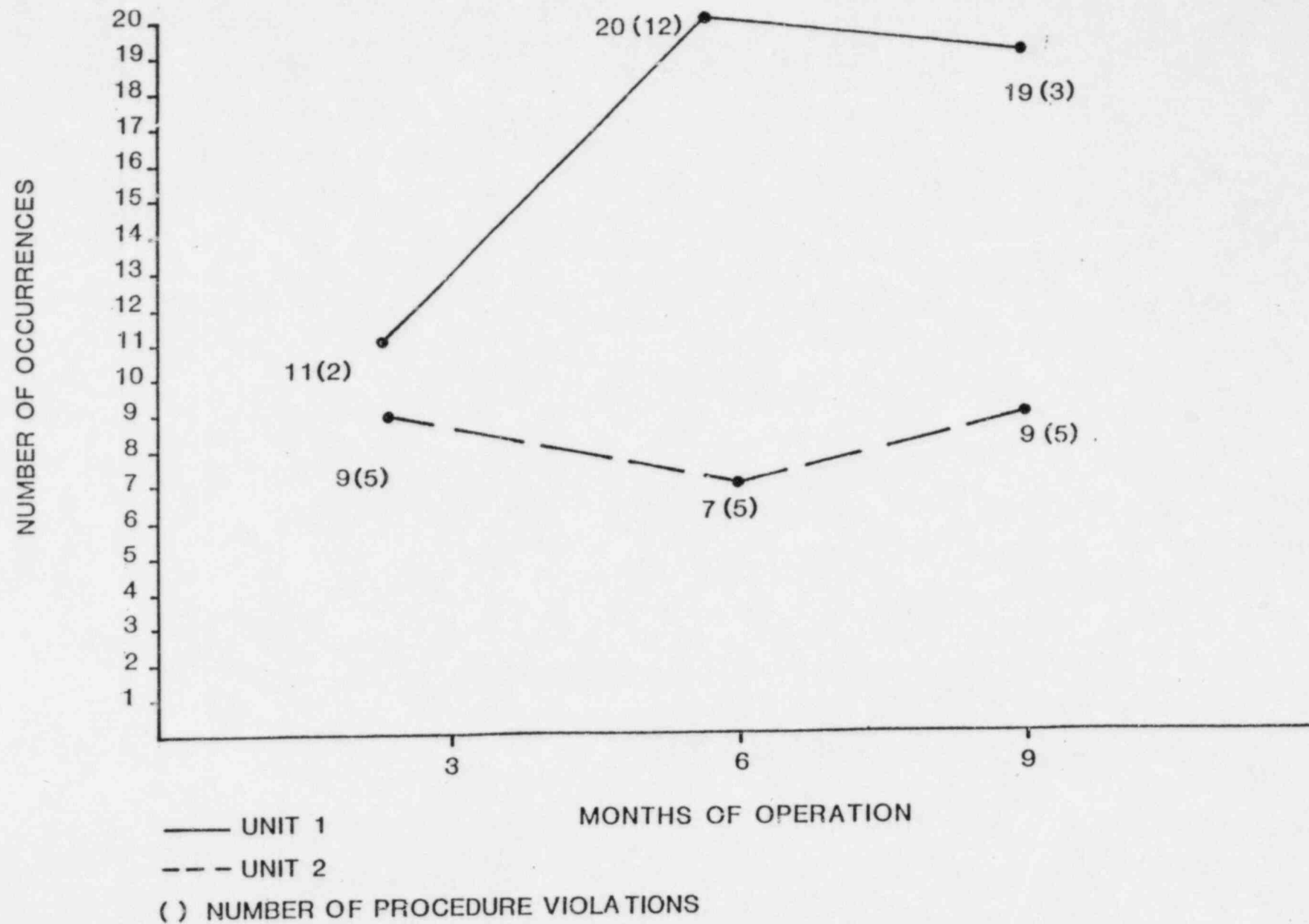
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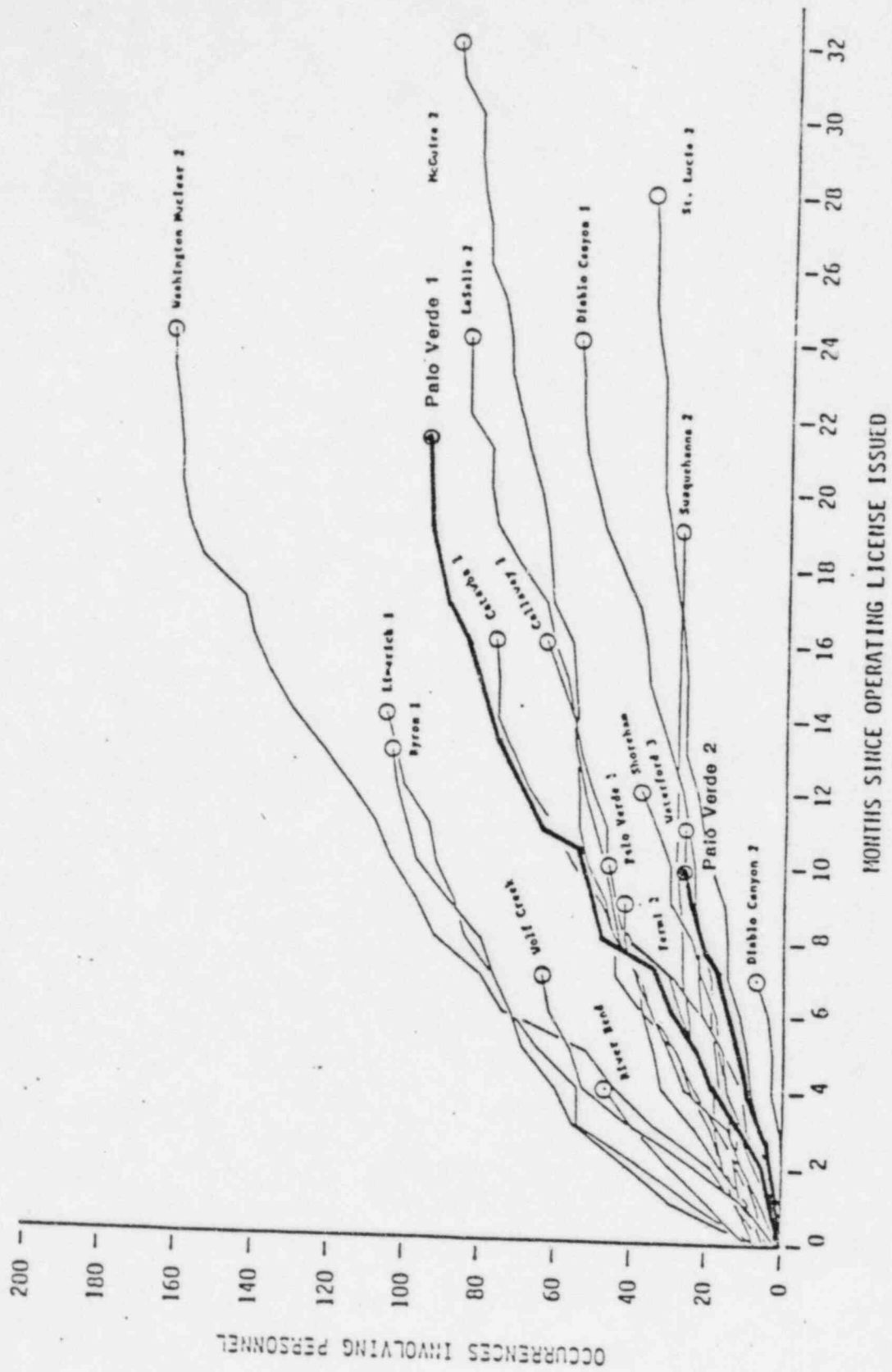
OCCURRENCES INVOLVING PERSONNEL

