

# **Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant Core Operating Limits Report**

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## INTRODUCTION

This report provides the cycle-specific limits for operation of Calvert Cliffs Unit 1, Cycle 26. It contains the limits for:

- Shutdown Margin (SDM)
- Moderator Temperature Coefficient (MTC)
- Control Element Assembly (CEA) Alignment
- Regulating Control Element Assembly (CEA) Insertion Limits
- Linear Heat Rate (LHR)
- Total Integrated Radial Peaking Factor ( $F_r^T$ )
- Axial Shape Index (ASI)
- Reactor Protective System (RPS) Instrumentation – Operating
- RCS Pressure, Temperature, and Flow Departure from Nucleate Boiling (DNB) Limits
- Boron Concentration

In addition, this report contains a number of figures which give limits on the parameters listed above. If any of the limits contained in this report are exceeded, corrective action will be taken as defined in the Technical Specifications.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Technical Specifications. The cycle specific limits have been developed using the NRC-approved methodologies given in the "List of Approved Methodologies" section of this report and in the Technical Specifications.

### **COLR Revision 0**

Initial release of the Unit 1 Cycle 26 (U1C26) COLR. U1C26 may operate in all plant modes.

## DEFINITIONS

### Axial Shape Index (ASI)

ASI shall be the power generated in the lower half of the core less the power generated in the upper half of the core, divided by the sum of the power generated in the lower and upper halves of the core.

$$ASI = \frac{\text{lower} - \text{upper}}{\text{lower} + \text{upper}} = Y_E$$

The Axial Shape Index ( $Y_I$ ) used for the trip and pretrip signals in the Reactor Protection System (RPS) is the above value ( $Y_E$ ) modified by an appropriate multiplier (A) and a constant (B) to determine the true core axial power distribution for that channel.

$$Y_I = AY_E + B$$

### Total Integrated Radial Peaking Factor - $F_r^T$

The Total Integrated Radial Peaking Factor is the ratio of the peak pin power to the average pin power in an unrodded core.

## LICENSING RESTRICTIONS

- 1) For the Asymmetric Steam Generator Transient analysis performed in accordance with the methodology of Technical Specification 5.6.5.b.8, the methodology shall be revised to capture the asymmetric core inlet temperature distribution and application of local peaking augmentation factors. The revised methodology shall be applied to Calvert Cliffs Unit 1 core reload designs starting with Cycle 21.
- 2) For the Seized Rotor Event analysis performed in accordance with the methodology of Technical Specification 5.6.5.b.8, the methodology shall be revised to capture the asymmetric core inlet flow distribution. The revised methodology shall be applied to Calvert Cliffs Unit 1 core reload designs starting with Cycle 21.
- 3) For the Control Element Assembly Ejection analysis performed in accordance with the methodology of Technical Specification 5.6.5.b.11, the cycle-specific hot zero power peak average radial fuel enthalpy is calculated based on a modified power dependent insertion limit with Control Element Assembly Bank 3 assumed to be fully inserted (only in the analysis, not in actual plant operations). This revised methodology shall be applied to Calvert Cliffs Unit 1 core reload designs starting with Cycle 21.
- 4) The Small Break Loss of Coolant accident performed in accordance with the methodology of Technical Specification 5.6.5.b.9 shall be analyzed using a break spectrum with augmented detail related to break size. This revised methodology shall be applied to Calvert Cliffs Unit 1 core reload designs starting with Cycle 21.
- 5) Core Operating Limits Report Figures 3.1.6, 3.2.3, and 3.2.5 shall not be changed without prior NRC review and approval until an NRC-accepted generic, or Calvert Cliffs-specific, basis is developed for analyzing the Control Element Assembly Rod Bank Withdrawal Event, the Control Element Assembly Drop, and the Control Element Assembly Ejection (power level-sensitive transients) at full power conditions only.
- 6) Approval of the use of S-RELAP5 (Technical Specification 5.6.5.b.8) is restricted only to those safety analyses that confirm acceptable transient performance relative to the specified acceptable fuel design limits. Prior transient specific NRC approval is required to analyze transient performance relative to reactor coolant pressure boundary integrity until NRC-approval is obtained for a generic or Calvert Cliffs-specific basis for the use of the methodology in Technical Specification 5.6.5.b.8 to demonstrate reactor coolant pressure boundary integrity.

**NOTE:** The NRC has issued a letter that allows S-RELAP5 to be used for the transient-specific application of the methodology to CCNPP only as described in the letter pertaining to PSV setpoints. It is not a generic approval of the methodology.

Ref: Letter from Alexander N. Chereskin (NRC) to Bryan C. Hanson (Exelon) dated December 30, 2015, Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2 – Issuance of Amendment Re: Revision to Pressurizer Safety Valve Technical Specifications (CAC Nos. MF3541 and MF3542)

- 7) For the RODEX2-based fuel thermal-mechanical design analysis performed in accordance with the methodology of Technical Specification 5.6.5.b.3, Calvert Cliffs Unit 1 core reload designs (starting with Cycle 21) shall satisfy the following criteria:
  - a. Predicted rod internal pressure shall remain below the steady state system pressure.
  - b. The linear heat generation rate fuel centerline melting safety limit shall remain below 21.0 KW/ft.
- 8) For the Control Element Assembly Ejection analysis, Calvert Cliffs Unit 1 core reloads (starting with Cycle 21) shall satisfy the following criteria:
  - a. Predicted peak radial average fuel enthalpy when calculated in accordance with the methodology of Technical Specification 5.6.5.b.11 shall remain below 200 cal/g.
  - b. For the purpose of evaluating radiological consequences, should the S-RELAP5 hot spot model predict fuel temperature above incipient centerline melt conditions when calculated in accordance with the methodology of Technical Specification 5.6.5.b.8, a conservative radiological source term (in accordance with Regulatory Guide 1.183, Revision 0) shall be applied to the portion of fuel beyond incipient melt conditions (and combined with existing gap source term), and cladding failure shall be presumed.
- 9) The approval of the emergency core cooling system evaluation performed in accordance with the methodology of Technical Specification 5.6.5.b.7 shall be valid only for Calvert Cliffs Unit 1, Cycle 21. To remove this condition, Calvert Cliffs shall obtain NRC approval of the analysis of once- and twice-burned fuel for core designs following Unit 1 Cycle 21.

