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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Core Operating Limits Report (COLR) for Plant Hatch Unit 1 Cycle 32 is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Technical Specification 5.6.5. The core operating limits presented herein were developed using NRC-approved methods (Reference 1). This reload includes the GNF3 fuel type (Reference 2). Results from the associated reload analyses for the fuel in Unit 1 Cycle 32 are documented in References 3 through 5.

The following core operating limits are included in this report:

- a. Average Planar Linear Heat Generation Rate (APLHGR) – Technical Specification 3.2.1
- b. Minimum Critical Power Ratio (MCPR) – Technical Specification 3.2.2
- c. Linear Heat Generation Rate (LHGR) – Technical Specification 3.2.3

This report also includes limits on the Maximum Fraction of Limiting Critical Power Ratio (MFLCPR) and Maximum Fraction of Limiting Power Density (MFLPD) thermal limit ratios, which may be used in conjunction with the standard core operating limits to allow operation with dome pressure down to 40 psi below nominal.

Related system operability requirements are defined in Table 1-1. Other equipment requirements which must be satisfied for operating limits included in this report to remain applicable are defined in Table 1-2.

Operating limit flexibility options are provided for various equipment in/out of service conditions, dependent on the number of operating recirculation loops, operability of the main turbine bypass system, operability of the End-of-Cycle Recirculation Pump Trip (EOC-RPT) system, status of the main turbine pressure regulator system, status of the moisture separator reheaters, and configuration of High Worth Scram Rods (HWSRs). Plant operational limitations associated with specific equipment in/out of service combinations are defined in Table 1-3.

Operating limits are presented in this report as a function of core power, core flow, average scram time, and exposure. These limits are not a function of feedwater temperature. Cycle exposure intervals used in the presentation of limits in this report are defined in Table 1-4.

Operating limits between tabulated values presented in this report are based on linear interpolation.

**TABLE 1-1**

**System Operability Requirements**

<b>System</b>	<b>Operability Requirement</b>
Main Turbine Bypass System Operable (Technical Specification 3.7.7)	At least two bypass valves must be operable

**TABLE 1-2**  
**Equipment Requirements**

Equipment	Requirement
Recirculation Flow Control System	The maximum achievable core flow on the highest licensed rod line must be limited to less than 107% of rated core flow
Turbine Power/Load Unbalance Trip Logic	When operating at greater than 55% core thermal power, the turbine Power/Load Unbalance (PLU) trip logic must be functional
APRM System	The Oscillation Power Range Monitor (OPRM) Period Based Detection Algorithm (PBDA) amplitude trip setpoint must be set equal to 1.15
High Worth Scram Rod (HWSR)	<p>An individual High Worth Scram Rod must satisfy the following conditions to be valid for thermal operating limit improvements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Correspond to a licensed HWSR pattern, as defined in Figure 3-5.</li> <li>• Control rod is inserted to a licensed HWSR notch location, as defined in Figure 3-5.</li> <li>• All diagonal-adjacent and face-adjacent control rods are fully withdrawn as defined by the Figure 3-5 exclusion regions (Unless explicit analysis is performed by BWR Fuel Engineering to demonstrate thermal limit requirements can still be met)</li> <li>• Control rod scram time is within the scram time requirements specified in Section 3.2, in accordance with Technical Specification Table 3.1.4-1.</li> </ul>
Moisture Separator Reheaters (MSRs)	When operating above 65% core thermal power, if one or more 2nd stage Moisture Separator Reheater is removed from service or the steam flow path to one or more 2nd stage MSR is potentially reduced relative to normal operation, MSR out of service limits must be applied.

**TABLE 1-3**

**Equipment Condition In/Out of Service Limitations**

Condition	Limitation
Single-Loop Operation (SLO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Core power must be <math>\leq</math> 2000 MWth</li> <li>• Core flow must be <math>\leq</math> 55% of rated</li> </ul>
Main Turbine Bypass System Inoperable <u>OR</u> Main Turbine Pressure Regulator System Status in TLCO 3.3.13.c <u>OR</u> Moisture Separator Reheaters Out of Service	Dome pressure must be within +/- 10 psi of nominal, as defined in Figure 5-1
High Worth Scram Rods In Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The core must be operating with a set of four (4) valid High Worth Scram Rods (as defined in Table 1-2)</li> <li>• The Main Turbine Pressure Regulator System Status must be in TLCO 3.3.13.a or TLCO 3.3.13.b</li> <li>• Moisture Separator Reheaters must be In Service</li> </ul>
Main Turbine Pressure Regulator System Status in TLCO 3.3.13.c <u>OR</u> Moisture Separator Reheaters Out of Service	High Worth Scram Rods In Service core operating limits are <u>NOT</u> applicable

**TABLE 1-4**  
**Exposure Definitions**

Exposure Label	Definition	Cycle Exposure
BOC	Beginning of Cycle Exposure	0 MWd/ST
MOC1	First Middle of Cycle Exposure	EOR - 5500 MWd/ST
MOC2	Second Middle of Cycle Exposure	EOR - 4000 MWd/ST
EOR	End of Rated Exposure	Projected exposure at end of rated power with all control rods out, rated core flow, and rated feedwater temperature
EOC	End of Cycle Exposure	Exposure at cycle shutdown

## **2.0 APLHGR OPERATING LIMITS (Technical Specification 3.2.1)**

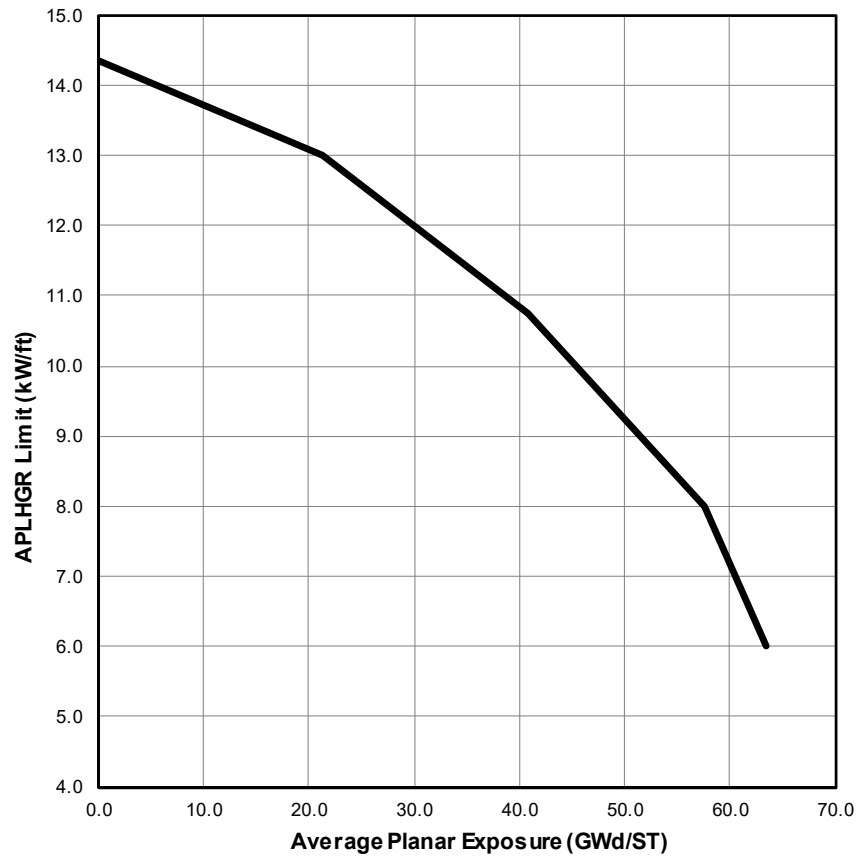
For both two loop operation (TLO) and single loop operation (SLO), the APLHGR operating limit for each six inch axial segment of each fuel assembly in the core is the APLHGR limit defined in Figure 2-1.

No flow dependent or power dependent APLHGR limit multipliers ( $MAPFAC_F$  or  $MAPFAC_P$ ) are required. For SLO, no unique limit on  $MAPFAC_F$  or  $MAPFAC_P$  is required.

These limits apply to operation over the full range of licensed dome pressure regions shown in Figure 5-1.



Average Planar Exposure (GWd/ST)	APLHGR Limit (kW/ft)
0.00	14.36
21.22	13.01
40.82	10.75
57.60	8.00
63.50	6.00



**FIGURE 2-1**

**APLHGR Limits versus Average Planar Exposure**

### 3.0 MCPR OPERATING LIMITS (Technical Specification 3.2.2)

The MCPR operating limit (OLMCPR) for each licensed equipment in or out of service operating flexibility combination is a function of core power, core flow, average scram time, and cycle exposure.

The cycle-specific MCPR safety limits (SLMCPRs) are specified in Table 3-1.

For both two loop operation (TLO) and single loop operation (SLO), the OLMCPR is determined as follows:

- a. For  $24\% \leq \text{core power} \leq 28\%$ , the greater of either:
  - 1) The flow-dependent MCPR limit,  $\text{MCPR}_F$ , as determined by Figure 3-1,  
OR
  - 2) The power-dependent MCPR limit,  $\text{MCPR}_P$ , as determined by Table 3-2.
- b. For core power  $> 28\%$ , the greater of either:
  - 1)  $\text{MCPR}_F$ , as determined by Figure 3-1,  
OR
  - 2) The product of the power-dependent MCPR limit multiplier ( $K_P$ ), as determined by Table 3-3, and the scram-time dependent rated-power OLMCPR, as determined by Table 3-4.

The scram-time dependent value of  $\tau$  used to determine the rated-power OLMCPR is calculated in accordance with Section 3.1. For High Worth Scram Rods In Service operation, Section 3.2 is also applicable to determine the value of  $\tau$ .

Limits for operation with High Worth Scram Rods In Service apply to operation with four valid individual High Worth Scram Rods (HWSRs), as defined in Table 1-3. The licensed sets of HWSRs are defined in the Figure 3-5 series. Individual credited HWSRs must meet the equipment requirements defined in Table 1-2 to be considered valid for thermal operating limit credit. During transition between the two HWSR sets defined in Figure 3-5, it is acceptable to continue to credit thermal limits for High Worth Scram Rods In Service, provided that a minimum of four HWSRs from either of these two sets remain in service at all times.

The limits presented in this section apply to operation with vessel dome pressure within +/- 10 psi of nominal pressure, as defined by the Region I pressure band shown in Figure 5-1. With Standard Equipment In Service, with the EOC-RPT System Inoperable, and/or with High Worth Scram Rods In Service, operation with vessel dome pressure down to 40 psi below nominal is licensed provided the additional restrictions identified in Section 5.0 are applied with the OLMCPR defined in this section.

### 3.1 AVERAGE SCRAM TIME REQUIREMENTS

In the 3-4A and 3-4B figures, Option A scram time rated-power OLMCPRs correspond to  $\tau = 1.0$ , where  $\tau$  is determined from scram time measurements performed in accordance with Technical Specifications Surveillance Requirements 3.1.4.1 and 3.1.4.2. Option B values correspond to  $\tau = 0.0$ . For scram times between Option A and Option B, the rated-power OLMCPR is linearly dependent on  $\tau$ . If  $\tau$  has not been determined, Option A limits must be used.

The average scram time of the control rods,  $\tau$ , is defined as:

$$\tau = 0, \quad \text{OR} \quad \frac{\tau_{\text{ave}} - \tau_B}{\tau_A - \tau_B}, \text{ whichever is greater.}$$

where:  $\tau_A = 1.08$  sec (Technical Specification 3.1.4, Table 3.1.4-1, scram time limit to notch 36).

$$\tau_B = \mu + 1.65 * \sigma * \left[ \frac{N_1}{\sum_{i=1}^n N_i} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

where:  $\mu = 0.822$  sec (mean scram time to notch 36 used in the transient analysis).

$\sigma = 0.018$  sec (standard deviation of  $\mu$ ).

$N_1 =$  total number of active rods measured in Technical Specifications Surveillance Requirement 3.1.4.1.

$n =$  number of surveillance tests performed to date in the cycle.

$N_i =$  number of active control rods measured in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  surveillance test.

$$\tau_{\text{ave}} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n N_i \tau_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n N_i}$$

where:  $\tau_i =$  average scram time to notch 36 of all rods in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  surveillance test.

### 3.2 HIGH WORTH SCRAM ROD SCRAM TIME REQUIREMENTS

For High Worth Scram Rods In Service operation, the value of  $\tau$  used to determine the MCPR limit is the greater of either:

- a. The average scram time of the control rods,  $\tau$ , as defined in Section 3.1,

OR

- b. The maximum of the individually calculated values of  $\tau$  for the credited High Worth Scram Rods.

If individually calculated values of  $\tau$  for all credited High Worth Scram Rods have not been determined, then non-HWSR limits must be used.

The value of  $\tau$  for an individual High Worth Scram Rod is defined as:

$$\tau = 0, \quad \text{OR} \quad \frac{\tau_{\text{HWSR}} - \tau_{\text{B}}}{\tau_{\text{A}} - \tau_{\text{B}}}, \text{ whichever is greater.}$$

where:  $\tau_{\text{A}}$  = as defined in Section 3.1.

$\tau_{\text{B}}$  = as defined in Section 3.1.

$\tau_{\text{HWSR}}$  = most recent measurement of the individual rod scram time from notch 48 to notch 36 (in seconds).