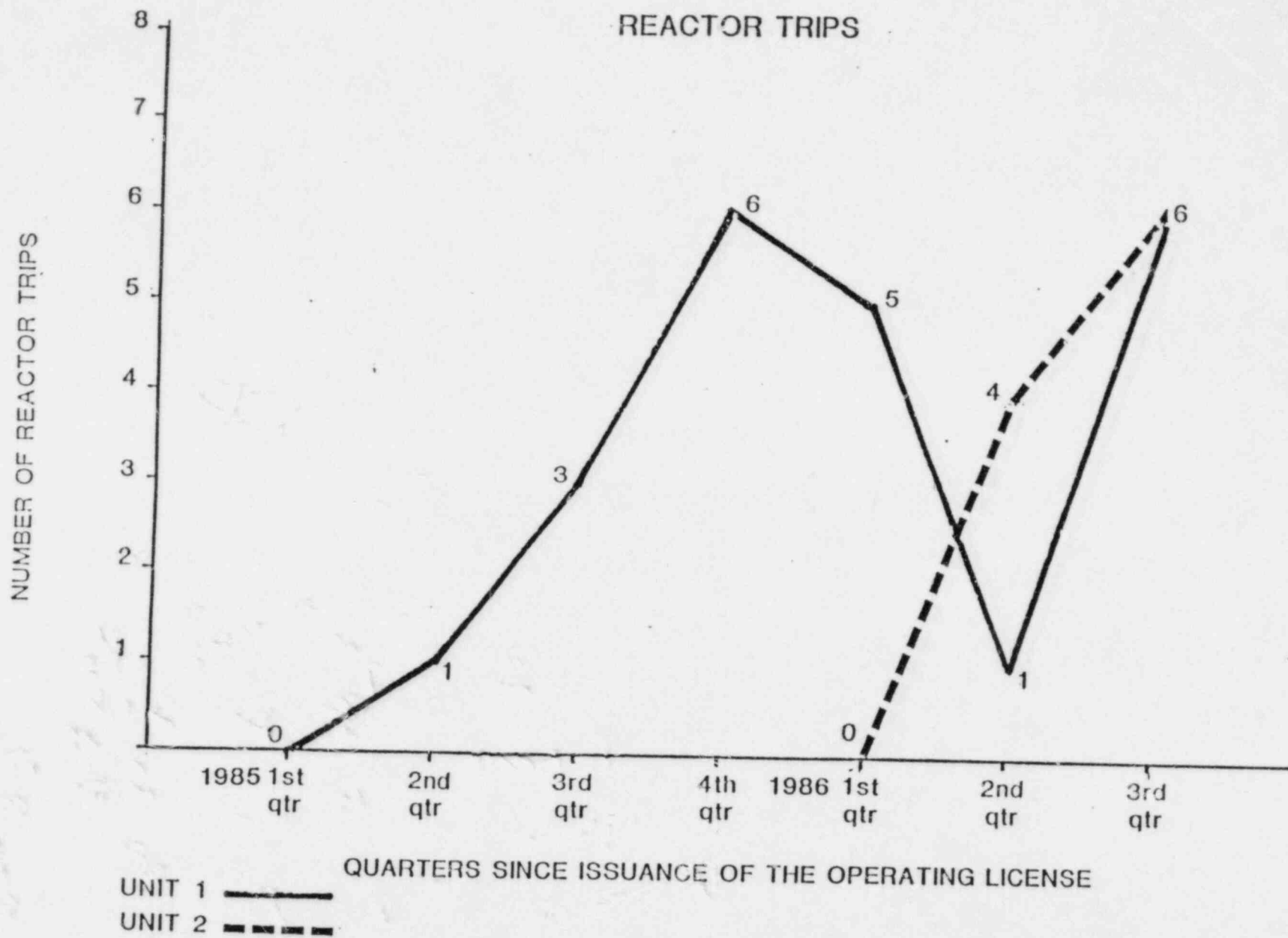


Occurrences Involving Personnel

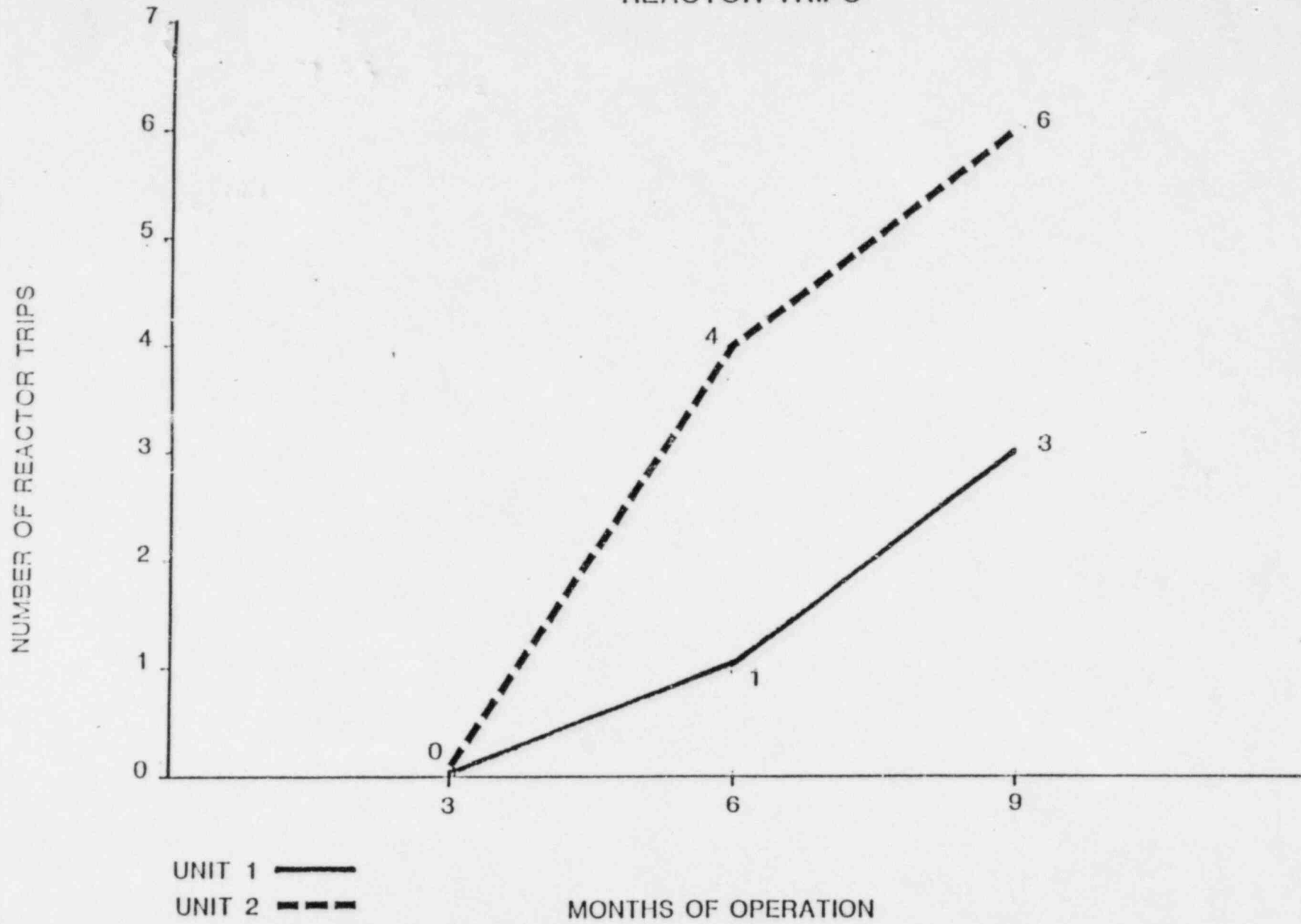


Sample Unit Comparative Trend Based On SCSS Data

