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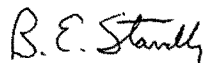
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NORTH ANNA POWER STATION UNIT 1
CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT
CYCLE 29, PATTERN CVD, REVISION 0

Pursuant to North Anna Technical Specification 5.6.5.d, attached is a copy of the Core Operating Limits Report (COLR) for North Anna Unit 1 Cycle 29, Pattern CVD, Revision 0. The COLR was revised to reflect the reload design evaluations supporting Cycle 29.

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CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT
North Anna Unit 1 Cycle 29 Pattern CVD

**North Anna Power Station Unit 1
Virginia Electric and Power Company**

N1C29 CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT

INTRODUCTION

The Core Operating Limits Report (COLR) for North Anna Unit 1 Cycle 29 has been prepared in accordance with North Anna Technical Specification 5.6.5. The technical specifications affected by this report are listed below:

| | |
|----------|---|
| TS 2.1.1 | Reactor Core Safety Limits |
| TS 3.1.1 | Shutdown Margin (SDM) |
| TS 3.1.3 | Moderator Temperature Coefficient (MTC) |
| TS 3.1.4 | Rod Group Alignment Limits |
| TS 3.1.5 | Shutdown Bank Insertion Limit |
| TS 3.1.6 | Control Bank Insertion Limits |
| TS 3.1.9 | PHYSICS TESTS Exceptions – Mode 2 |
| TS 3.2.1 | Heat Flux Hot Channel Factor |
| TS 3.2.2 | Nuclear Enthalpy Rise Hot Channel Factor ($F^{N_{\Delta H}}$) |
| TS 3.2.3 | Axial Flux Difference (AFD) |
| TS 3.3.1 | Reactor Trip System (RTS) Instrumentation |
| TS 3.4.1 | RCS Pressure, Temperature, and Flow DNB Limits |
| TS 3.5.6 | Boron Injection Tank (BIT) |
| TS 3.9.1 | Boron Concentration |

In addition, a technical requirement (TR) in the NAPS Technical Requirements Manual (TRM) refers to the COLR:

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| TR 3.1.1 | Boration Flow Paths – Operating |
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The analytical methods used to determine the core operating limits are those previously approved by the NRC and discussed in the documents listed in the References Section.

Cycle-specific values are presented **in bold**. Text in *italics* is provided for information only.

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Methodology for:

- TS 3.1.1 – Shutdown Margin
- TS 3.1.3 – Moderator Temperature Coefficient
- TS 3.1.4 – Rod Group Alignment Limits
- TS 3.1.5 – Shutdown Bank Insertion Limit
- TS 3.1.6 – Control Bank Insertion Limits
- TS 3.1.9 – Physics Tests Exceptions – Mode 2
- TS 3.2.1 – Heat Flux Hot Channel Factor
- TS 3.2.2 – Nuclear Enthalpy Rise Hot Channel Factor
- TS 3.5.6 – Boron Injection Tank (BIT) and
- TS 3.9.1 – Boron Concentration

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3. WCAP-10054-P-A, "Westinghouse Small Break ECCS Evaluation Model Using the NOTRUMP Code," August 1985.

Methodology for: TS 3.2.1 – Heat Flux Hot Channel Factor

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Methodology for: TS 3.2.1 – Heat Flux Hot Channel Factor

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Methodology for:

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- TS 3.2.1 – Heat Flux Hot Channel Factor

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Methodology for:
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TS 3.3.1 – Reactor Trip System Instrumentation
9. WCAP-14483-A, "Generic Methodology for Expanded Core Operating Limits Report," January 1999.
Methodology for:
TS 2.1.1 – Reactor Core Safety Limits
TS 3.1.1 – Shutdown Margin
TS 3.1.4 – Rod Group Alignment Limits
TS 3.1.9 – Physics Tests Exceptions – Mode 2
TS 3.3.1 – Reactor Trip System Instrumentation
TS 3.4.1 – RCS Pressure, Temperature, and Flow DNB Limits
TS 3.5.6 – Boron Injection Tank (BIT) and
TS 3.9.1 – Boron Concentration
10. DOM-NAF-2-P-A, Revision 0, Minor Revision 3, "Reactor Core Thermal-Hydraulics Using the VIPRE-D Computer Code," including Appendix C, "Qualification of the Westinghouse WRB-2M CHF Correlation in the Dominion VIPRE-D Computer Code," August 2010 and Appendix D, "Qualification of the ABB-NV and WLOP CHF Correlations in the Dominion VIPRE-D Computer Code," September 2014.
Methodology for:
TS 3.2.2 – Nuclear Enthalpy Rise Hot Channel Factor and
TS 3.4.1 – RCS Pressure, Temperature and Flow DNB Limits
11. WCAP-12610-P-A and CENPD-404-P-A, Addendum 1-A, "Optimized ZIRLO™," July 2006.
Methodology for:
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TS 3.2.1 – Heat Flux Hot Channel Factor