<p><u>NOTE:</u> The revised methodology was submitted and received NRC approval in December 2012. This license condition is satisfied; however since NRC approval was obtained via letter and not LAR, this license condition is still listed in Appendix C of the Tech. Specs. and has been retained here for consistency.</p>
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Ref: Letter from Douglas V. Pickett (NRC) to George H. Gellrich (CCNPP) dated February 18, 2011, Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2 – Amendment Re: Transition from Westinghouse Nuclear Fuel to AREVA Nuclear Fuel (TAC Nos. ME2831 and ME2832)

## CYCLE SPECIFIC LIMITS FOR UNIT 1, CYCLE 26

### 3.1.1 Shutdown Margin (SDM) (SR 3.1.1.1)

*T<sub>avg</sub> > 200 °F - Modes 3 and 4:*

The shutdown margin shall be  $\geq 3.5\% \Delta\rho$ .

*T<sub>avg</sub> ≤ 200 °F - Mode 5:*

The shutdown margin shall be  $\geq 3.0\% \Delta\rho$ .

### 3.1.3 Moderator Temperature Coefficient (MTC) (SR 3.1.3.2)

The Moderator Temperature Coefficient (MTC) shall be less negative than  $-3.1 \times 10^{-4} \Delta\rho/^\circ\text{F}$  at rated thermal power.

### 3.1.4 Control Element Assembly (CEA) Alignment (Action 3.1.4.B.1)

The allowable time to realign a CEA is 120 minutes when the pre-misaligned  $F_r^T$  is  $\leq 1.65$  and zero (0) minutes when the pre-misaligned  $F_r^T$  is  $> 1.65$ .

The pre-misaligned  $F_r^T$  value used to determine the allowable time to realign the CEA shall be the latest measurement taken within 5 days prior to the CEA misalignment. If no measurements have been taken within 5 days prior to the misalignment and the full core power distribution monitoring system is unavailable then the time to realign is zero (0) minutes.

### 3.1.6 Regulating Control Element Assembly (CEA) Insertion Limits (SR 3.1.6.1 and SR 3.1.6.2)

The regulating CEA groups insertion limits are shown on COLR Figure 3.1.6.

Figure 3.1.6 will not be changed unless the requirements in Licensing Restriction 5 are met.

### 3.2.1 Linear Heat Rate (LHR) (SR 3.2.1.2 and SR 3.2.1.4)

The linear heat rate shall not exceed the limits shown on COLR Figure 3.2.1-1.

The axial shape index power dependent control limits are given in COLR Figure 3.2.1-2.

When using the excore detector monitoring system (SR 3.2.1.2):

The alarm setpoints are equal to or less than the ASI limits; therefore when the alarms are adjusted, they provide indication to the operator that ASI is not within the limits.

The axial shape index alarm setpoints are shown as a function of fraction of thermal power on COLR Figure 3.2.1-2.



When using the incore detector monitoring system (SR 3.2.1.4):

The alarm setpoints are adjusted to protect the Linear Heat Rate limits shown on COLR Figure 3.2.1-1 and uncertainty factors are appropriately included in the setting of these alarms.

The uncertainty factors for the incore detector monitoring system are:

1. A measurement-calculational uncertainty factor of 1.07
2. An engineering uncertainty factor of 1.03,
  - 3.a For measured thermal power less than or equal to 50 percent but greater than 20 percent of rated full core power a thermal power measurement uncertainty factor of 1.035.
  - 3.b For measured thermal power greater than 50 percent of rated full core power a thermal power measurement uncertainty factor of 1.020.

### **3.2.3 Total Integrated Radial Peaking Factor ( $F_r^T$ ) (SR 3.2.3.1)**

The calculated value of  $F_r^T$  shall be limited to  $\leq 1.65$ .

If the calculated  $F_r^T$  exceeds the above limit, the allowable combinations of thermal power, CEA position, and  $F_r^T$  are shown on COLR Figure 3.2.3.

Figure 3.2.3 will not be changed unless the requirements in Licensing Restriction 5 are met.

### **3.2.5 Axial Shape Index (ASI) (SR 3.2.5.1)**

The axial shape index and thermal power shall be maintained equal to or less than the limits of COLR Figure 3.2.5 for CEA insertions specified by COLR Figure 3.1.6.

Figure 3.2.5 will not be changed unless the requirements in Licensing Restriction 5 are met.

### **3.3.1 Reactor Protective System (RPS) Instrumentation - Operating (Reactor Trip Setpoints) (TS Table 3.3.1-1)**

The Axial Power Distribution - High trip setpoint and allowable values are given in COLR Figure 3.3.1-1.

The Thermal Margin/Low Pressure (TM/LP) trip setpoint is given in COLR Figures 3.3.1-2 and 3.3.1-3. The allowable values are to be not less than the larger of (1) 1875 psia or (2) the value calculated from COLR Figures 3.3.1-2 and 3.3.1-3.