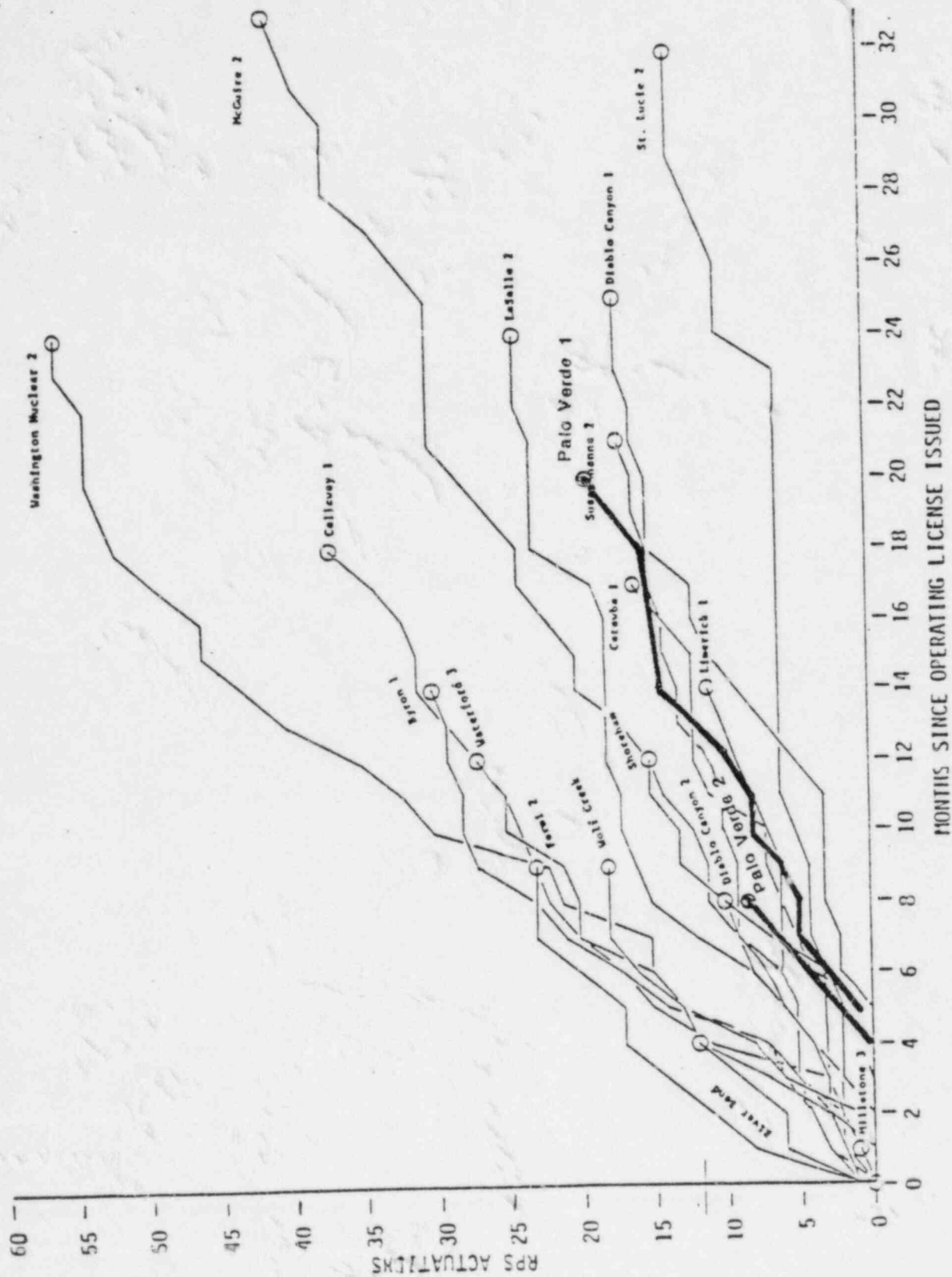




REACTOR TRIPS



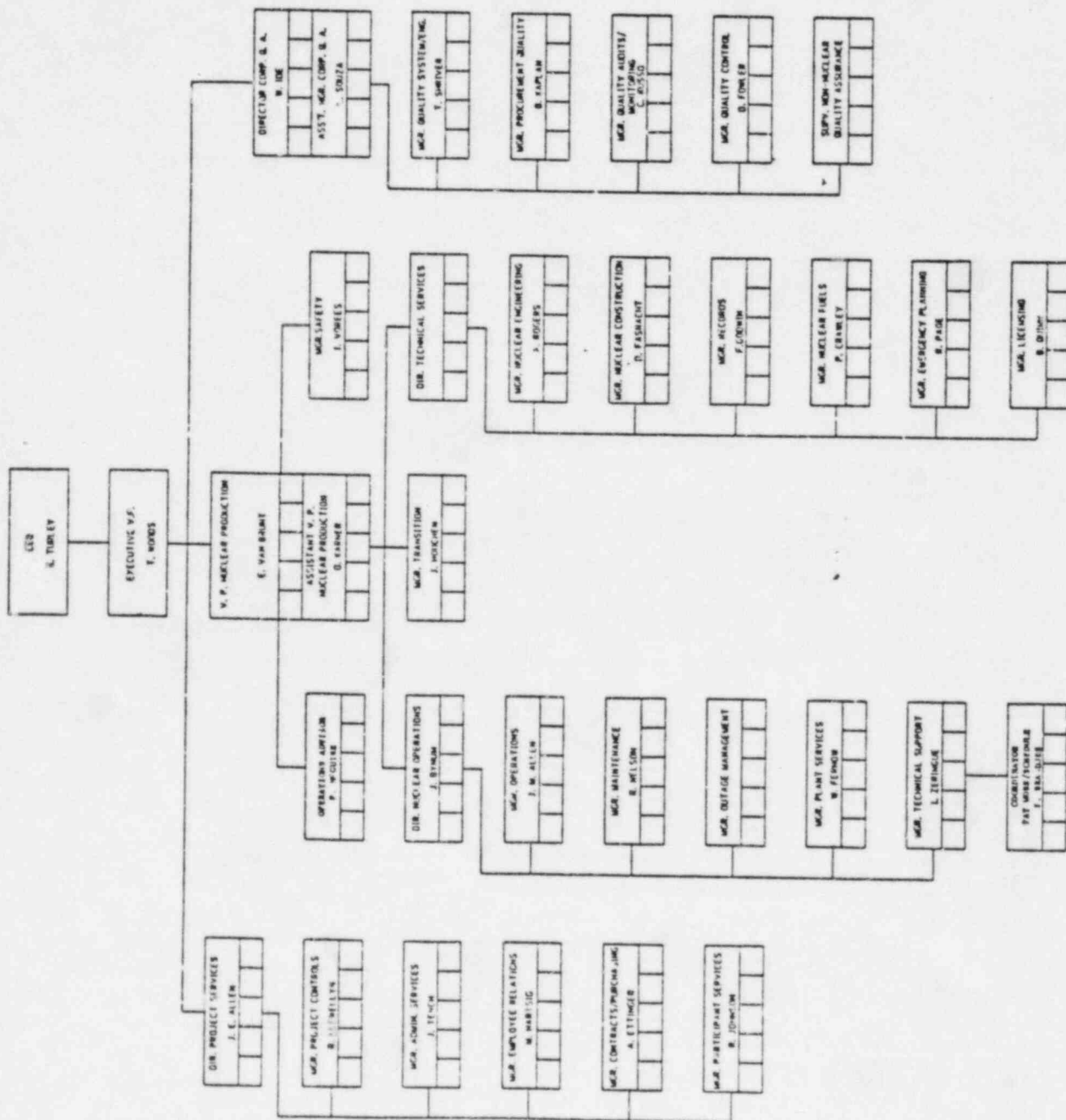
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CRITICAL ASSESSMENT OF ENGINEERING
EVALUATIONS AND ROOT CAUSE

1. CONTACTED OTHER PLANT TO EVALUATE EXISTING PROCESS.
2. IDENTIFIED AREAS OF IMPROVEMENT
3. DEFINED FORMAL ROOT CAUSE/ENGR. EVAL. PROCESS.
4. QUARANTINE COMPONENTS UNTIL ROOT CAUSE/EVALUATION COMPLETE
5. PLANT TRANSIENT RESPONSE/OPERATOR RESPONSE EVALUATION
6. DEFINED RESTART CRITERIA
7. UNIT UNIQUE EVALUATIONS WITH SHARED RESULT
8. ABOVE APPLIED TO OTHER SYSTEM, COMPONENT, & PERSONNEL
PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS

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