2.0 SAFETY LIMITS (SLs)

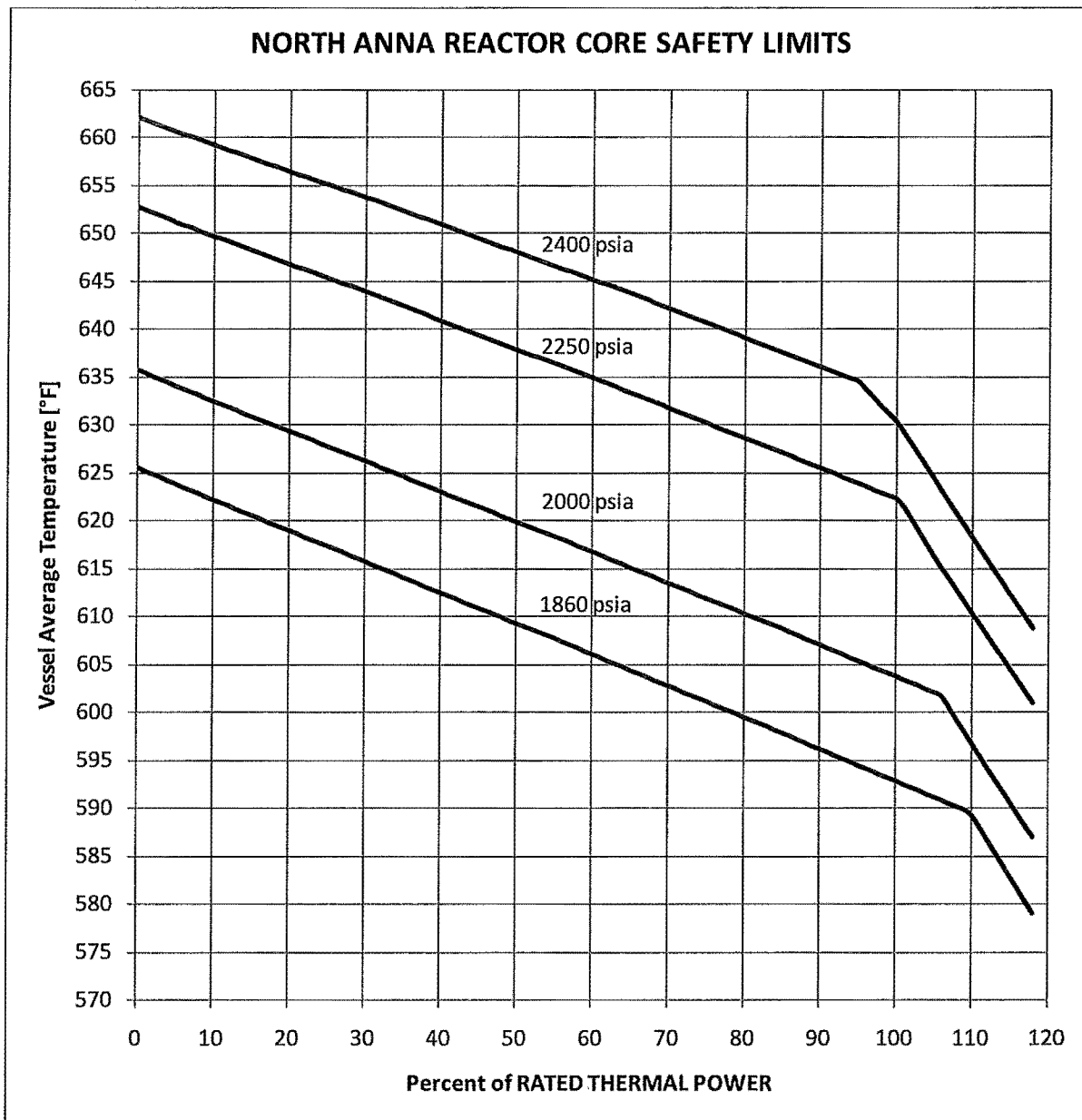
2.1 SLs

2.1.1 Reactor Core SLs

In MODES 1 and 2, the combination of THERMAL POWER, Reactor Coolant System (RCS) highest loop average temperature, and pressurizer pressure shall not exceed the limits specified in **COLR Figure 2.1-1**; and the following SLs shall not be exceeded.