**TABLE 3-1**

**Cycle Specific MCPR Safety Limit**

Two Loop Operation	Single Loop Operation
1.07	1.09

**TABLE 3-2**

**Power-Dependent MCPR Limit (MCPR<sub>P</sub>) Operating Flexibility Options  
(for Core Power ≤ 28% of Rated)**

Equipment In/Out of Service	Figure #
<u>Main Turbine Bypass System Operable</u>	
Yes	3-2A
No	3-2B

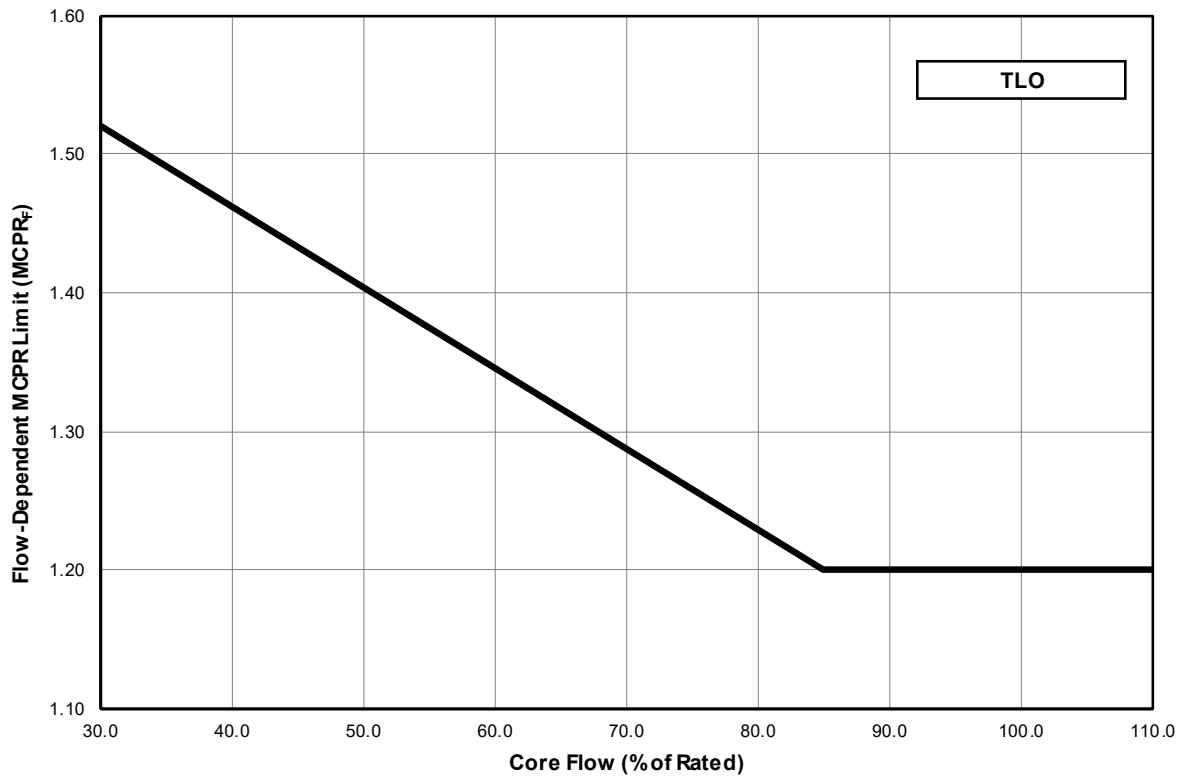
**TABLE 3-3**

**Power-Dependent MCPR Limit Multiplier ( $K_P$ ) Operating Flexibility Options  
(for Core Power > 28% of Rated)**

Equipment In/Out of Service		Figure #
<u>Main Turbine Pressure Regulator System Status in TLCO 3.3.13.a or TLCO 3.3.13.b</u>	<u>AND</u> <u>Moisture Separator Reheaters In Service</u>	
	Yes	3-3A
	No	3-3B

**TABLE 3-4**  
**Rated-Power OLMCPR Operating Flexibility Options**

Equipment In/Out of Service		Figure #	
		<u>TLO</u>	<u>SLO</u>
Standard Equipment In Service		3-4A-1	3-4B-1
Main Turbine Bypass System Inoperable		3-4A-2	3-4B-2
EOC-RPT System Inoperable		3-4A-3	3-4B-3
Main Turbine Bypass System Inoperable	<u>AND</u> EOC-RPT System Inoperable	3-4A-4	3-4B-4
Main Turbine Pressure Regulator System Status in TLCO 3.3.13.c	<u>AND/OR</u> Moisture Separator Reheaters Out of Service	3-4A-5	3-4B-5
Main Turbine Pressure Regulator System Status in TLCO 3.3.13.c	Main Turbine Bypass System Inoperable	3-4A-6	3-4B-6
	EOC-RPT System Inoperable	3-4A-7	3-4B-7
<u>AND/OR</u> Moisture Separator Reheaters Out of Service	<u>AND</u> Main Turbine Bypass System Inoperable <u>AND</u> EOC-RPT System Inoperable	3-4A-8	3-4B-8
High Worth Scram Rods In Service		3-4A-9	3-4B-9
High Worth Scram Rods In Service	Main Turbine Bypass System Inoperable	3-4A-10	3-4B-10
	EOC-RPT System Inoperable	3-4A-11	3-4B-11
	<u>AND</u> Main Turbine Bypass System Inoperable <u>AND</u> EOC-RPT System Inoperable	3-4A-12	3-4B-12



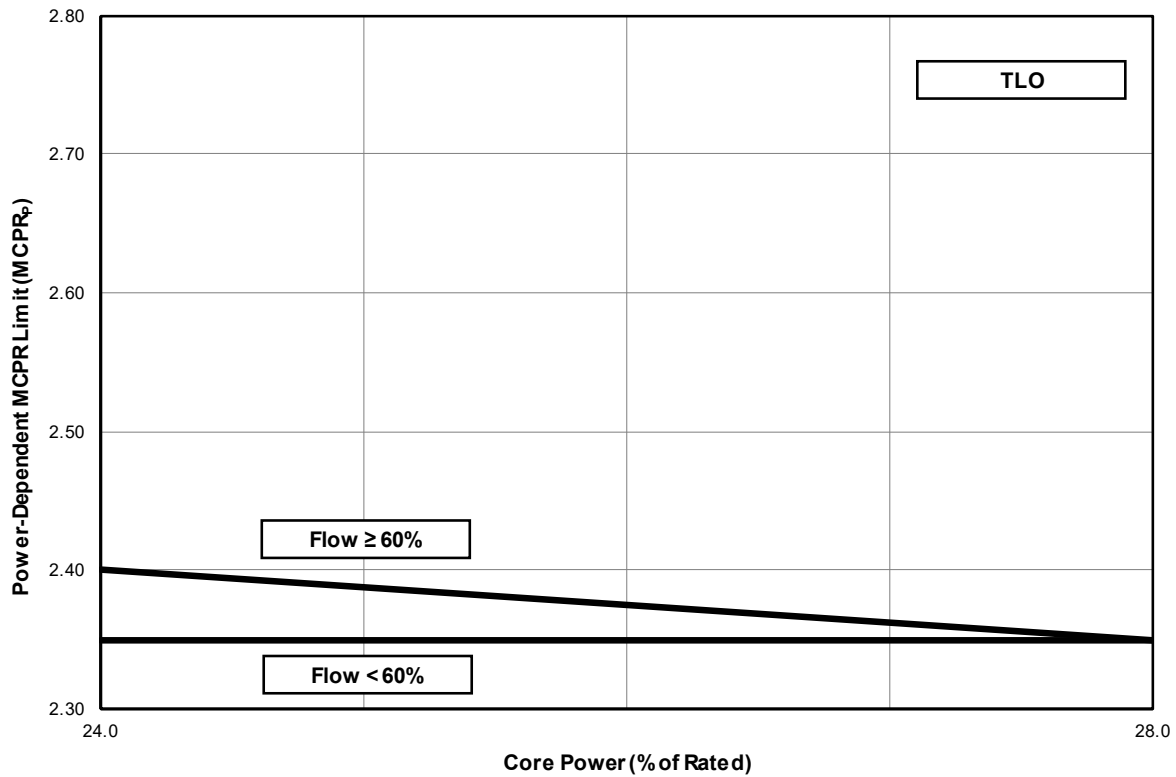
Flow (% of Rated)	MCPR <sub>F</sub> (TLO)
30.0	1.52
85.0	1.20
110.0	1.20

$$\text{MCPR}_F(\text{SLO}) = \text{MCPR}_F(\text{TLO}) + 0.03$$

FIGURE 3-1

Flow-Dependent MCPR Limit (MCPR<sub>F</sub>) versus Core Flow



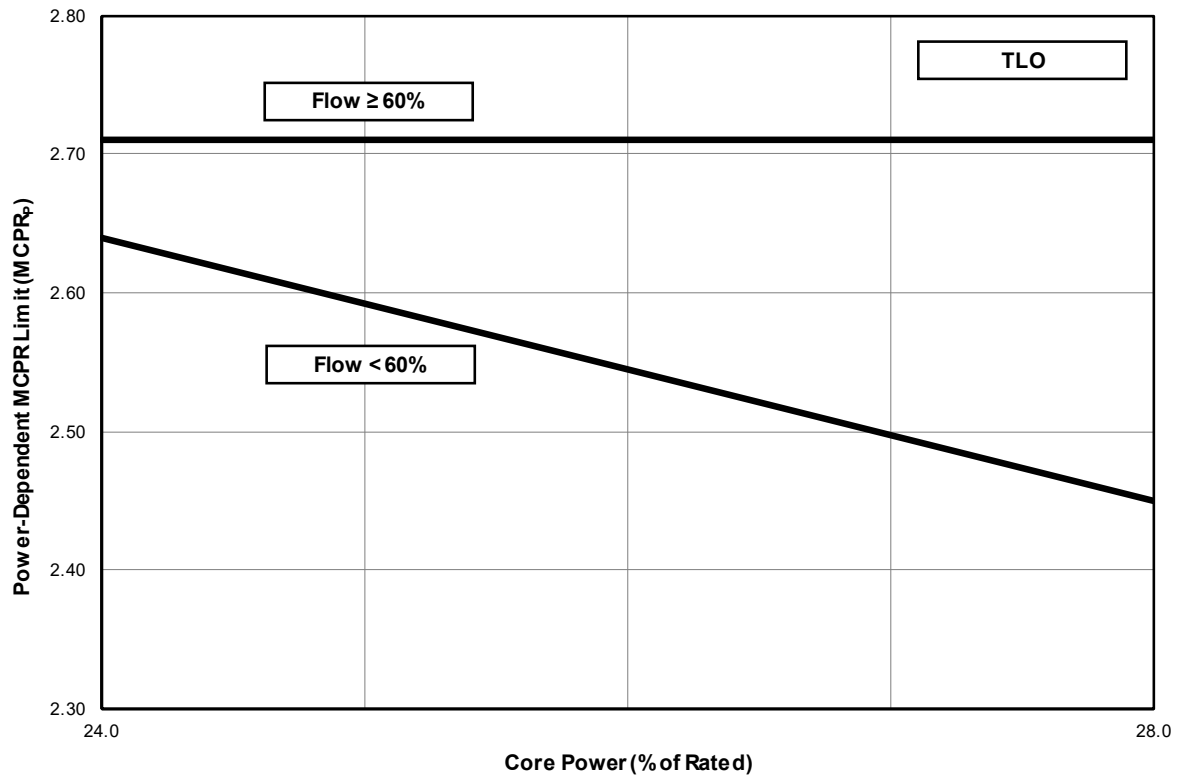


Flow (% of Rated)	Power (% of Rated)	MCPR <sub>p</sub> (TLO)
≥ 60.0	24.0	2.40
	≤ 28.0	2.35
< 60.0	24.0	2.35
	≤ 28.0	2.35

$$MCPR_p(SLO) = MCPR_p(TLO) + 0.03$$

FIGURE 3-2A

Power-Dependent MCPR Limit (MCPR<sub>p</sub>) versus Core Power

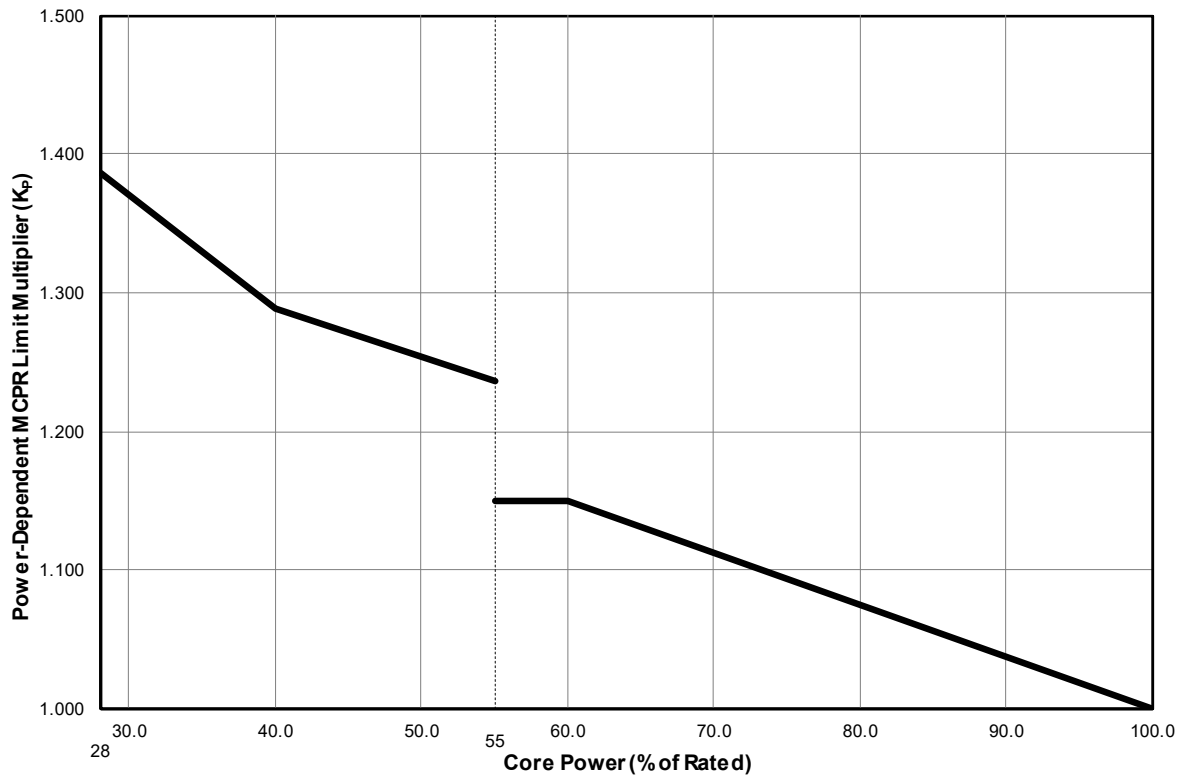


Flow (% of Rated)	Power (% of Rated)	MCPR <sub>p</sub> (TLO)
≥ 60.0	24.0	2.71
	≤ 28.0	2.71
< 60.0	24.0	2.64
	≤ 28.0	2.45

$$MCPR_p(SLO) = MCPR_p(TLO) + 0.03$$

FIGURE 3-2B

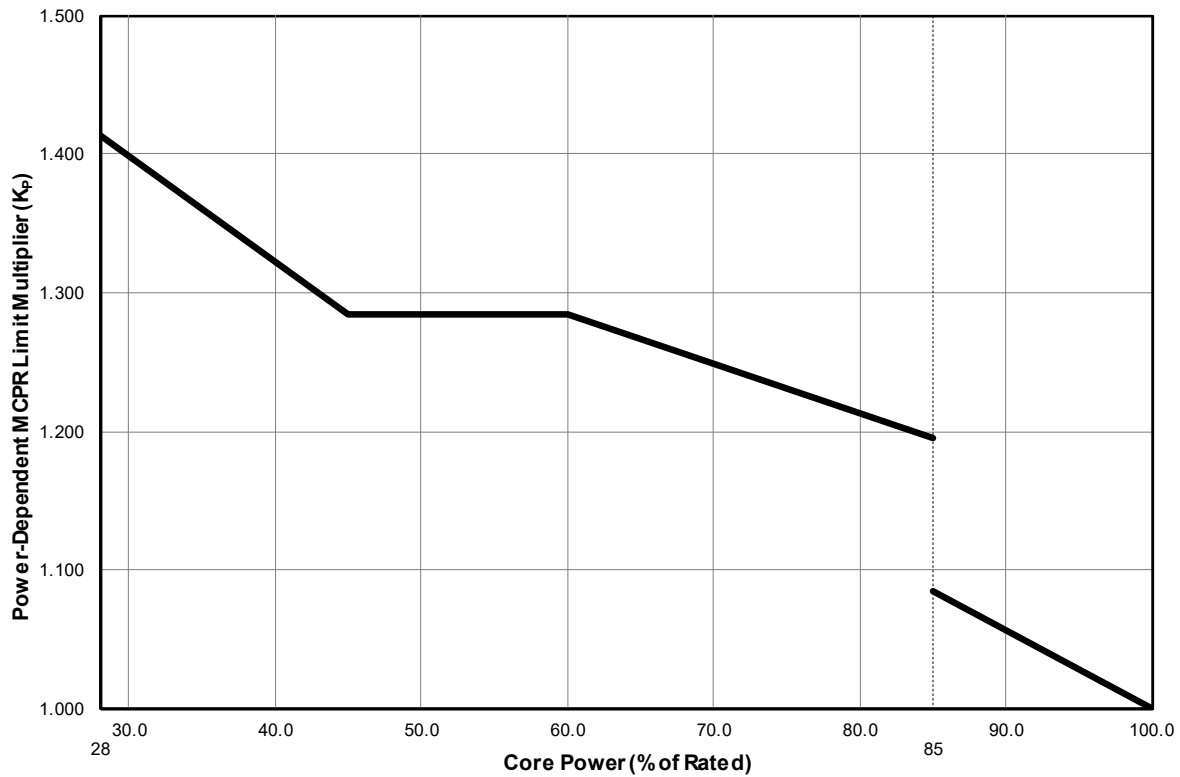
**Power-Dependent MCPR Limit (MCPR<sub>p</sub>) versus Core Power  
(Main Turbine Bypass System Inoperable)**