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

The RCS DNB parameters for pressurizer pressure, cold leg temperature, and RCS total flow rate shall be within the limits specified below:

- a. Pressurizer pressure  $\geq 2200$  psia;
- b. RCS cold leg temperature ( $T_c$ )  $\leq 548^\circ\text{F}$ ; and
- c. RCS total flow rate  $\geq 370,000$  gpm.

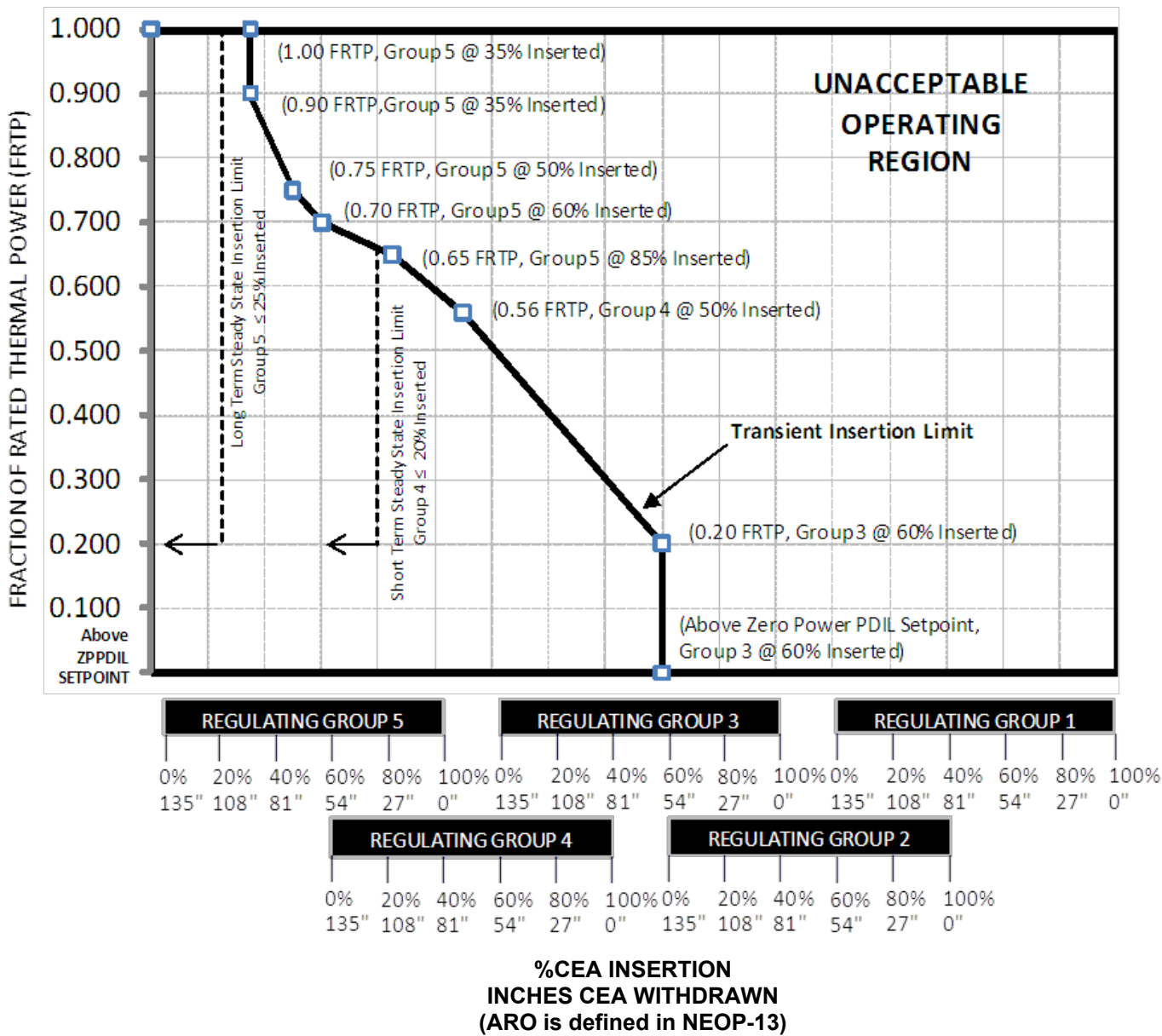
### 3.9.1 Boron Concentration (SR 3.9.1.1)

The refueling boron concentration will maintain the  $k_{eff}$  at 0.95 or less (including a 1%  $\Delta k/k$  conservative allowance for uncertainties). The refueling boron concentration shall be maintained uniform. For Mode 6 operation the RCS temperature must be maintained  $\leq 140^\circ\text{F}$ .

## U1C26 Refueling Boron Concentration Limits

	UNIT 1 CYCLE 26	
U1C26 Cycle Average Exposure	0 GWD/MTU	$\geq 16$ GWD/MTU
Number of Credited CEAs	0	0
Post-Refueling UGS or RV Head Lift Height Restrictions.	No Restriction	No Restriction
Minimum Required Refueling Boron Concentration:  This number includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Chemistry Sampling Uncertainty</li> <li>▪ Boron-10 Depletion Allowance</li> <li>▪ Margin for dilution of refueling pool between low and high level alarms</li> <li>▪ Allowance for temporary rotations of fuel assemblies</li> <li>▪ Extra Conservatism for unlimited number of empty locations during refueling operations.</li> </ul>	$\geq 2560$ ppm  (Note 2)	$\geq 2560$ ppm  (Note 1)

- Note: (1) Requires a U1C25 EOC burnup of  $\geq 20.485$  GWD/MTU.  
 (2) Requires a U1C25 EOC burnup of  $\geq 21.045$  GWD/MTU.