2.1.1.1 The departure from nucleate boiling ratio (DNBR) shall be maintained greater than or equal to the 95/95 DNBR criterion for the DNB correlations and methodologies specified in the References Section.

COLR Figure 2.1-1



3.1 REACTIVITY CONTROL SYSTEMS

3.1.1 SHUTDOWN MARGIN (SDM)

LCO 3.1.1 SDM shall be $\geq 1.77\% \Delta k/k$.

3.1.3 Moderator Temperature Coefficient (MTC)

LCO 3.1.3 The MTC shall be maintained within the limits specified below. The upper limit of MTC is $+0.6 \times 10^{-4} \Delta k/k/^\circ F$, when $< 70\%$ RTP, and $0.0 \Delta k/k/^\circ F$ when $\geq 70\%$ RTP.

The BOC/ARO-MTC shall be $\leq +0.6 \times 10^{-4} \Delta k/k/^\circ F$ (upper limit), when $< 70\%$ RTP, and $\leq 0.0 \Delta k/k/^\circ F$ when $\geq 70\%$ RTP.

The EOC/ARO/RTP-MTC shall be less negative than $-5.0 \times 10^{-4} \Delta k/k/^\circ F$ (lower limit).

The MTC surveillance limits are:

The 300 ppm/ARO/RTP-MTC should be less negative than or equal to $-4.0 \times 10^{-4} \Delta k/k/^\circ F$ [Note 1].

The 60 ppm/ARO/RTP-MTC should be less negative than or equal to $-4.7 \times 10^{-4} \Delta k/k/^\circ F$ [Note 2].

SR 3.1.3.2 Verify MTC is within $-5.0 \times 10^{-4} \Delta k/k/^\circ F$ (lower limit).

Note 1: If the MTC is more negative than $-4.0 \times 10^{-4} \Delta k/k/^\circ F$, SR 3.1.3.2 shall be repeated once per 14 EFPD during the remainder of the fuel cycle.

Note 2: SR 3.1.3.2 need not be repeated if the MTC measured at the equivalent of equilibrium RTP-ARO boron concentration of ≤ 60 ppm is less negative than $-4.7 \times 10^{-4} \Delta k/k/^\circ F$.

3.1.4 Rod Group Alignment Limits

Required Action A.1.1 Verify SDM to be $\geq 1.77\% \Delta k/k$.

Required Action B.1.1 Verify SDM to be $\geq 1.77\% \Delta k/k$.

Required Action D.1.1 Verify SDM to be $\geq 1.77\% \Delta k/k$.

3.1.5 Shutdown Bank Insertion Limits

LCO 3.1.5 Each shutdown bank shall be withdrawn to at least **230** steps.

Required Action A.1.1 Verify SDM to be $\geq 1.77\% \Delta k/k$.

Required Action B.1 Verify SDM to be $\geq 1.77\% \Delta k/k$.

SR 3.1.5.1 Verify each shutdown bank is withdrawn to at least **230** steps.

3.1.6 Control Bank Insertion Limits

LCO 3.1.6 Control banks shall be limited in physical insertion as shown in **COLR Figure 3.1-1**. Sequence of withdrawal shall be A, B, C and D, in that order; and the overlap limit during withdrawal shall be **102** steps.

Required Action A.1.1 Verify SDM to be $\geq 1.77\% \Delta k/k$.

Required Action B.1.1 Verify SDM to be $\geq 1.77\% \Delta k/k$.

Required Action C.1 Verify SDM to be $\geq 1.77\% \Delta k/k$.

SR 3.1.6.1 Verify estimated critical control bank position is within the insertion limits specified in **COLR Figure 3.1-1**.

SR 3.1.6.2 Verify each control bank is within the insertion limits specified in **COLR Figure 3.1-1**.