Power (% of Rated)	K <sub>P</sub> (TLO/SLO)
> 28.0	1.386
40.0	1.289
≤ 55.0	1.236
> 55.0	1.150
60.0	1.150
100.0	1.000

FIGURE 3-3A

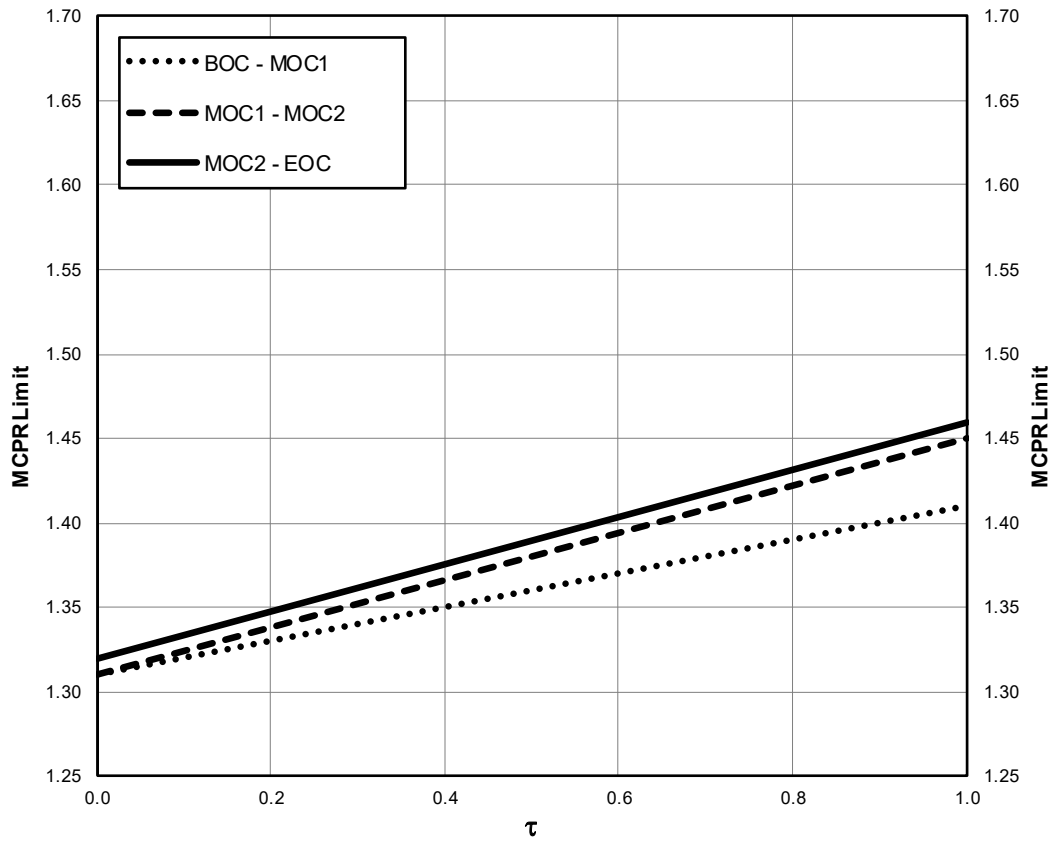
Power-Dependent MCPRLimit Multiplier (K<sub>P</sub>) versus Core Power



Power (% of Rated)	K <sub>P</sub> (TLO/SLO)
> 28.0	1.413
45.0	1.285
60.0	1.285
≤ 85.0	1.196
> 85.0	1.085
100.0	1.000

**FIGURE 3-3B**

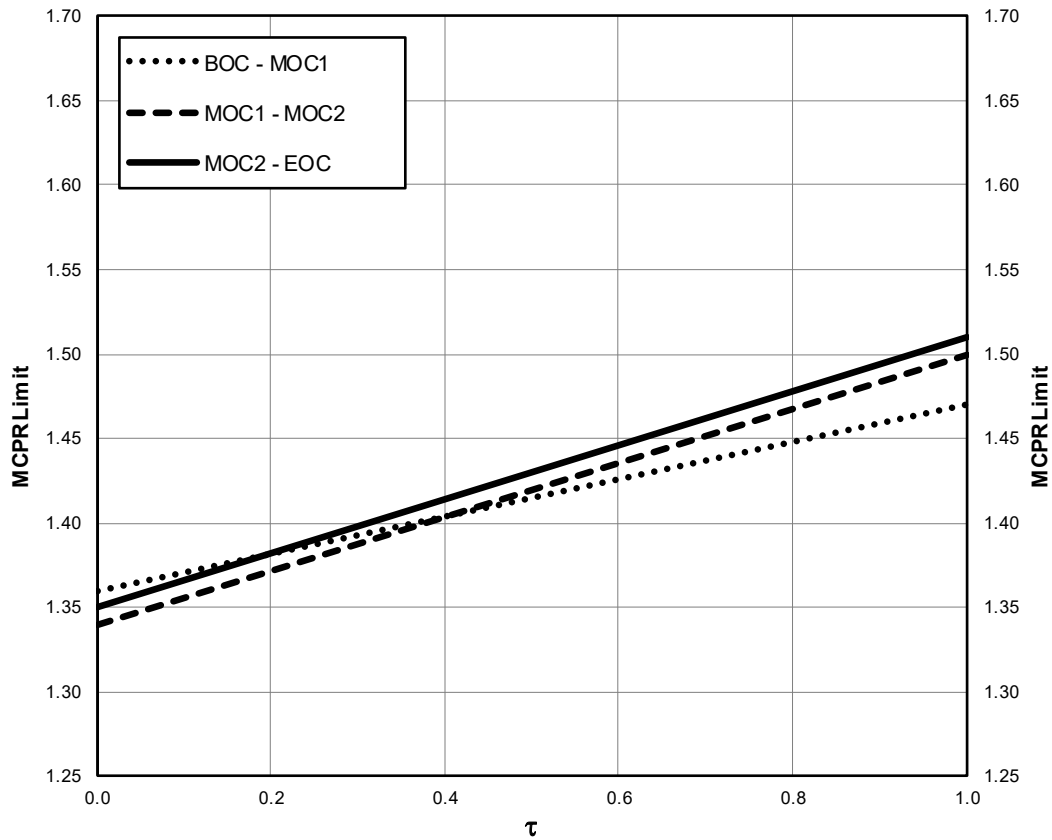
**Power-Dependent MCPRLimit Multiplier (K<sub>P</sub>) versus Core Power**  
*(Main Turbine Pressure Regulator System Status in TLCO 3.3.13.c  
AND/OR Moisture Separator Reheaters Out of Service)*



Exposure Range	Rated OLMCPR <sub>(TLO)</sub>	
	$\tau = 0.0$	$\tau = 1.0$
BOC - MOC1	1.31	1.41
MOC1 - MOC2	1.31	1.45
MOC2 - EOC	1.32	1.46

FIGURE 3-4A-1

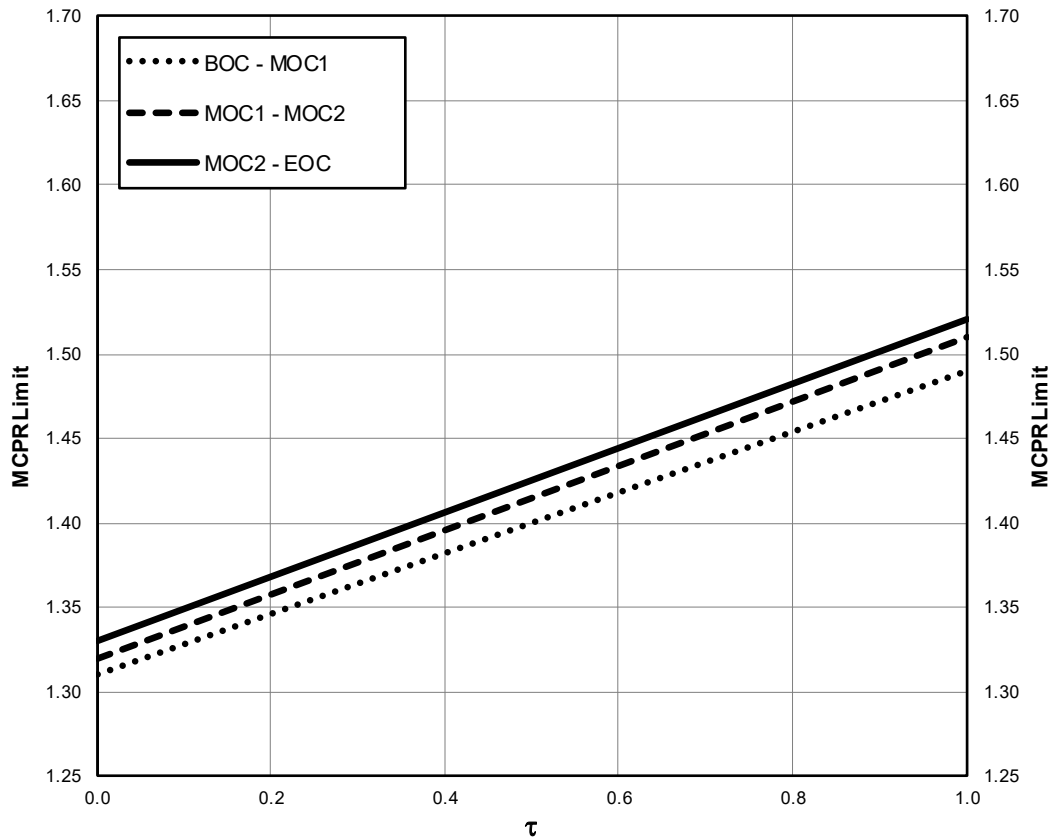
Rated-Power TLO MCPRLimits versus Average SCRAM Time



Exposure Range	Rated OLMCPR <sub>(TLO)</sub>	
	$\tau = 0.0$	$\tau = 1.0$
BOC - MOC1	1.36	1.47
MOC1 - MOC2	1.34	1.50
MOC2 - EOC	1.35	1.51

FIGURE 3-4A-2

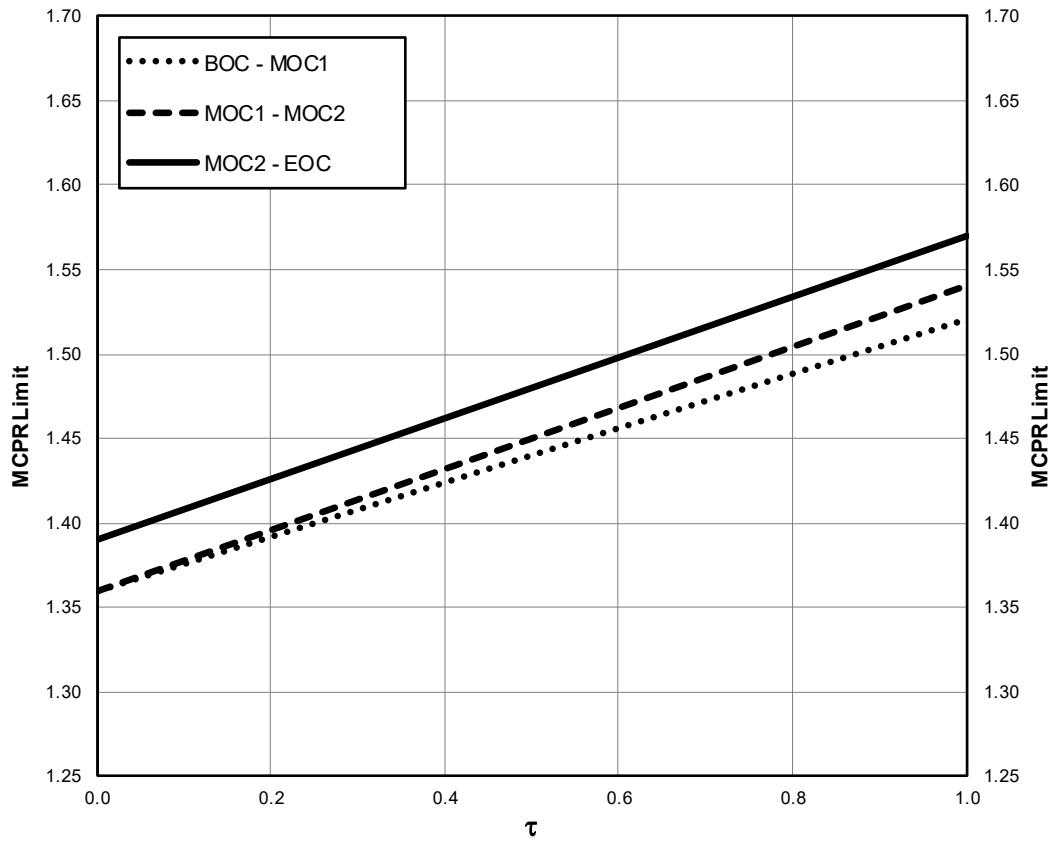
**Rated-Power TLO MCPRLimits versus Average SCRAM Time  
(Main Turbine Bypass System Inoperable)**



Exposure Range	Rated OLMCPR <sub>(TLO)</sub>	
	$\tau = 0.0$	$\tau = 1.0$
BOC - MOC1	1.31	1.49
MOC1 - MOC2	1.32	1.51
MOC2 - EOC	1.33	1.52