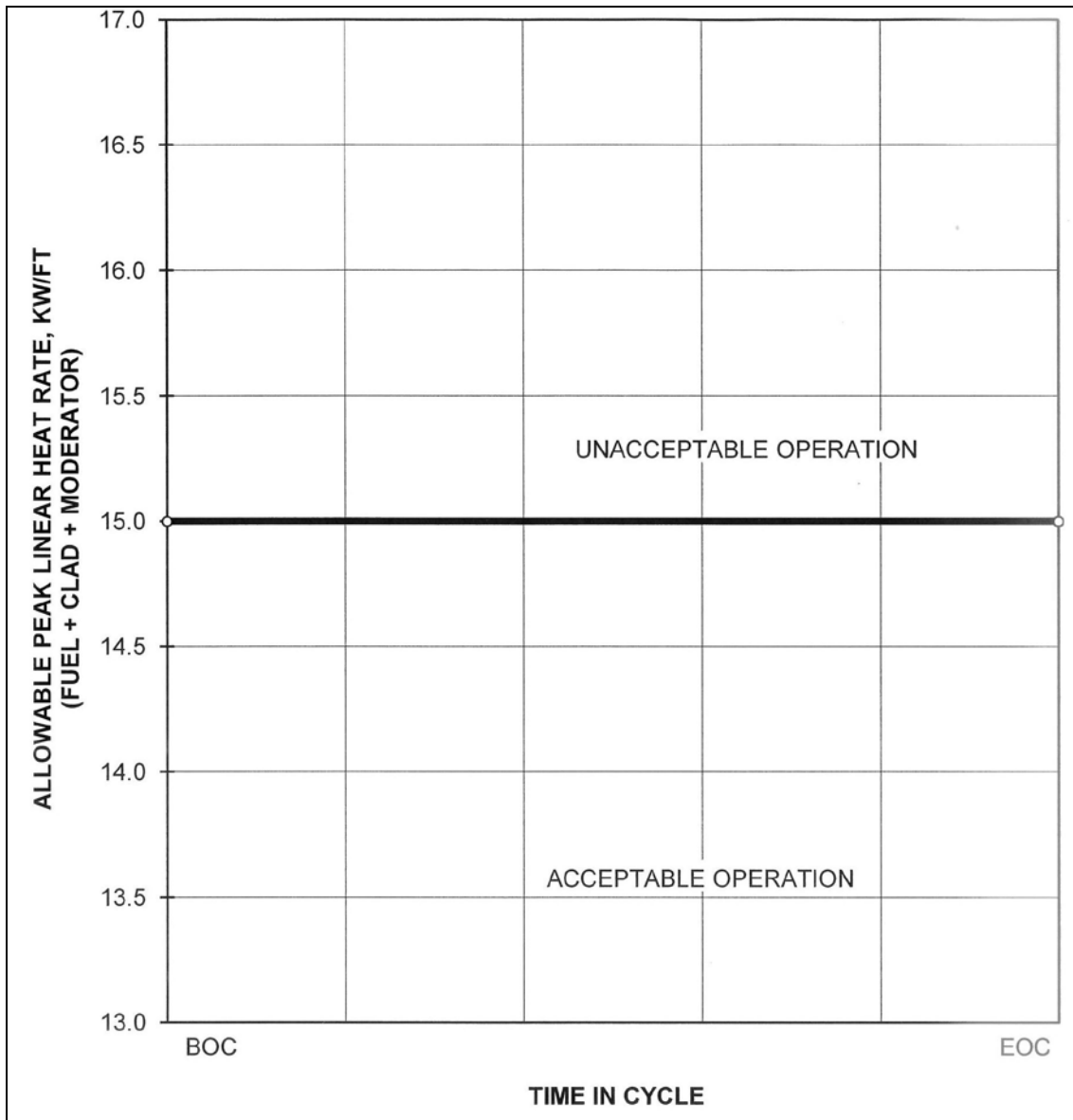


**Note:**  
 Per Tech Spec Bases 3.1.5 and 3.1.6, CEAs are considered to be fully withdrawn at 129 inches.

**Figure 3.1.6**

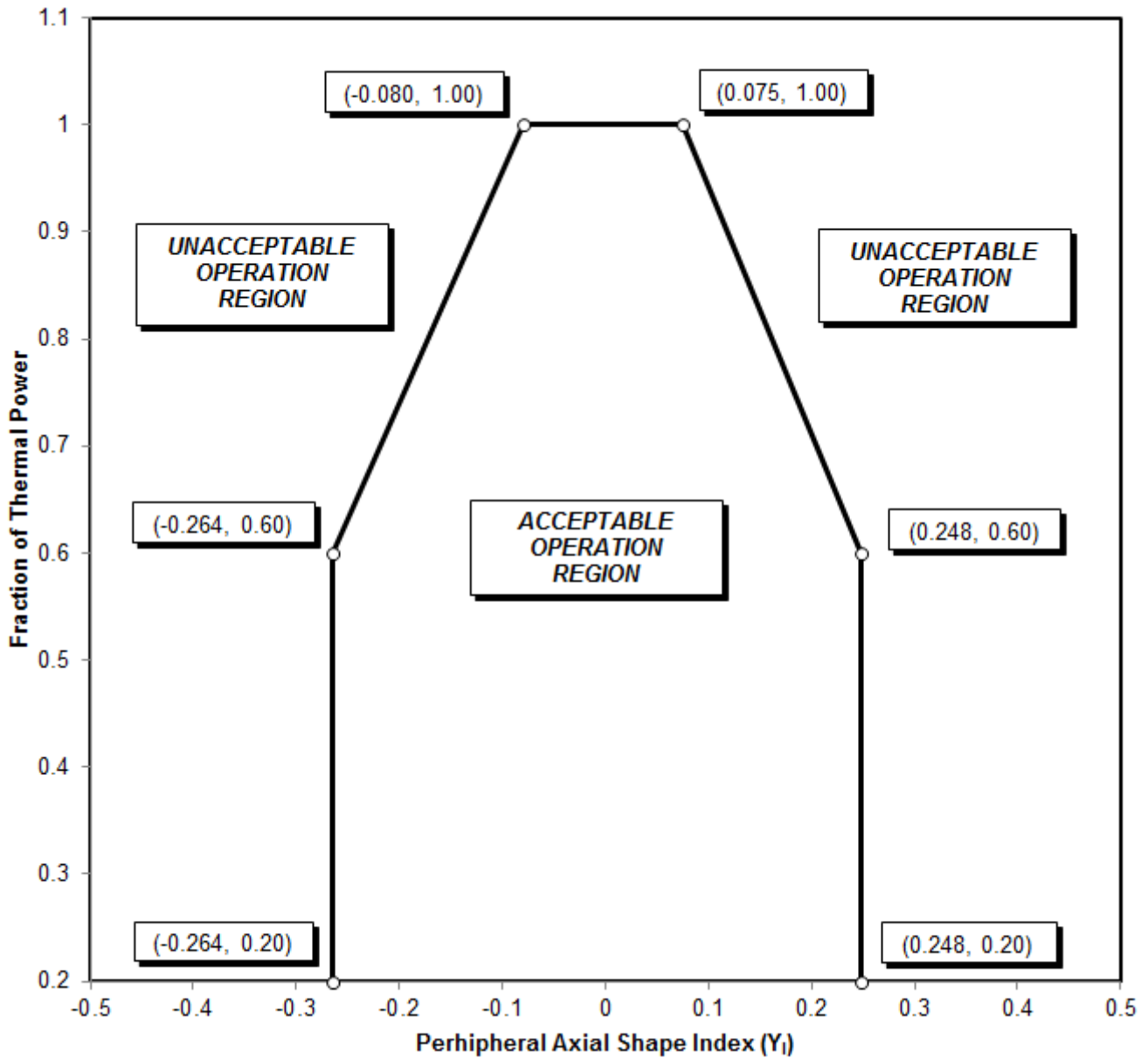
**CEA Group Insertion Limits vs. Fraction of Rated Thermal Power**

This figure cannot be changed without prior NRC approval.