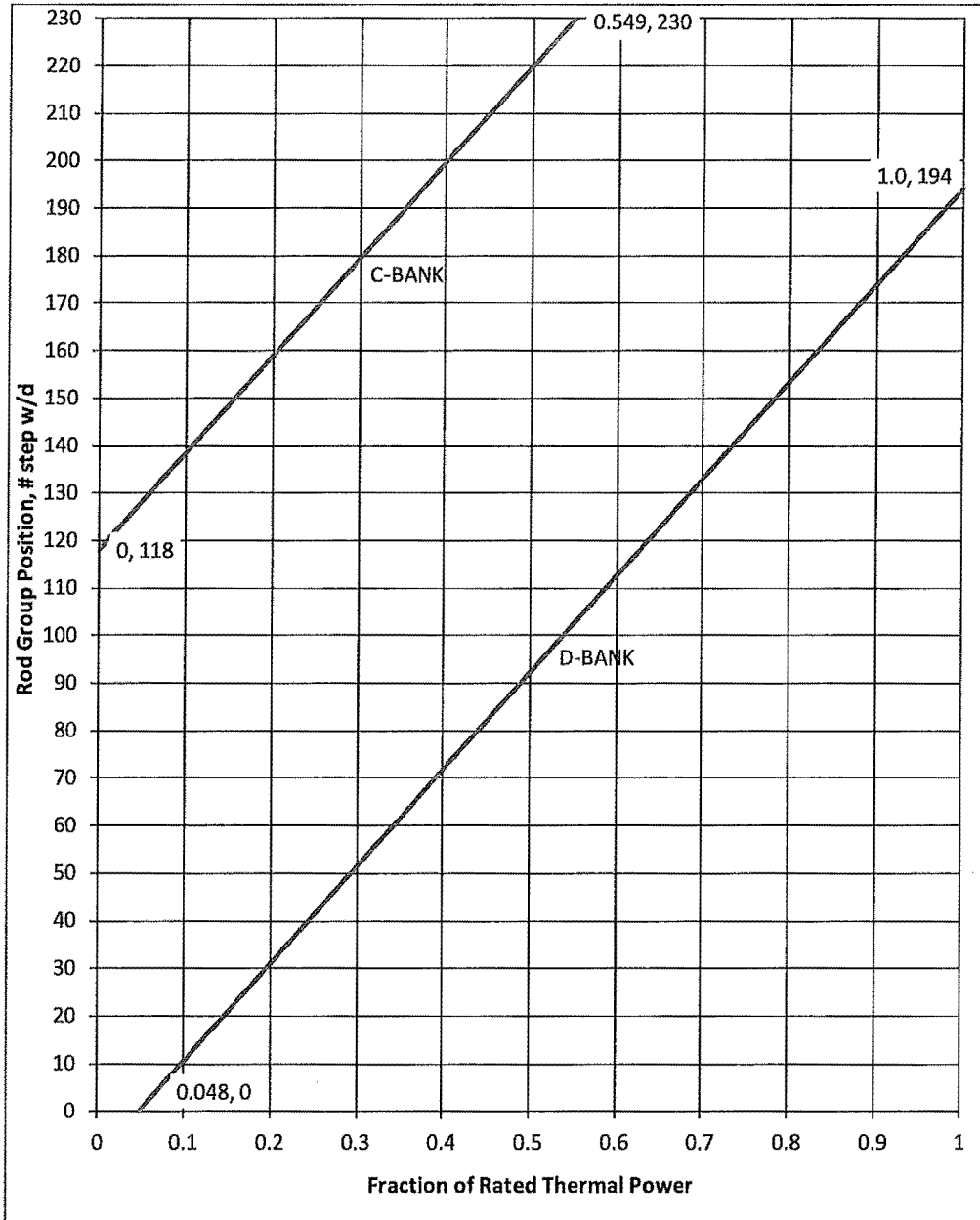
SR 3.1.6.3 Verify each control bank not fully withdrawn from the core is within the sequence and overlap limits specified in **LCO 3.1.6** above.

3.1.9 PHYSICS TESTS Exceptions – MODE 2

LCO 3.1.9.b SDM is $\geq 1.77\% \Delta k/k$.

SR 3.1.9.4 Verify SDM to be $\geq 1.77\% \Delta k/k$.

COLR Figure 3.1-1
North Anna 1 Cycle 29
Control Rod Bank Insertion Limits
Fully w/d position = 230 steps



3.2 POWER DISTRIBUTION LIMITS

3.2.1 Heat Flux Hot Channel Factor ($F_Q(Z)$)

LCO 3.2.1 $F_Q(Z)$, as approximated by $F_Q^E(Z)$ and $F_Q^T(Z)$, shall be within the limits specified below.

$$\text{CFQ} = 2.32$$

The Heat Flux Hot Channel Factor, $F_Q(Z)$, shall be limited by the following relationships:

$$F_Q(Z) \leq \frac{\text{CFQ} * K(Z)}{P} \quad \text{for } P > 0.5$$

$$F_Q(Z) \leq \frac{\text{CFQ} * K(Z)}{0.5} \quad \text{for } P \leq 0.5$$

where: $P = \frac{\text{THERMAL POWER}}{\text{RATED THERMAL POWER}}$; and

$K(Z)$ is provided in **COLR Figure 3.2-1**

$F_Q^E(Z)$ is an excellent approximation for $F_Q(Z)$ when the reactor is at the steady-state power.