**FIGURE 3-4A-3**

**Rated-Power TLO MCPRLimits versus Average SCRAM Time  
(EOC-RPT System Inoperable)**

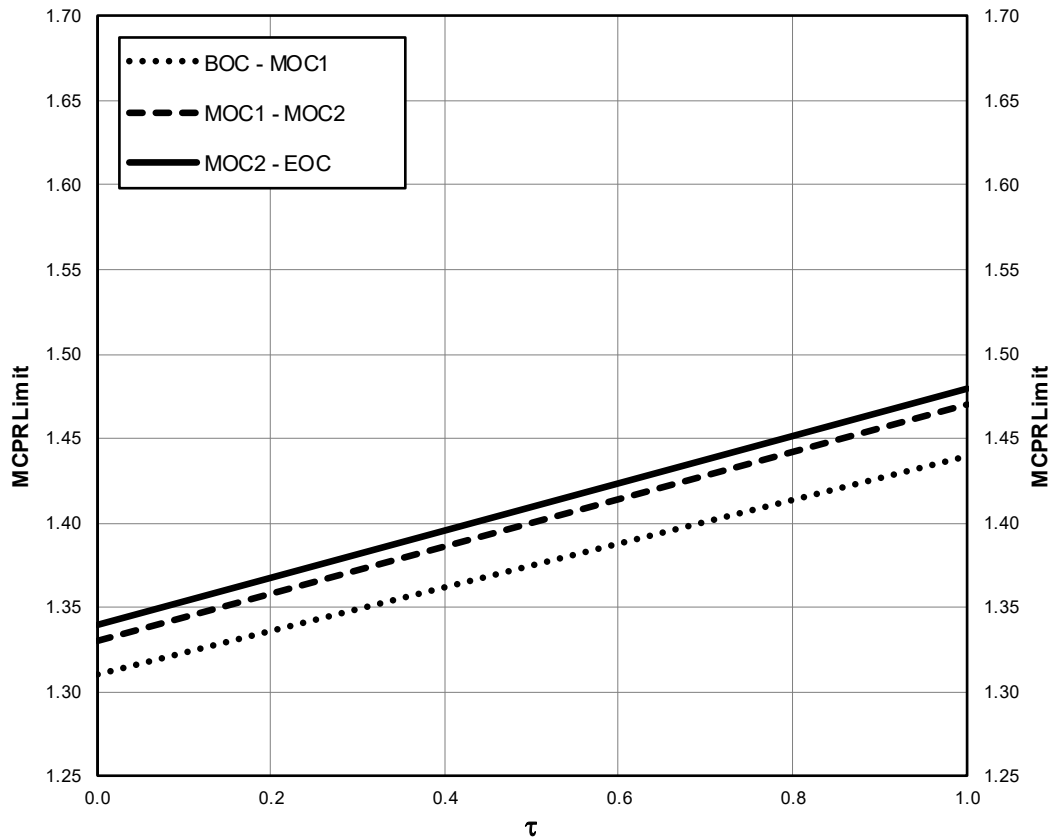


Exposure Range	Rated OLMCPR <sub>(TLO)</sub>	
	$\tau = 0.0$	$\tau = 1.0$
BOC - MOC1	1.36	1.52
MOC1 - MOC2	1.36	1.54
MOC2 - EOC	1.39	1.57

**FIGURE 3-4A-4**

**Rated-Power TLO MCPRLimits versus Average SCRAM Time  
(Main Turbine Bypass System Inoperable  
& EOC-RPT System Inoperable)**

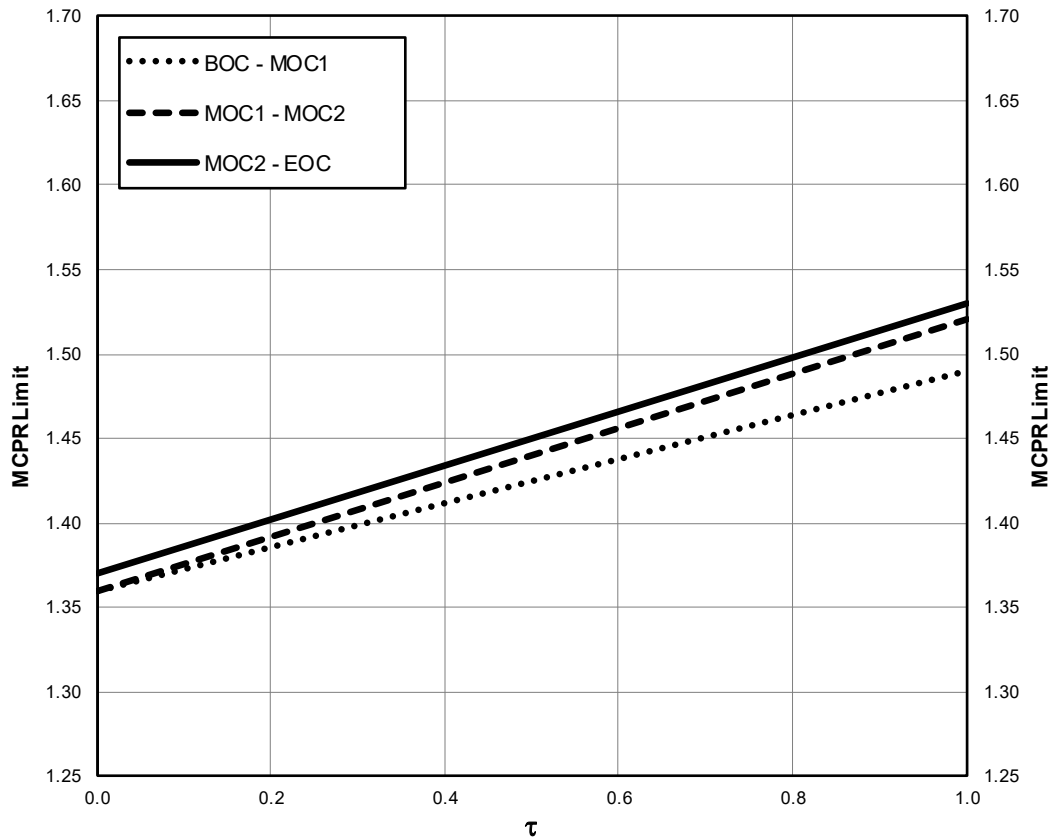




Exposure Range	Rated OLMCPR <sub>(TLO)</sub>	
	$\tau = 0.0$	$\tau = 1.0$
BOC - MOC1	1.31	1.44
MOC1 - MOC2	1.33	1.47
MOC2 - EOC	1.34	1.48

**FIGURE 3-4A-5**

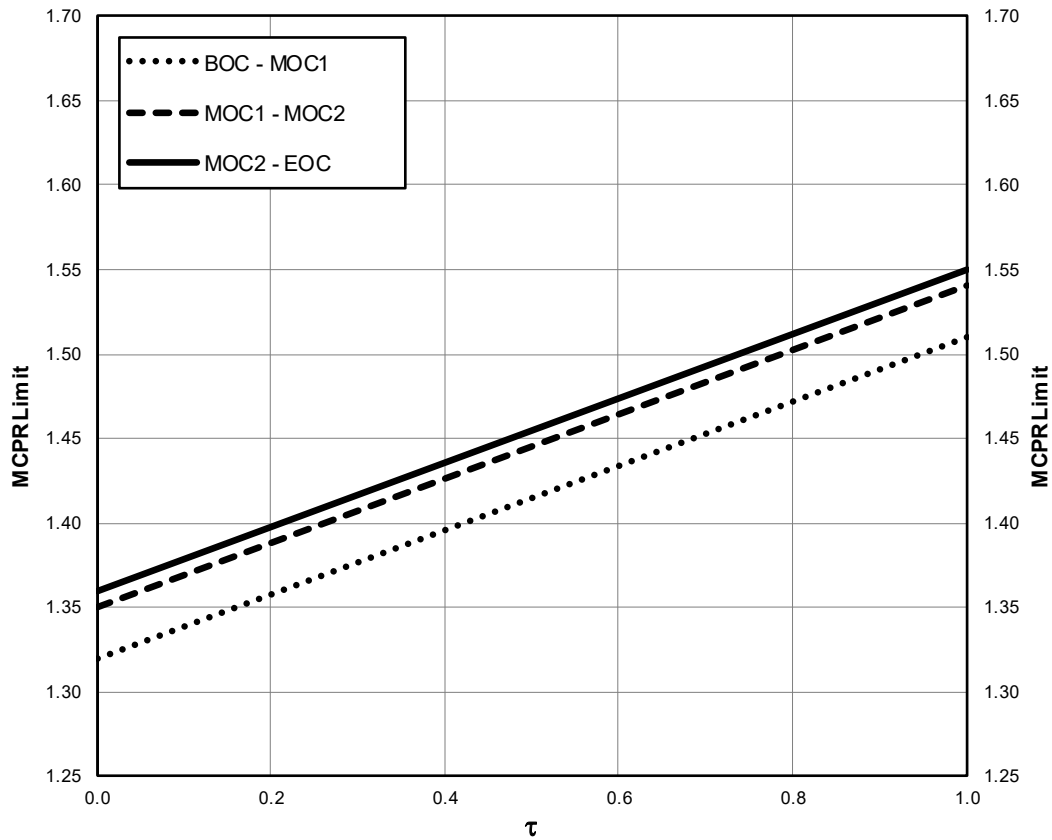
**Rated-Power TLO MCPRLimits versus Average SCRAM Time  
(Main Turbine Pressure Regulator System Status in TLCO 3.3.13.c  
AND/OR Moisture Separator Reheaters Out of Service)**



Exposure Range	Rated OLMCPR <sub>(TLO)</sub>	
	$\tau = 0.0$	$\tau = 1.0$
BOC - MOC1	1.36	1.49
MOC1 - MOC2	1.36	1.52
MOC2 - EOC	1.37	1.53

**FIGURE 3-4A-6**

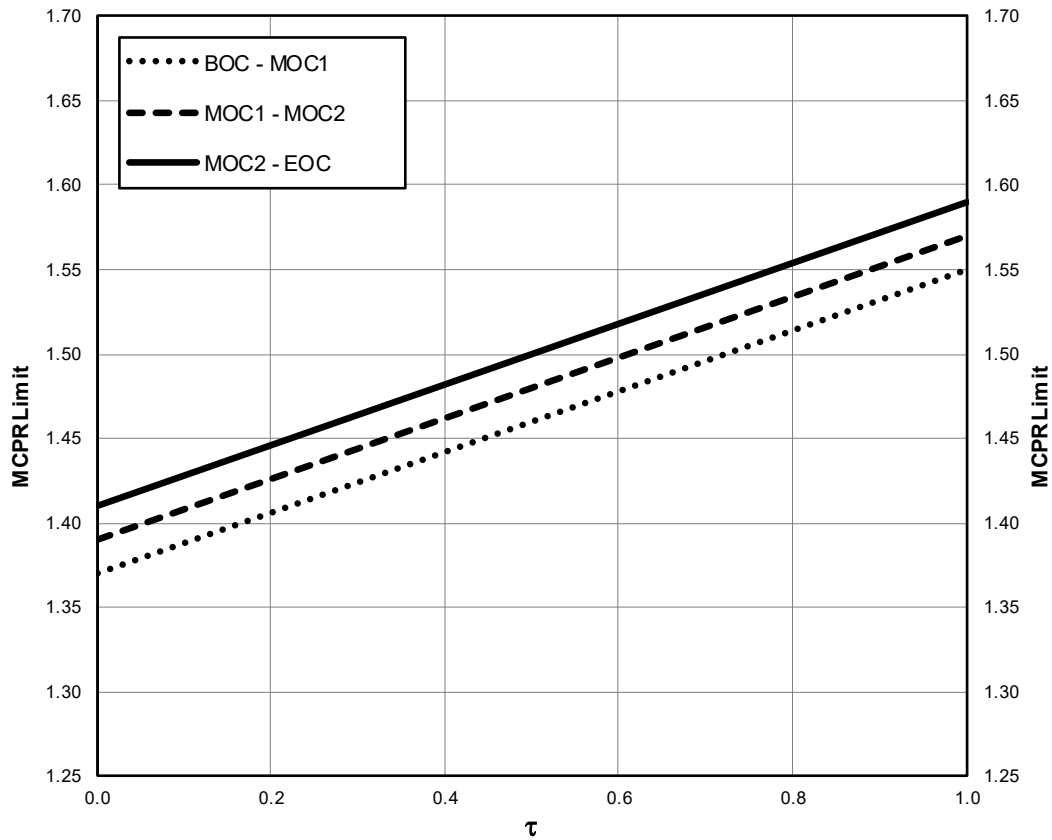
**Rated-Power TLO MCPRLimits versus Average SCRAM Time  
(Main Turbine Pressure Regulator System Status in TLCO 3.3.13.c  
AND/OR Moisture Separator Reheaters Out of Service  
& Main Turbine Bypass System Inoperable)**



Exposure Range	Rated OLMCPR <sub>(TLO)</sub>	
	$\tau = 0.0$	$\tau = 1.0$
BOC - MOC1	1.32	1.51
MOC1 - MOC2	1.35	1.54
MOC2 - EOC	1.36	1.55

**FIGURE 3-4A-7**

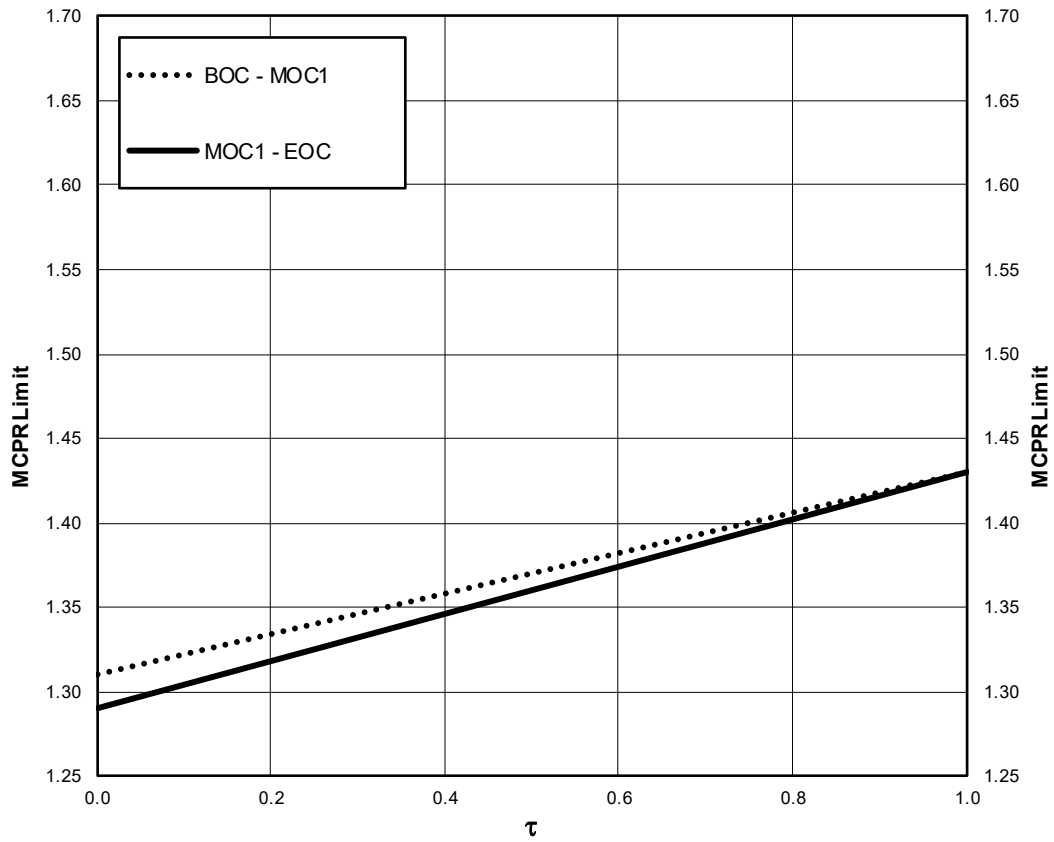
**Rated-Power TLO MCPRLimits versus Average SCRAM Time  
(Main Turbine Pressure Regulator System Status in TLCO 3.3.13.c  
AND/OR Moisture Separator Reheaters Out of Service  
& EOC-RPT System Inoperable)**