**Figure 3.2.1-1**

**Allowable Peak Linear Heat Rate vs. Time in Cycle**



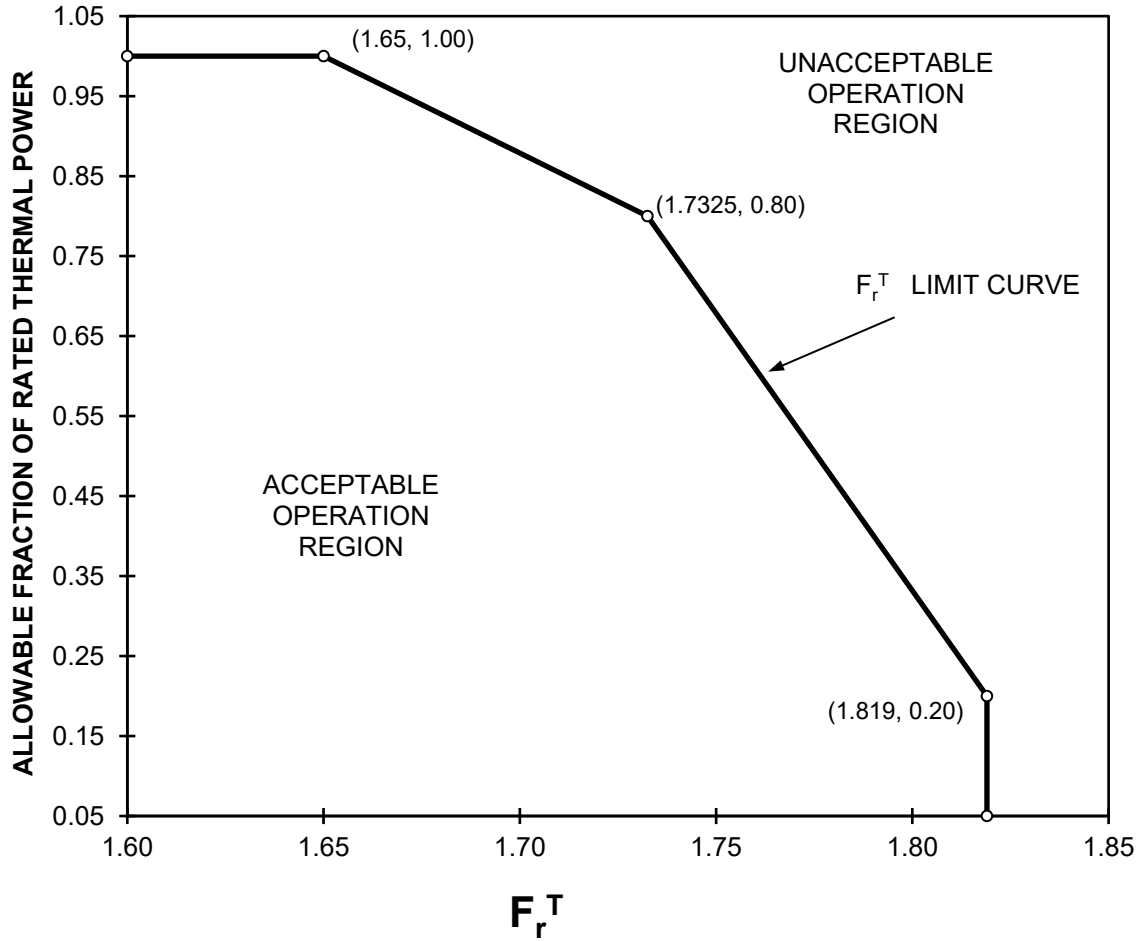
**Figure 3.2.1-2**

**Linear Heat Rate Axial Flux Offset Control Limits**

(AXIAL SHAPE INDEX limits for Linear Heat Rate when using Excore Detector Monitoring System)