$F_Q(Z)$ from the incore flux map results is increased by 1.03 for fuel manufacturing tolerances and 1.05 for measurement uncertainty to obtain $F_Q^E(Z)$.

$$F_Q^E(Z) = F_Q(Z) * (1.03) * (1.05)$$

The expression for $F_Q^T(Z)$ is:

$$F_Q^T(Z) = F_Q^E(Z) * N(Z)$$

where:

$$N(Z) = \frac{F_Q(Z), \text{Maximum Condition I}}{F_Q(Z), \text{Equilibrium Condition I}}$$

The discussion in the Bases Section B 3.2.1 for this LCO requires the application of a cycle dependent non-equilibrium multiplier, $N(Z)$, to the steady state $F_Q^E(Z)$. $N(Z)$ values are calculated for each flux map using analytically derived $F_Q(Z)$ values (scaled by relative power), consistent with the methodology described in VEP-NE-1. $N(Z)$ accounts for power distribution transients encountered during normal operation.

The cycle-specific penalty factors are presented in **COLR Table 3.2-1**.

Also discussed is the application of the appropriate factor to account for potential increases in $F_Q(Z)$ between surveillances. This factor is determined on a cycle specific basis and is dependent on the predicted increases in steady-state and transient $F_Q(Z)/K(Z)$ versus burnup. A minimum value of 2% is used should any increase in steady-state or transient measured or predicted peaking factor be determined unless frequent flux mapping is invoked (7 EFPD).

The required operating space reductions are included in **COLR Table 3.2-2**.

Should $F_Q^T(Z)$ exceed its limits the normal operating space should be reduced to gain peaking factor margins. The determination and verification of the margin improvements along with the corresponding required reductions in the Thermal Power Limit and AFD Bands are performed on a cycle-specific basis.

**COLR Table 3.2-1
N1C29 Penalty Factors for Flux Map Analysis**

| Burnup (MWD/MTU) | Penalty Factor % |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| 0 – 499 | 2.0 |
| 500 – 999 | 5.5 |
| 1000 – 1999 | 4.5 |
| 2000 – 2999 | 2.0 |
| 3000 – 3999 | 2.0 |
| 4000 – 4999 | 2.0 |
| 5000 – 6999 | 2.0 |
| 7000 – 8999 | 2.0 |
| 9000 – 10999 | 2.0 |
| 11000 – 12999 | 2.0 |
| 13000 – 14999 | 2.0 |
| 15000 – 16999 | 2.0 |
| 17000 – 18999 | 2.0 |
| 19000 – EOC | 2.0 |

Notes:

1. Penalty Factors are not required for initial power ascension flux maps.
2. All full power maps shall apply a Penalty Factor unless frequent flux mapping is invoked (≤ 7 EFPD).