Exposure Range	Rated OLMCPR <sub>(TLO)</sub>	
	$\tau = 0.0$	$\tau = 1.0$
BOC - MOC1	1.37	1.55
MOC1 - MOC2	1.39	1.57
MOC2 - EOC	1.41	1.59

**FIGURE 3-4A-8**

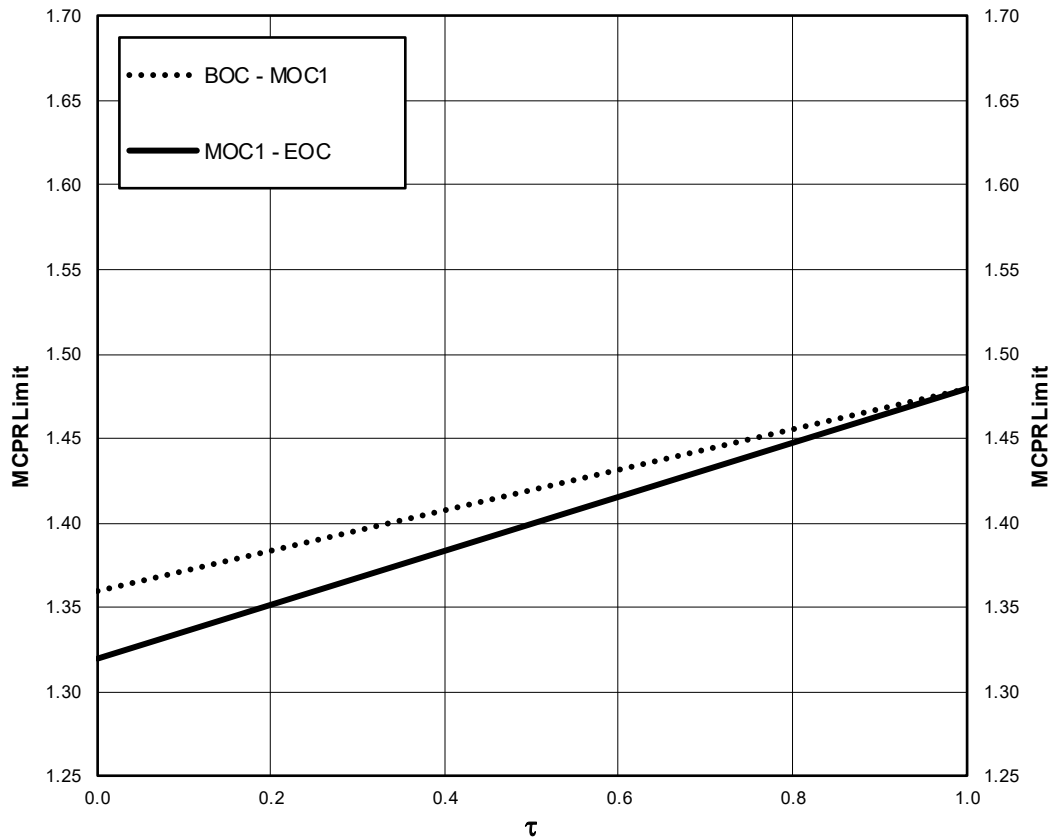
**Rated-Power TLO MCPRLimits versus Average SCRAM Time  
(Main Turbine Pressure Regulator System Status in TLCO 3.3.13.c  
AND/OR Moisture Separator Reheaters Out of Service  
& Main Turbine Bypass System Inoperable  
& EOC-RPT System Inoperable)**



Exposure Range	Rated OLMCPR <sub>(TLO)</sub>	
	$\tau = 0.0$	$\tau = 1.0$
BOC - MOC1	1.31	1.43
MOC1 - EOC	1.29	1.43

FIGURE 3-4A-9

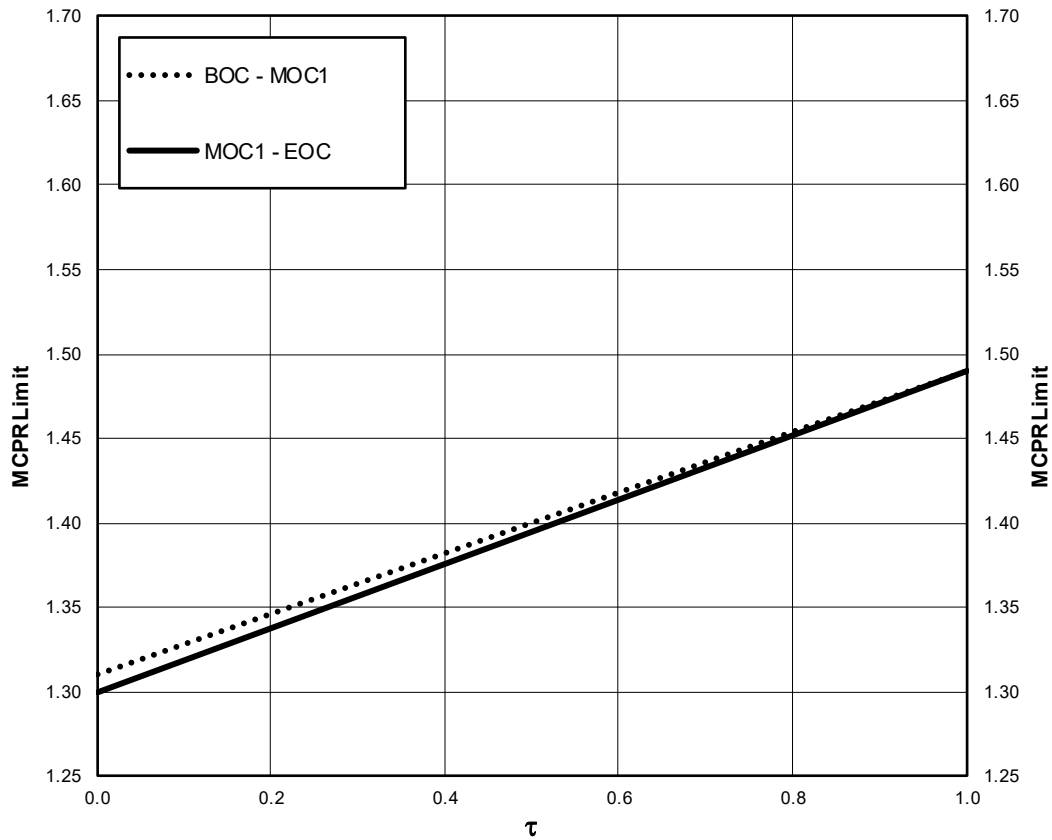
**Rated-Power TLO MCPRLimits versus Average SCRAM Time  
(High Worth Scram Rods In Service)**



Exposure Range	Rated OLMCPR <sub>(TLO)</sub>	
	$\tau = 0.0$	$\tau = 1.0$
BOC - MOC1	1.36	1.48
MOC1 - EOC	1.32	1.48

FIGURE 3-4A-10

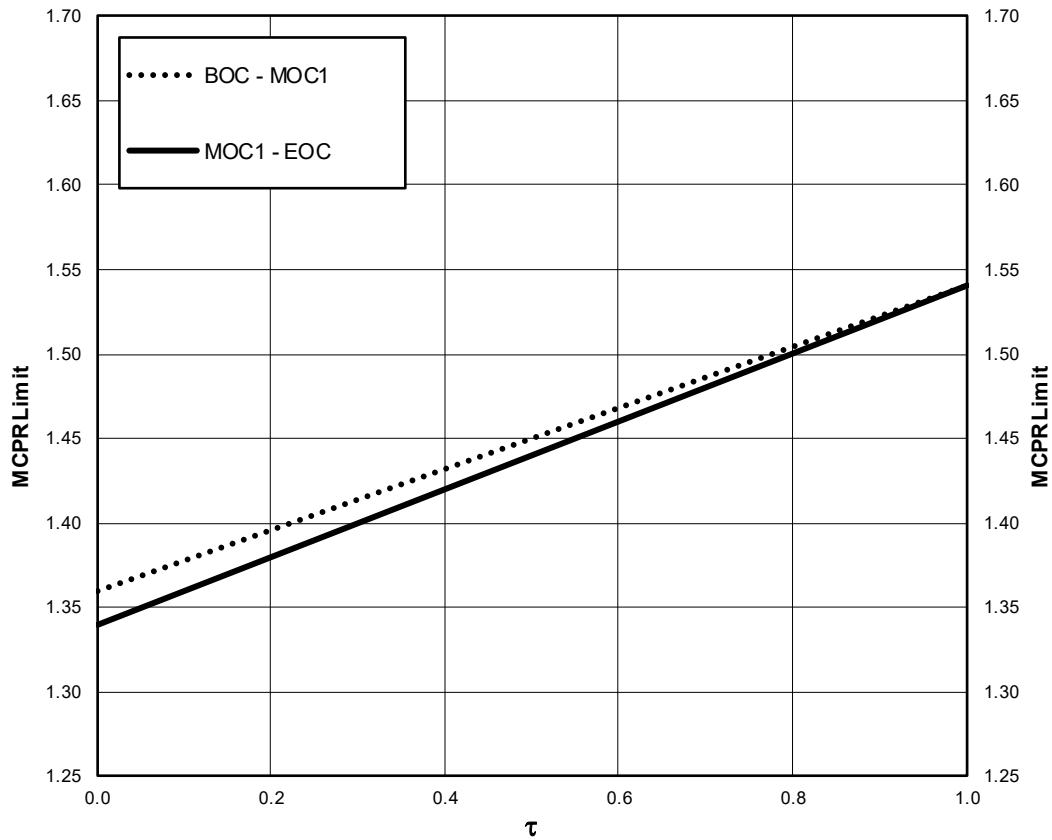
**Rated-Power TLO MCPRLimits versus Average SCRAM Time**  
*(High Worth Scram Rods In Service  
 & Main Turbine Bypass System Inoperable)*



Exposure Range	Rated OLMCPR <sub>(TLO)</sub>	
	$\tau = 0.0$	$\tau = 1.0$
BOC - MOC1	1.31	1.49
MOC1 - EOC	1.30	1.49

FIGURE 3-4A-11

**Rated-Power TLO MCPRLimits versus Average SCRAM Time**  
*(High Worth Scram Rods In Service  
 & EOC-RPT System Inoperable)*

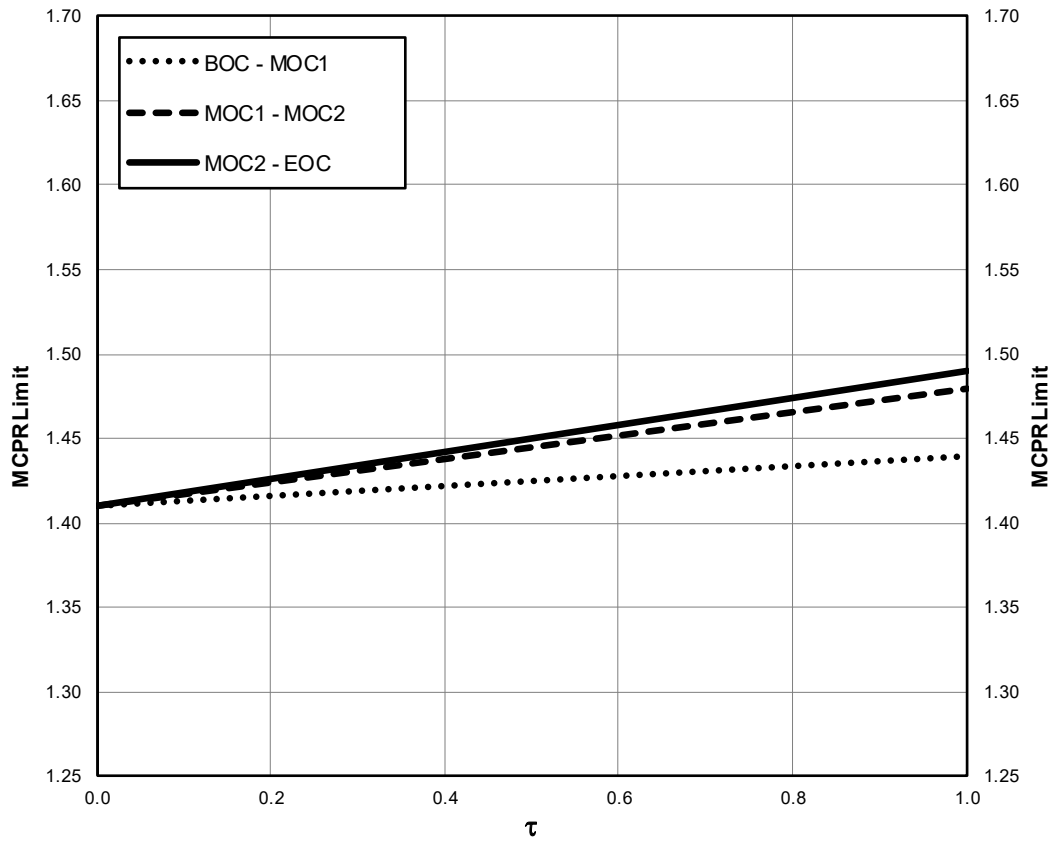


Exposure Range	Rated OLMCPR <sub>(TLO)</sub>	
	$\tau = 0.0$	$\tau = 1.0$
BOC - MOC1	1.36	1.54
MOC1 - EOC	1.34	1.54

FIGURE 3-4A-12

**Rated-Power TLO MCPR Limits versus Average SCRAM Time**  
*(High Worth Scram Rods In Service  
 & Main Turbine Bypass System Inoperable  
 & EOC-RPT System Inoperable)*