(LCO Limits are not needed below 20% thermal power per SE00433)

(See NEOP-13 for Operational Limits)

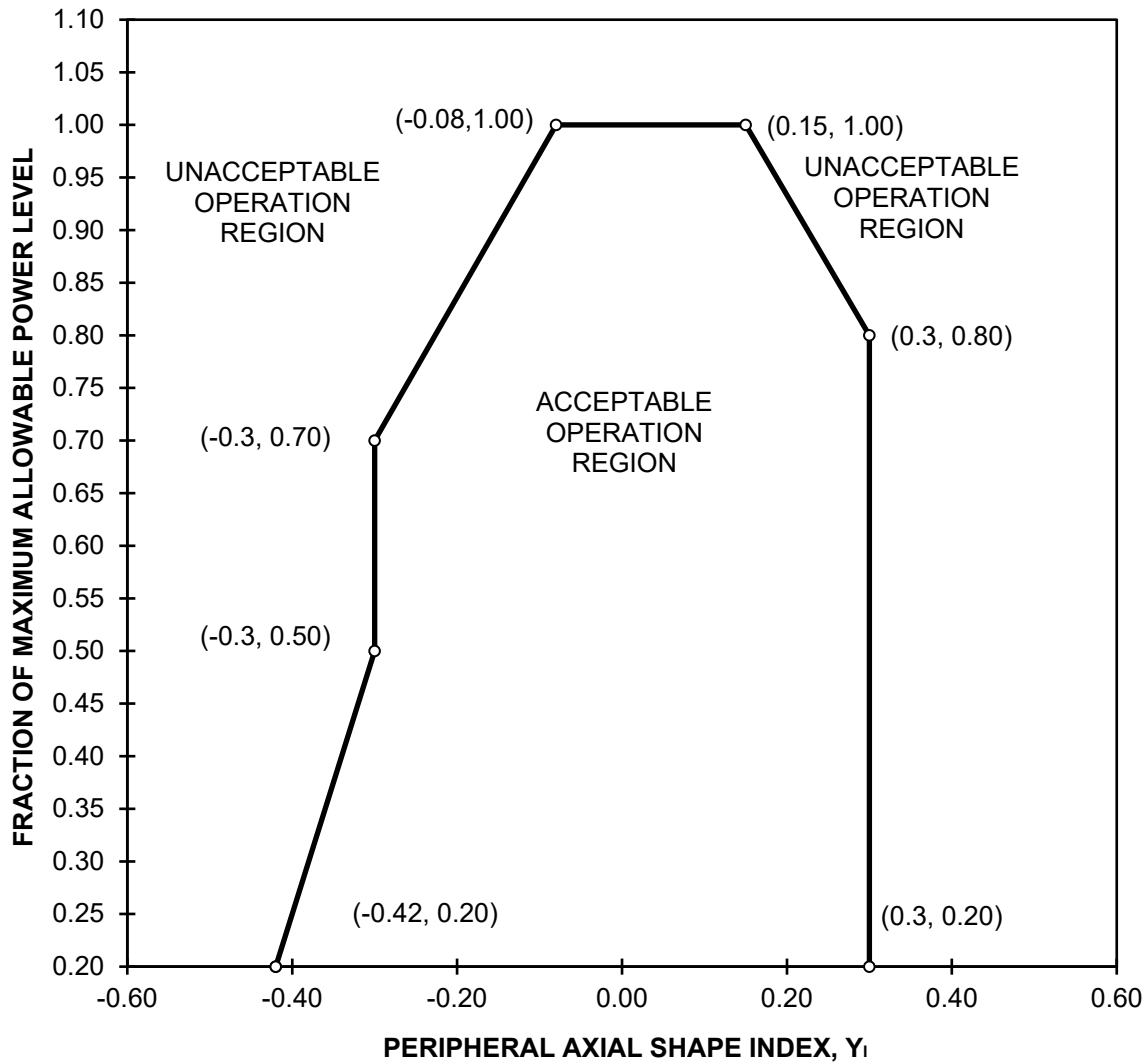


**Figure 3.2.3**

**Total Integrated Radial Peaking Factor ( $F_r^T$ ) vs.  
Allowable Fraction of Rated Thermal Power**

**While operating with  $F_r^T$  greater than 1.65, withdraw CEAs to or above the Long Term Steady State Insertion Limits (Figure 3.1.6)**

This figure cannot be changed without prior NRC approval.