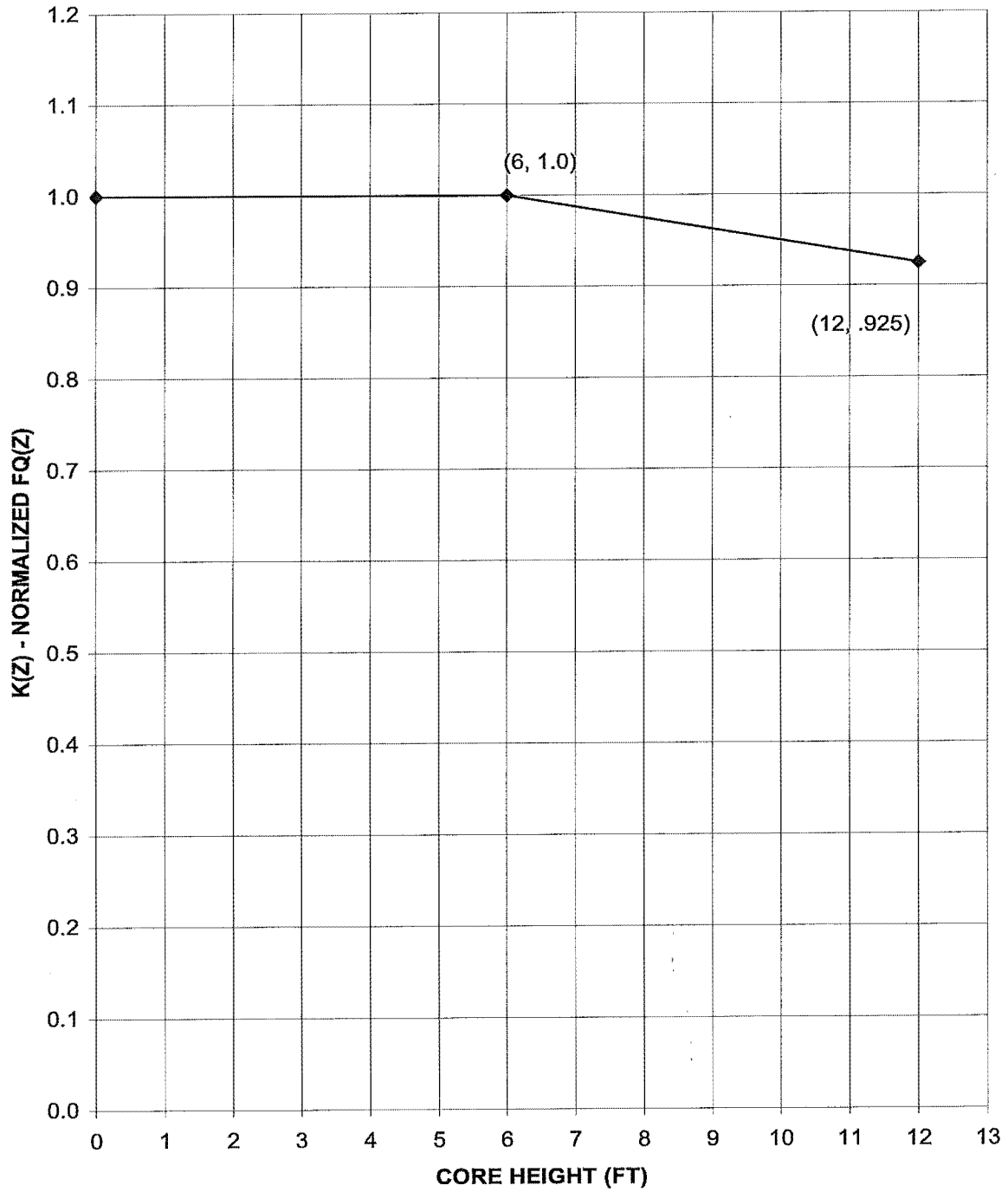
**COLR Table 3.2-2
N1C29 Required Operating Space Reductions for $F_Q^T(Z)$ Exceeding its Limits**

| Required $F_Q^T(Z)$ Margin Improvement | Required THERMAL POWER Limit (% RTP) | Negative AFD Band Reduction from AFD Limits* (% AFD) | Positive AFD Band Reduction from AFD Limits* (% AFD) |
|--|--|--|--|
| > 0% and \leq 1% | \leq 98.0% | \geq 0.5% | \geq 1.5% |
| > 1% and \leq 2% | \leq 96.0% | \geq 1.0% | \geq 2.5% |
| > 2% and \leq 3% | \leq 94.0% | \geq 1.0% | \geq 3.0% |
| > 3% | \leq 50% | N/A | N/A |

* Axial Flux Difference Limits are provided in COLR Figure 3.2-2

COLR Figure 3.2-1

K(Z) - Normalized FQ as a Function of Core Height



3.2.2 Nuclear Enthalpy Rise Hot Channel Factor ($F_{\Delta H}^N$)

LCO 3.2.2 $F_{\Delta H}^N$ shall be within the limits specified below.