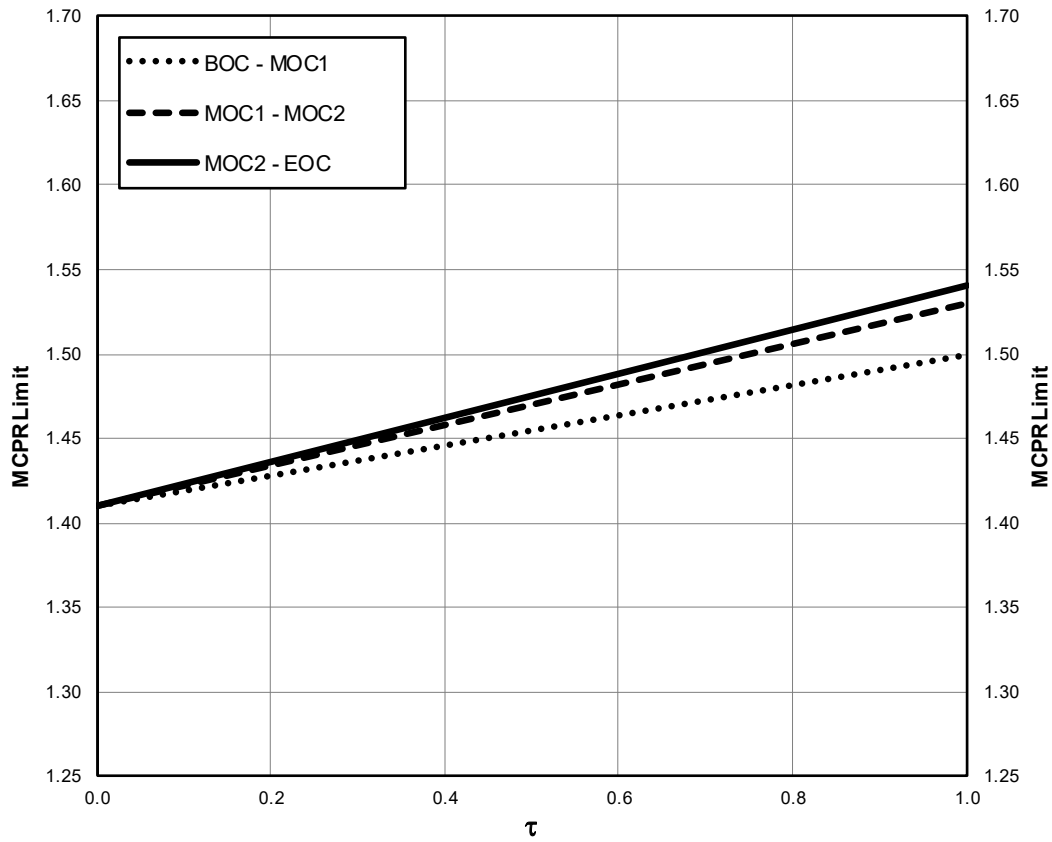




Exposure Range	Rated OLMCPR <sub>(SLO)</sub>	
	$\tau = 0.0$	$\tau = 1.0$
BOC - MOC1	1.41	1.44
MOC1 - MOC2	1.41	1.48
MOC2 - EOC	1.41	1.49

FIGURE 3-4B-1

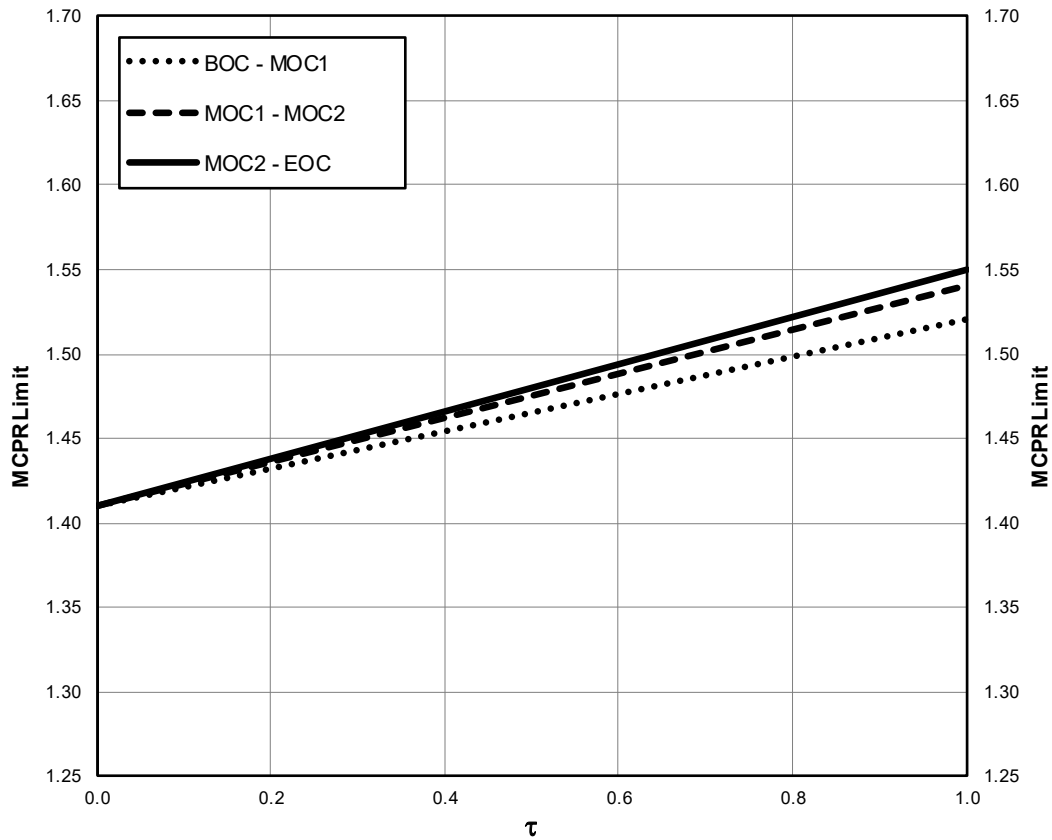
Rated-Power SLO MCPRLimits versus Average SCRAM Time



Exposure Range	Rated OLMCPR <sub>(SLO)</sub>	
	$\tau = 0.0$	$\tau = 1.0$
BOC - MOC1	1.41	1.50
MOC1 - MOC2	1.41	1.53
MOC2 - EOC	1.41	1.54

**FIGURE 3-4B-2**

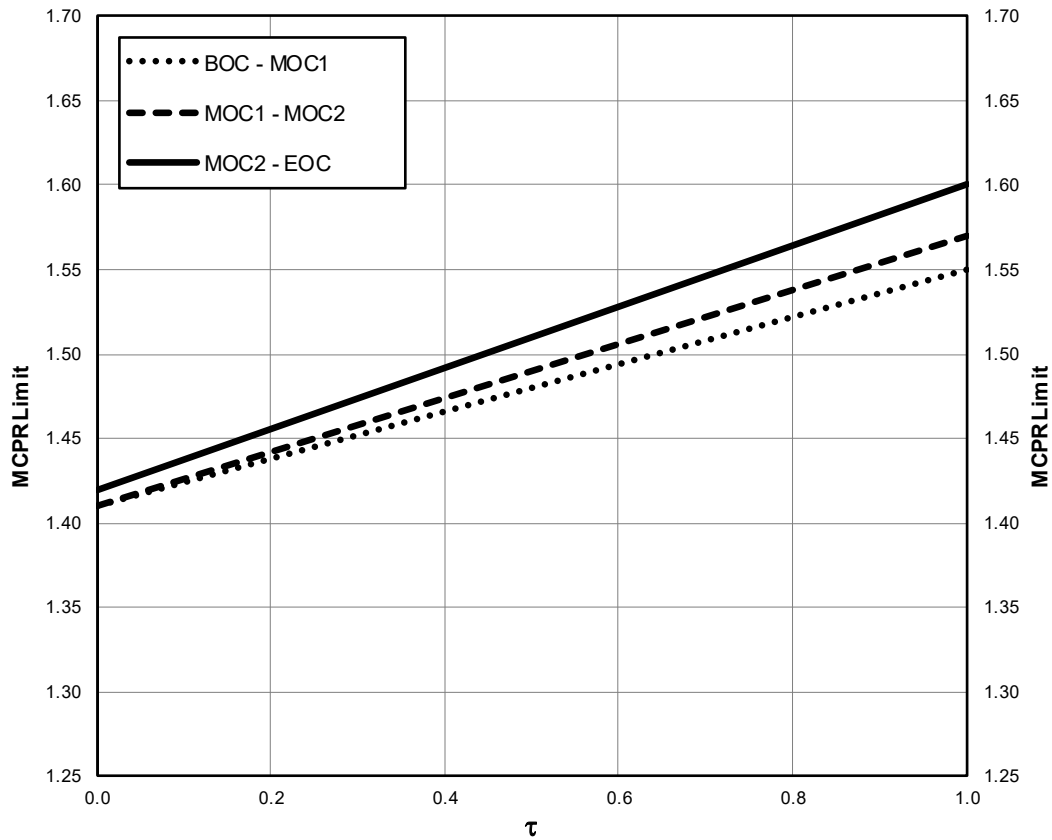
**Rated-Power SLO MCPRLimits versus Average SCRAM Time  
(Main Turbine Bypass System Inoperable)**



Exposure Range	Rated OLMCPR <sub>(SLO)</sub>	
	$\tau = 0.0$	$\tau = 1.0$
BOC - MOC1	1.41	1.52
MOC1 - MOC2	1.41	1.54
MOC2 - EOC	1.41	1.55

**FIGURE 3-4B-3**

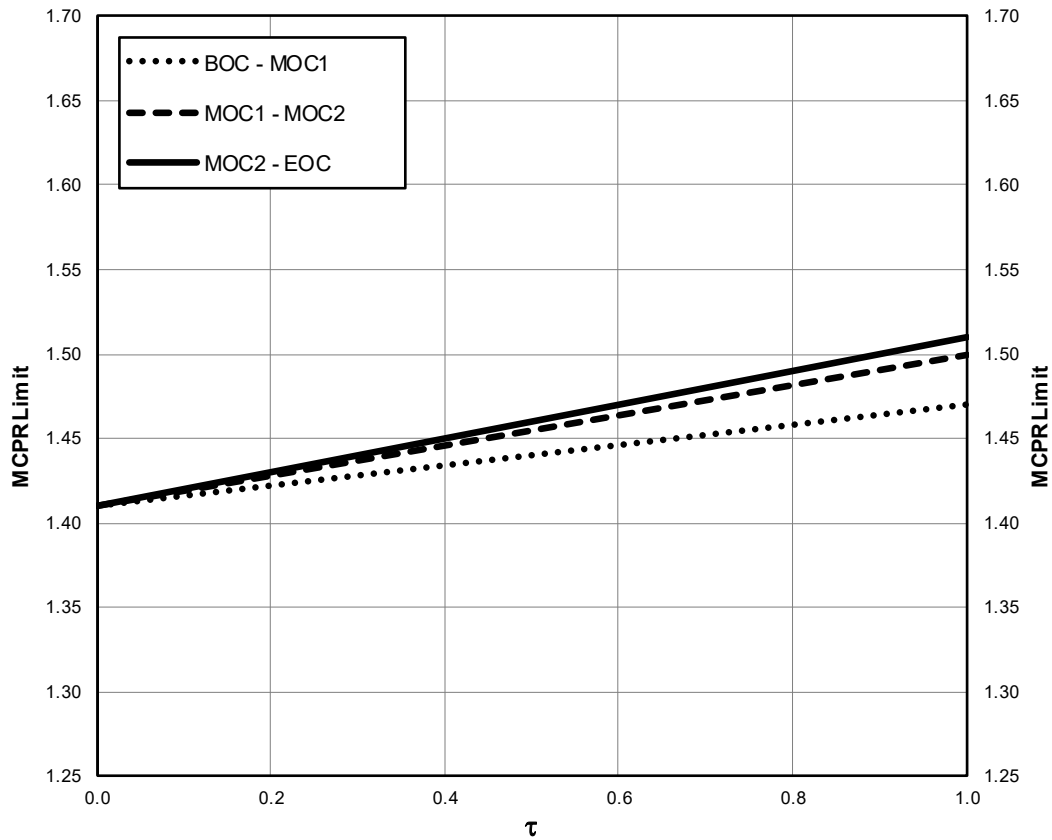
**Rated-Power SLO MCPRLimits versus Average SCRAM Time  
(EOC-RPT System Inoperable)**



Exposure Range	Rated OLMCPR <sub>(SLO)</sub>	
	$\tau = 0.0$	$\tau = 1.0$
BOC - MOC1	1.41	1.55
MOC1 - MOC2	1.41	1.57
MOC2 - EOC	1.42	1.60

**FIGURE 3-4B-4**

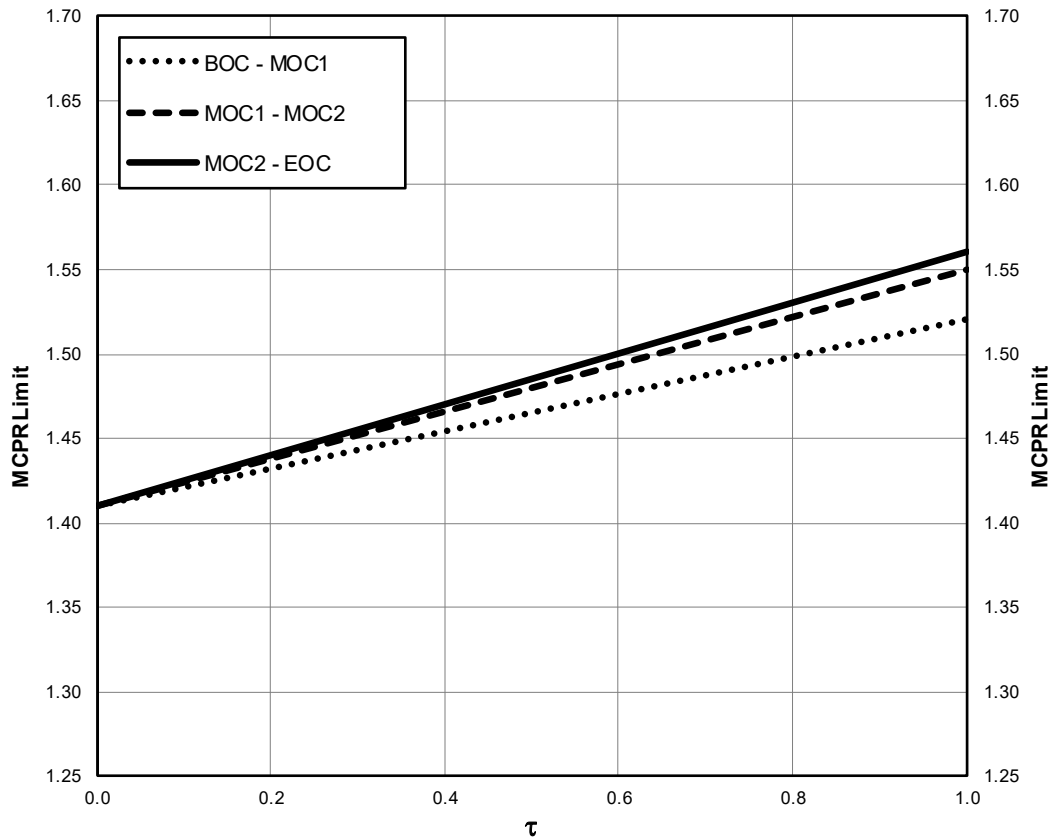
**Rated-Power SLO MCPRLimits versus Average SCRAM Time  
(Main Turbine Bypass System Inoperable  
& EOC-RPT System Inoperable)**