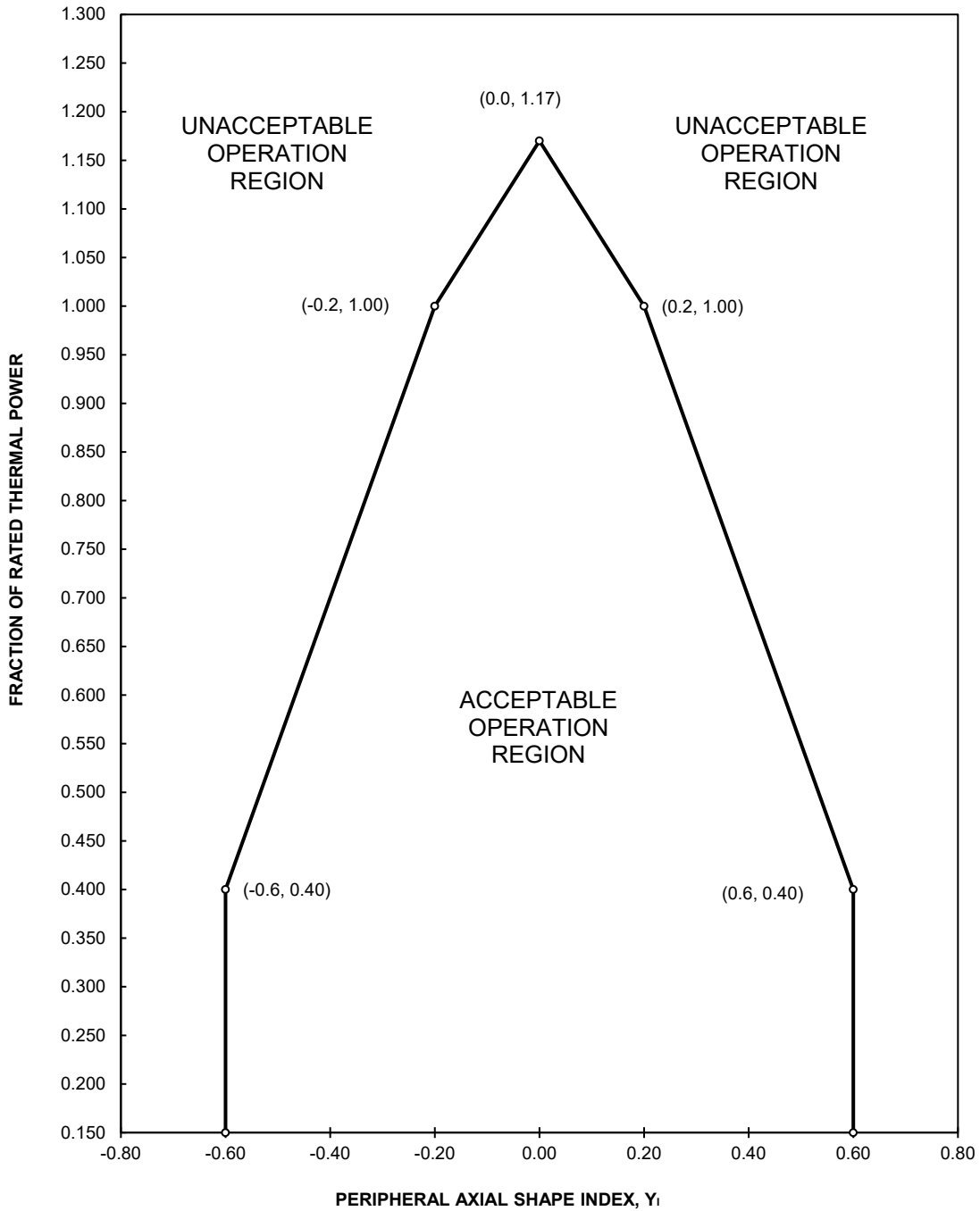
**Figure 3.2.5**

**DNB Axial Flux Offset Control Limits**

(LCO Limits are not needed below 20% thermal power per SE00433)

(See NEOP-13 for Operational Limits)

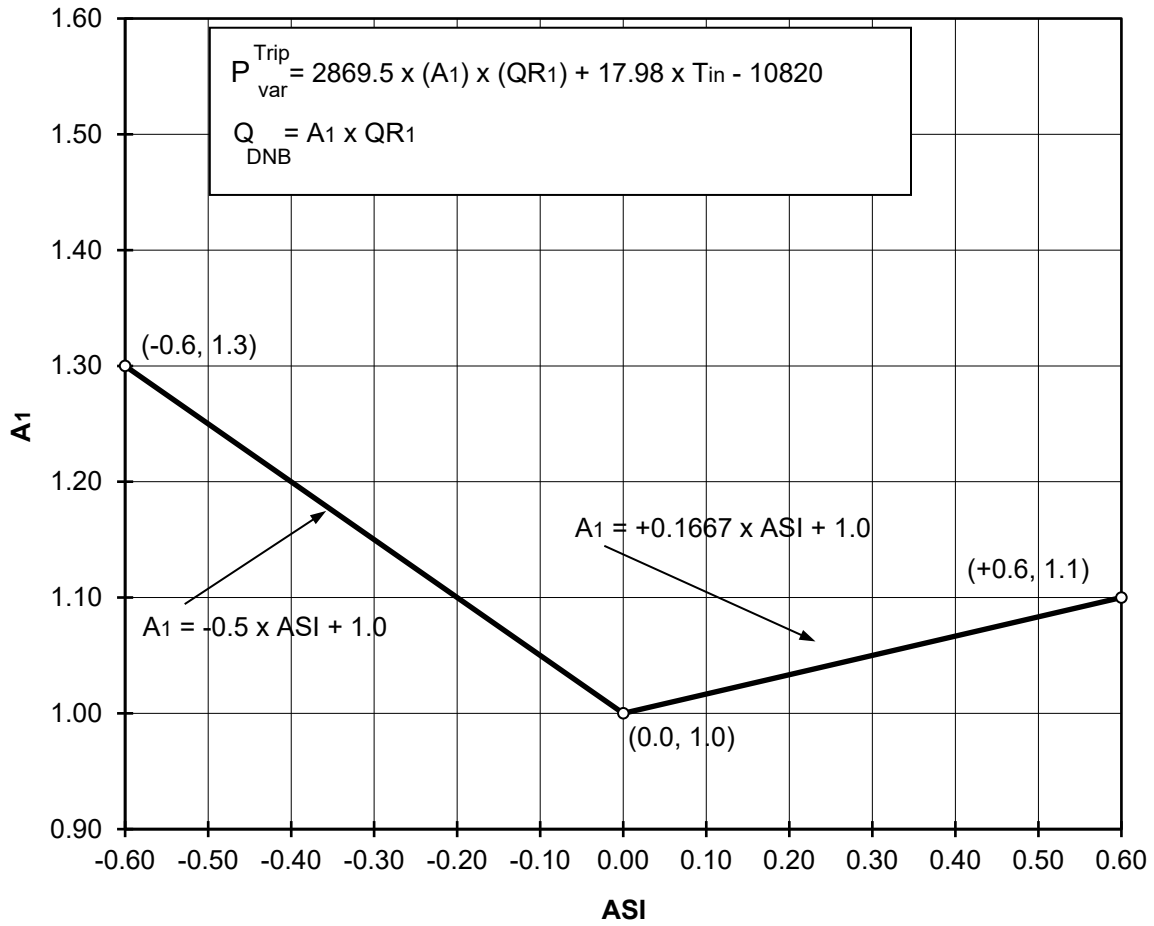
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**Figure 3.3.1-1**