$$F_{\Delta H}^N \leq 1.587\{1 + 0.3(1 - P)\}$$

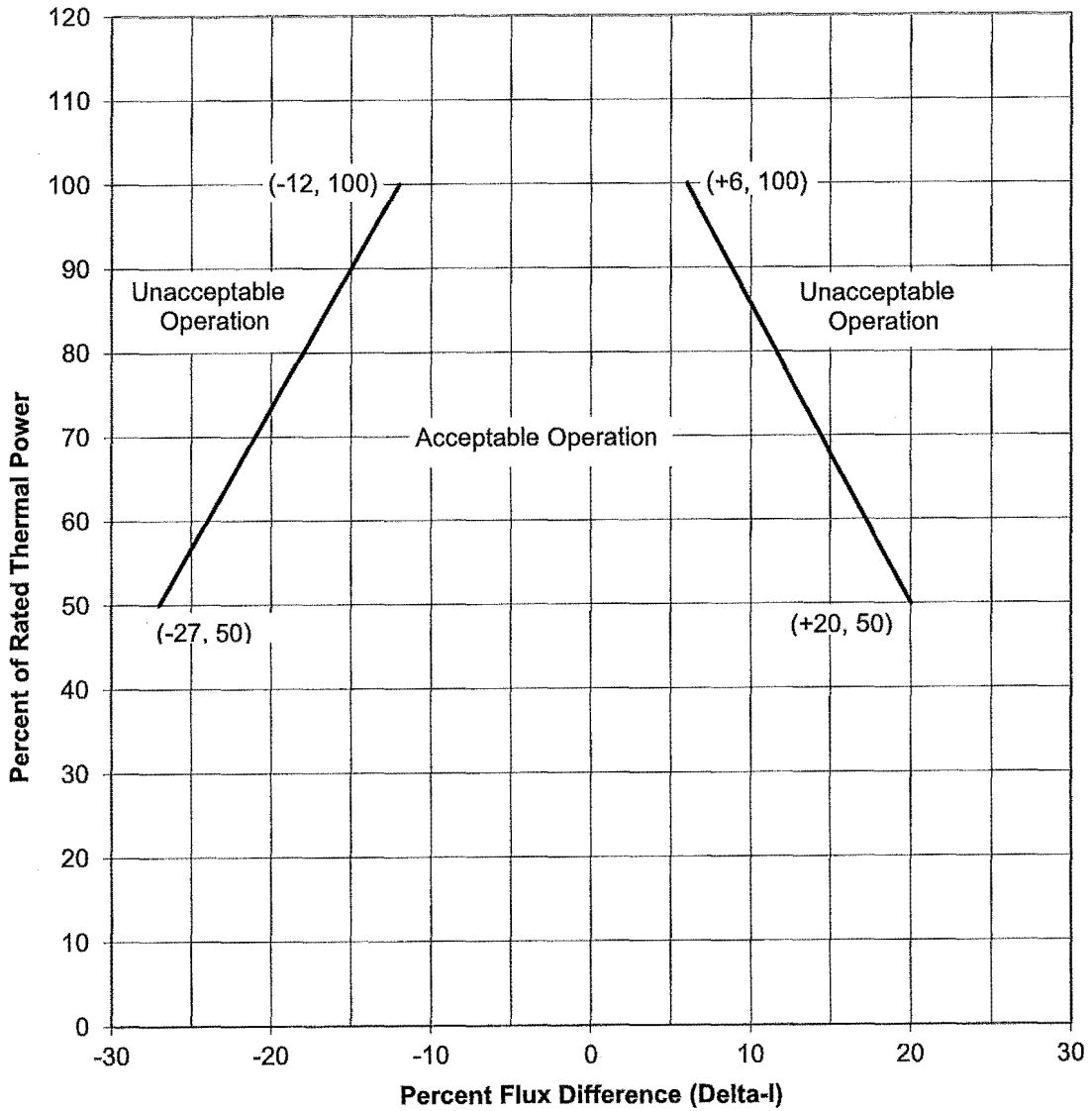
where:
$$P = \frac{\text{THERMAL POWER}}{\text{RATED THERMAL POWER}}$$

SR 3.2.2.1 Verify $F_{\Delta H}^N$ is within limits specified above.

3.2.3 AXIAL FLUX DIFFERENCE (AFD)

LCO 3.2.3 The AFD in % flux difference units shall be maintained within the limits specified in **COLR Figure 3.2-2**.

COLR Figure 3.2-2
North Anna 1 Cycle 29
Axial Flux Difference Limits



3.3 INSTRUMENTATION

3.3.1 Reactor Trip System (RTS) Instrumentation

TS Table 3.3.1-1 Note 1: Overtemperature ΔT

The Overtemperature ΔT Function Allowable Value shall not exceed the following nominal trip setpoint by more than 2% of ΔT span, with the numerical values of the parameters as specified below.

$$\Delta T \leq \Delta T_0 \left\{ K_1 - K_2 \frac{(1 + \tau_1 s)}{(1 + \tau_2 s)} [T - T'] + K_3 (P - P') - f_1(\Delta I) \right\}$$

where: ΔT is measured RCS ΔT , °F
 ΔT_0 is the indicated ΔT at RTP, °F
 s is the Laplace transform operator, sec^{-1}
 T is the measured RCS average temperature, °F
 T' is the nominal T_{avg} at RTP, ≤ 586.8 °F
 P is the measured pressurizer pressure, psig
 P' is the nominal RCS operating pressure, ≥ 2235 psig

$$K_1 \leq 1.2715 \qquad K_2 \geq 0.02174 / ^\circ\text{F} \qquad K_3 \geq 0.001145 / \text{psig}$$