Exposure Range	Rated OLMCPR <sub>(SLO)</sub>	
	$\tau = 0.0$	$\tau = 1.0$
BOC - MOC1	1.41	1.47
MOC1 - MOC2	1.41	1.50
MOC2 - EOC	1.41	1.51

**FIGURE 3-4B-5**

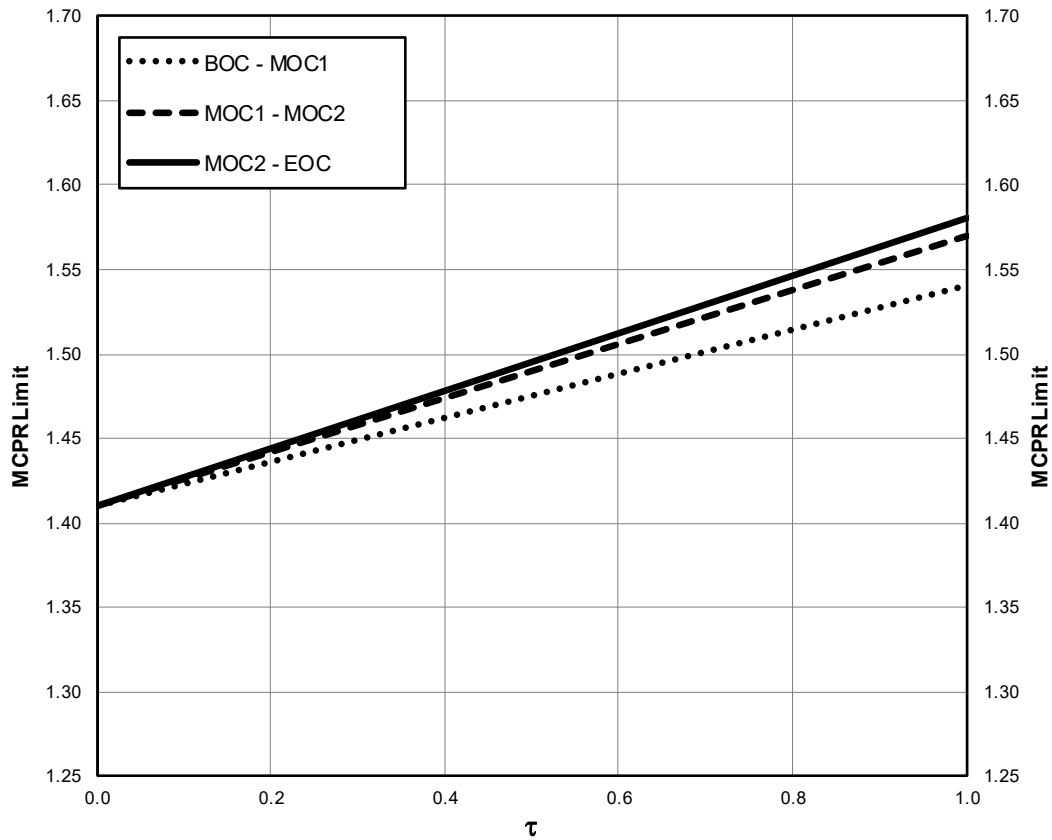
**Rated-Power SLO MCPRLimits versus Average SCRAM Time  
(Main Turbine Pressure Regulator System Status in TLCO 3.3.13.c  
AND/OR Moisture Separator Reheaters Out of Service)**



Exposure Range	Rated OLMCPR <sub>(SLO)</sub>	
	$\tau = 0.0$	$\tau = 1.0$
BOC - MOC1	1.41	1.52
MOC1 - MOC2	1.41	1.55
MOC2 - EOC	1.41	1.56

FIGURE 3-4B-6

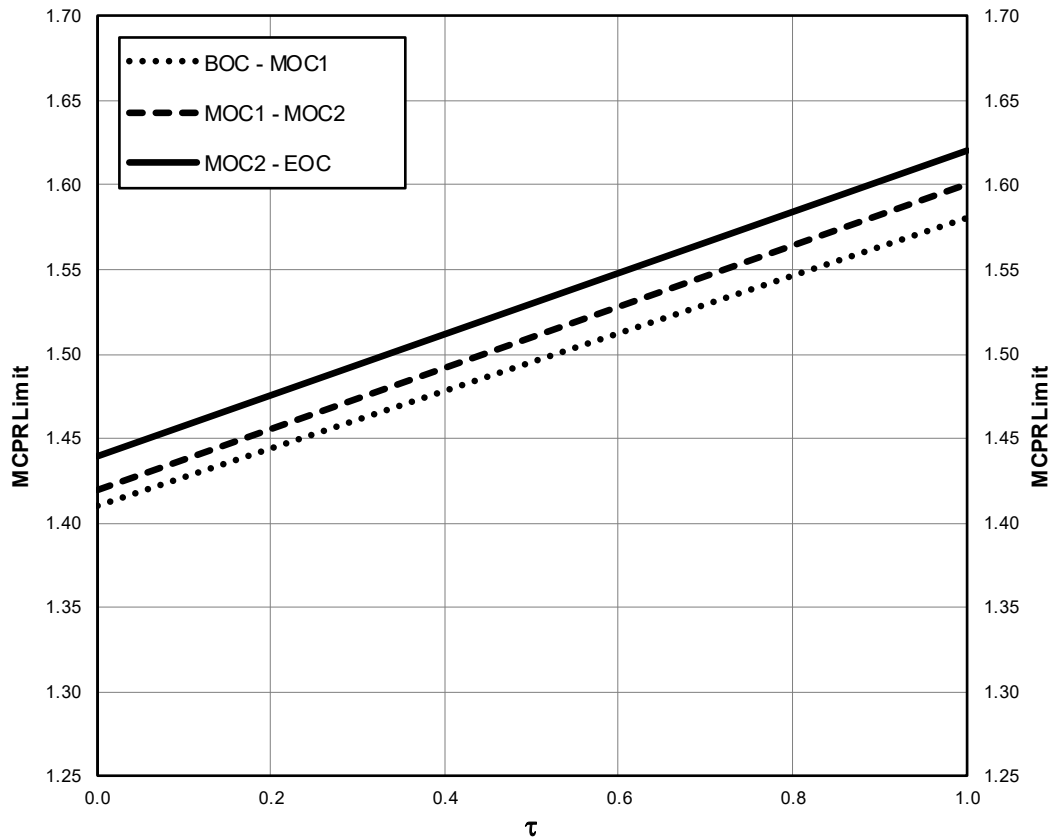
**Rated-Power SLO MCPRLimits versus Average SCRAM Time  
(Main Turbine Pressure Regulator System Status in TLCO 3.3.13.c  
AND/OR Moisture Separator Reheaters Out of Service  
& Main Turbine Bypass System Inoperable)**



Exposure Range	Rated OLMCPR <sub>(SLO)</sub>	
	$\tau = 0.0$	$\tau = 1.0$
BOC - MOC1	1.41	1.54
MOC1 - MOC2	1.41	1.57
MOC2 - EOC	1.41	1.58

**FIGURE 3-4B-7**

**Rated-Power SLO MCPRLimits versus Average SCRAM Time  
(Main Turbine Pressure Regulator System Status in TLCO 3.3.13.c  
AND/OR Moisture Separator Reheaters Out of Service  
& EOC-RPT System Inoperable)**

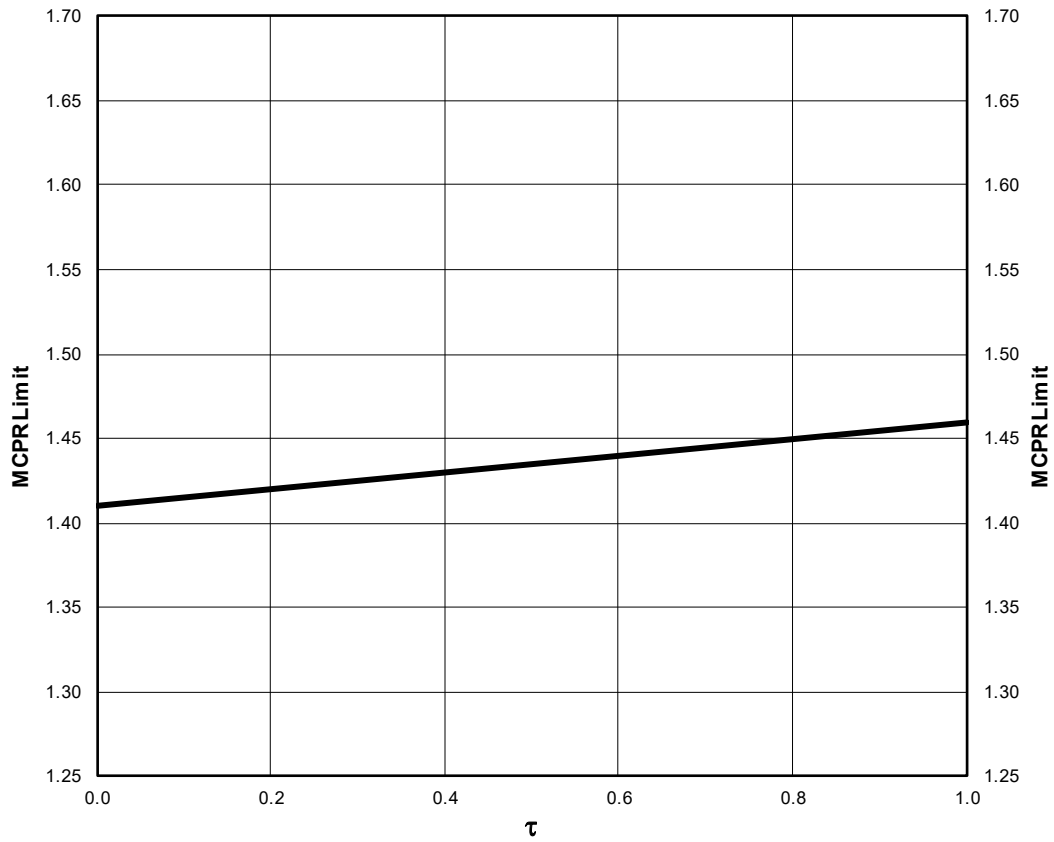


Exposure Range	Rated OLMCPR <sub>(SLO)</sub>	
	$\tau = 0.0$	$\tau = 1.0$
BOC - MOC1	1.41	1.58
MOC1 - MOC2	1.42	1.60
MOC2 - EOC	1.44	1.62

**FIGURE 3-4B-8**

**Rated-Power SLO MCPRLimits versus Average SCRAM Time  
(Main Turbine Pressure Regulator System Status in TLCO 3.3.13.c  
AND/OR Moisture Separator Reheaters Out of Service  
& Main Turbine Bypass System Inoperable  
& EOC-RPT System Inoperable)**

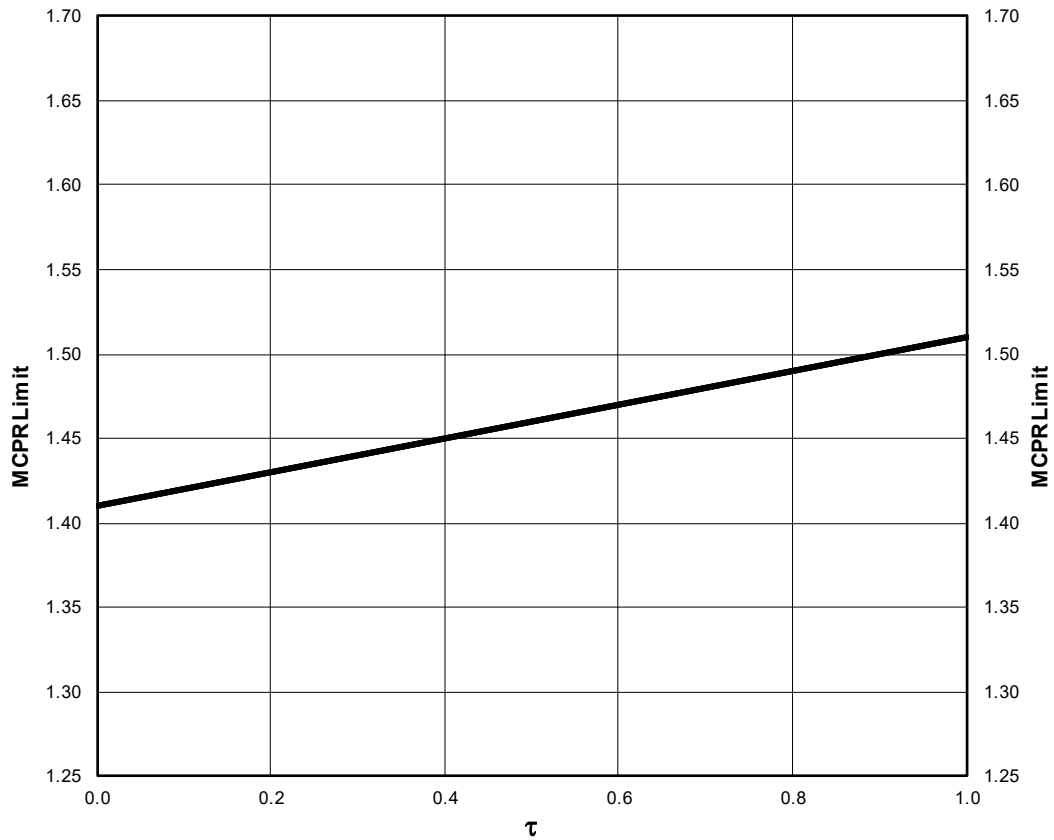




Exposure Range	Rated OLMCPR <sub>(SLO)</sub>	
	$\tau = 0.0$	$\tau = 1.0$
BOC - EOC	1.41	1.46