**Axial Power Distribution - High Trip Setpoint  
Peripheral Axial Shape Index vs. Fraction of Rated Thermal Power**





**Figure 3.3.1-2**

**Thermal Margin/Low Pressure Trip Setpoint - Part 1  
(ASI vs. A<sub>1</sub>)**

$$P_{var}^{Trip} = 2869.5 \times (A1) \times (QR1) + 17.98 \times T_{in} - 10820$$

$$Q_{DNB} = A1 \times QR1$$

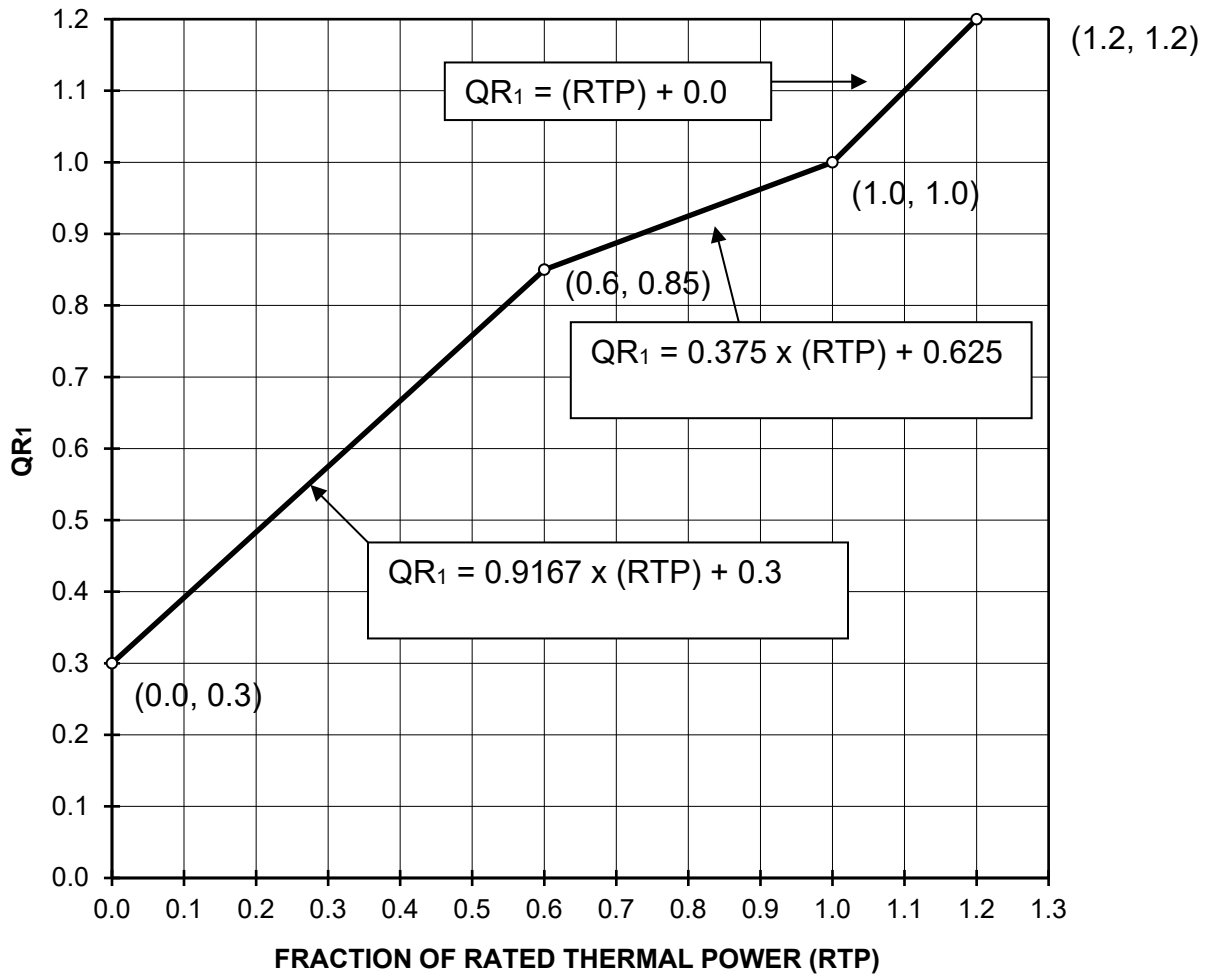


Figure 3.3.1-3

Thermal Margin/Low Pressure Trip Setpoint - Part 2  
(Fraction of Rated Thermal Power vs. QR1)

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