$\tau_1, \tau_2 =$ time constants utilized in the lead-lag controller for T_{avg}

$$\tau_1 \geq 23.75 \text{ sec} \qquad \tau_2 \leq 4.4 \text{ sec}$$

$(1 + \tau_1 s) / (1 + \tau_2 s) =$ function generated by the lead-lag controller for T_{avg} dynamic compensation

$$f_1(\Delta I) \geq \begin{cases} 0.0291 \{-13.0 - (q_t - q_b)\} & \text{when } (q_t - q_b) < -13.0\% \text{ RTP} \\ 0 & \text{when } -13.0\% \text{ RTP} \leq (q_t - q_b) \leq +7.0\% \text{ RTP} \\ 0.0251 \{(q_t - q_b) - 7.0\} & \text{when } (q_t - q_b) > +7.0\% \text{ RTP} \end{cases}$$

Where q_t and q_b are percent RTP in the upper and lower halves of the core, respectively, and $q_t + q_b$ is the total THERMAL POWER in percent RTP.

TS Table 3.3.1-1 Note 2: Overpower ΔT

The Overpower ΔT Function Allowable Value shall not exceed the following nominal trip setpoint by more than 2% of ΔT span, with the numerical values of the parameters as specified below.

$$\Delta T \leq \Delta T_0 \left\{ K_4 - K_5 \left[\frac{\tau_3 s}{1 + \tau_3 s} \right] T - K_6 [T - T'] - f_2(\Delta T) \right\}$$

where: ΔT is measured RCS ΔT , °F.
 ΔT_0 is the indicated ΔT at RTP, °F.
 s is the Laplace transform operator, sec^{-1} .
 T is the measured RCS average temperature, °F.
 T' is the nominal T_{avg} at RTP, ≤ 586.8 °F.

$$K_4 \leq 1.0865$$

$$K_5 \geq \begin{matrix} 0.0198 / ^\circ\text{F} & \text{for increasing } T_{\text{avg}} \\ 0 / ^\circ\text{F} & \text{for decreasing } T_{\text{avg}} \end{matrix} \quad K_6 \geq \begin{matrix} 0.00162 / ^\circ\text{F} & \text{when } T > T' \\ 0 / ^\circ\text{F} & \text{when } T \leq T' \end{matrix}$$

$\tau_3 =$ time constant utilized in the rate lag controller for T_{avg}

$$\tau_3 \geq 9.5 \text{ sec}$$

$\tau_3 s / (1 + \tau_3 s) =$ function generated by the rate lag controller for T_{avg} dynamic compensation

$$f_2(\Delta T) = 0, \text{ for all } \Delta T.$$

3.4 REACTOR COOLANT SYSTEM (RCS)

3.4.1 RCS Pressure, Temperature, and Flow Departure from Nucleate Boiling (DNB) Limits

LCO 3.4.1 RCS DNB parameters for pressurizer pressure, RCS average temperature, and RCS total flow rate shall be within the limits specified below:

- a. Pressurizer pressure is greater than or equal to **2205 psig**;
- b. RCS average temperature is less than or equal to **591 °F**; and
- c. RCS total flow rate is greater than or equal to **295,000 gpm**.

SR 3.4.1.1 Verify pressurizer pressure is greater than or equal to **2205 psig**.

SR 3.4.1.2 Verify RCS average temperature is less than or equal to **591 °F**.

SR 3.4.1.3 Verify RCS total flow rate is greater than or equal to **295,000 gpm**.

SR 3.4.1.4 -----NOTE-----
Not required to be performed until 30 days after $\geq 90\%$ RTP.

Verify by precision heat balance that
RCS total flow rate is \geq **295,000 gpm**.

3.5 EMERGENCY CORE COOLING SYSTEMS (ECCS)

3.5.6 Boron Injection Tank (BIT)

Required Action B.2 Borate to a $SDM \geq 1.77\% \Delta k/k$ at **200 °F**.

3.9 REFUELING OPERATIONS

3.9.1 Boron Concentration

LCO 3.9.1 Boron concentrations of the Reactor Coolant System (RCS), the refueling canal, and the refueling cavity shall be maintained \geq **2600 ppm**.

SR 3.9.1.1 Verify boron concentration is within the limit specified above.

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TRM 3.1 REACTIVITY CONTROL SYSTEMS

TR 3.1.1 Boration Flow Paths -- Operating

Required Action D.2 Borate to a SHUTDOWN MARGIN $\geq 1.77\%$ $\Delta k/k$
at 200 °F, after xenon decay.