**FIGURE 3-4B-9**

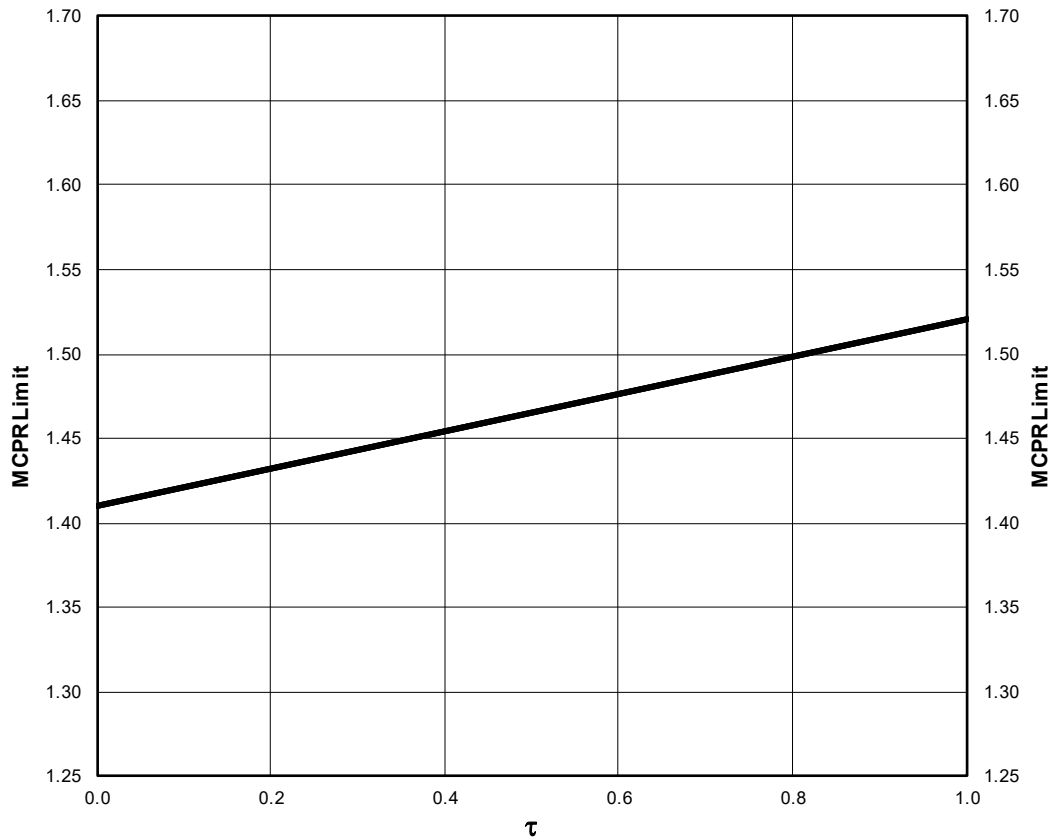
**Rated-Power SLO MCPRLimits versus Average SCRAM Time  
(High Worth Scram Rods In Service)**



Exposure Range	Rated OLMCPR <sub>(SLO)</sub>	
	$\tau = 0.0$	$\tau = 1.0$
BOC - EOC	1.41	1.51

**FIGURE 3-4B-10**

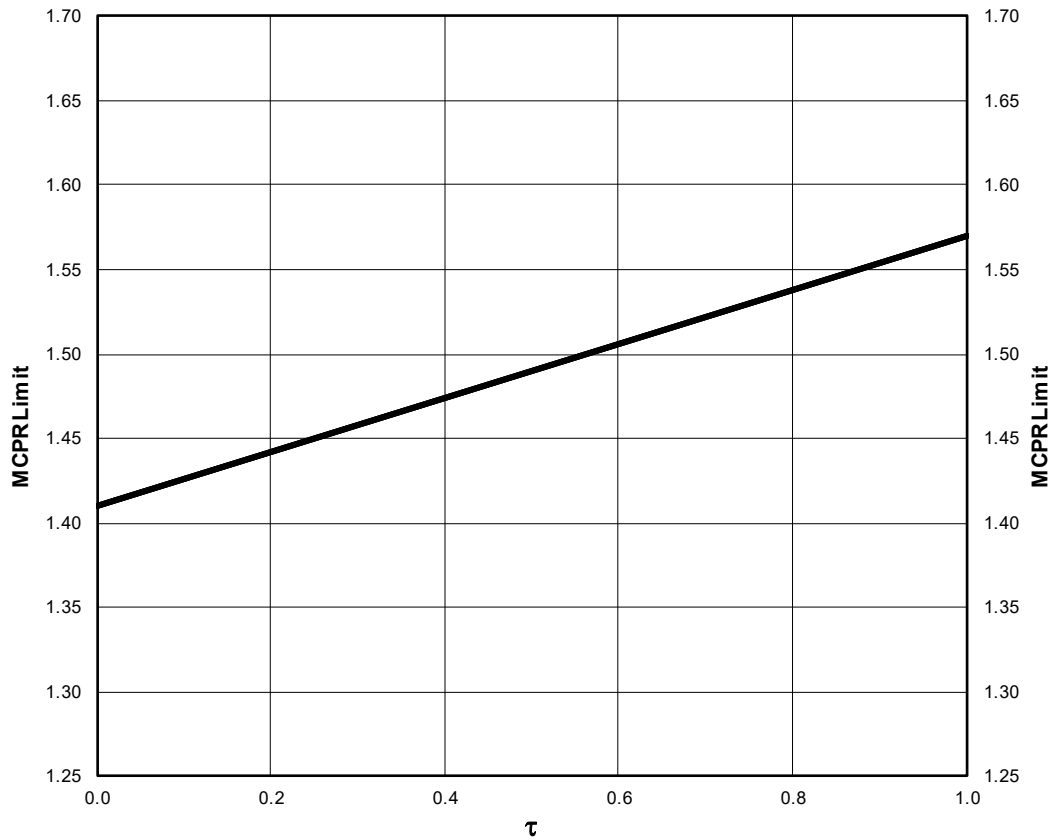
**Rated-Power SLO MCPR Limits versus Average SCRAM Time**  
*(High Worth Scram Rods In Service  
 & Main Turbine Bypass System Inoperable)*



Exposure Range	Rated OLMCPR <sub>(SLO)</sub>	
	$\tau = 0.0$	$\tau = 1.0$
BOC - EOC	1.41	1.52

FIGURE 3-4B-11

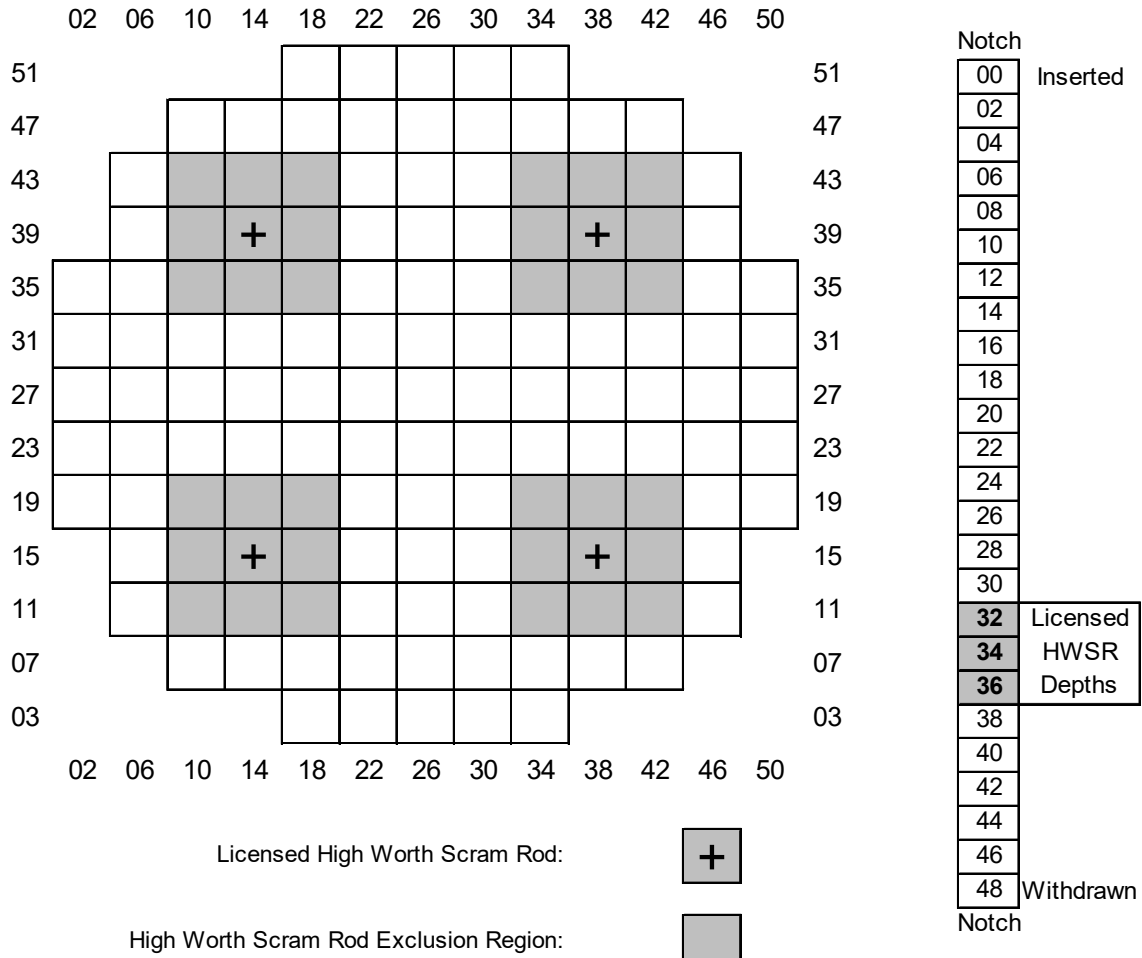
**Rated-Power SLO MCPRLimits versus Average SCRAM Time**  
*(High Worth Scram Rods In Service  
 & EOC-RPT System Inoperable)*



Exposure Range	Rated OLMCPR <sub>(SLO)</sub>	
	$\tau = 0.0$	$\tau = 1.0$
BOC - EOC	1.41	1.57

**FIGURE 3-4B-12**

**Rated-Power SLO MCPRLimits versus Average SCRAM Time  
(High Worth Scram Rods In Service  
& Main Turbine Bypass System Inoperable  
& EOC-RPT System Inoperable)**

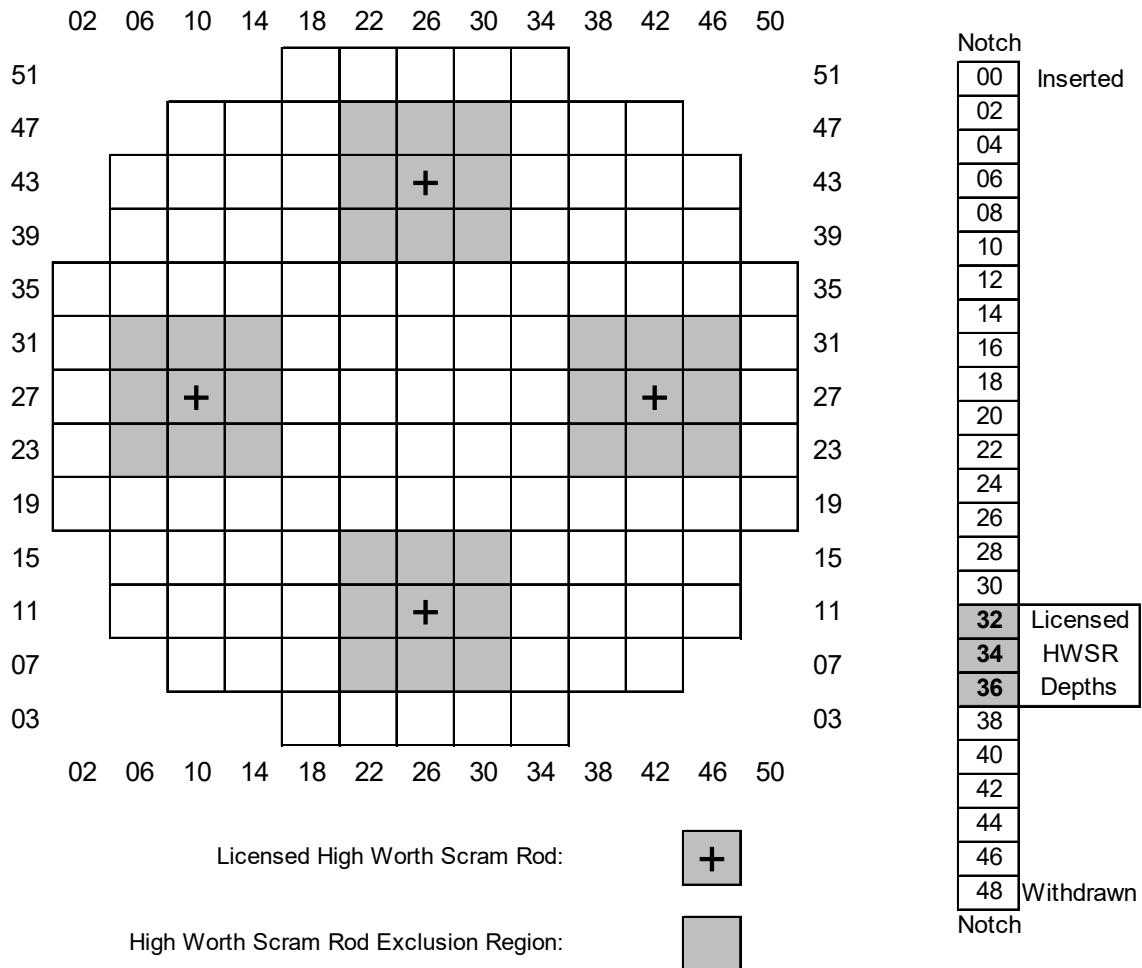


Licensed HWSR Coordinates (IX-JY)	
14-15	
14-39	
38-15	
38-39	

Maximum High Worth Scram Rod Depth (Notch):	32
Minimum High Worth Scram Rod Depth (Notch):	36

**FIGURE 3-5A**  
**High Worth Scram Rod Set – A1 Configuration**



Licensed HWSR Coordinates (IX-JY)	
	10-27
	26-11
	26-43
	42-27

<b>Maximum High Worth Scram Rod Depth (Notch):</b>	32
<b>Minimum High Worth Scram Rod Depth (Notch):</b>	36

**FIGURE 3-5B**

**High Worth Scram Rod Set – A2 Configuration**

#### 4.0 LHGR OPERATING LIMITS (Technical Specification 3.2.3)

The LHGR operating limit for each licensed equipment in or out of service operating flexibility combination is independent of average scram time and is a function of fuel rod type, core power, core flow, and pellet exposure.

For both two loop operation (TLO) and single loop operation (SLO), the LHGR operating limit for each six inch axial segment of each fuel rod in the core is the applicable rated-power, rated-flow LHGR limit taken from Table 4-1 multiplied by the smaller of either:

- a. The flow-dependent LHGR limit multiplier,  $LHGRFAC_F$ , shown in Figure 4-1,

OR

- b. The power-dependent LHGR limit multiplier,  $LHGRFAC_P$ , as determined by Table 4-2.

Table 4-1 shows the exposure-dependent LHGR limits as a function of initial gadolinia concentration in a six inch segment of a fuel rod. Figure 4-3 shows the LHGR limits for both  $UO_2$  fuel segments and for fuel segments with the highest initial Gd ( $Gd_2O_3$ ) concentrations.

These limits apply to operation with vessel dome pressure within +/- 10 psi of nominal pressure, as defined by the Region I pressure band shown in Figure 5-1. With Standard Equipment In Service, with the EOC-RPT System Inoperable, and/or with High Worth Scram Rods In Service, operation with vessel dome pressure down to 40 psi below nominal is licensed provided the additional restrictions identified in Section 5.0 are applied with the LHGR operating limit defined in this section.

**TABLE 4-1**

**Rated-Power LHGR Limits versus Peak Pellet Exposure**

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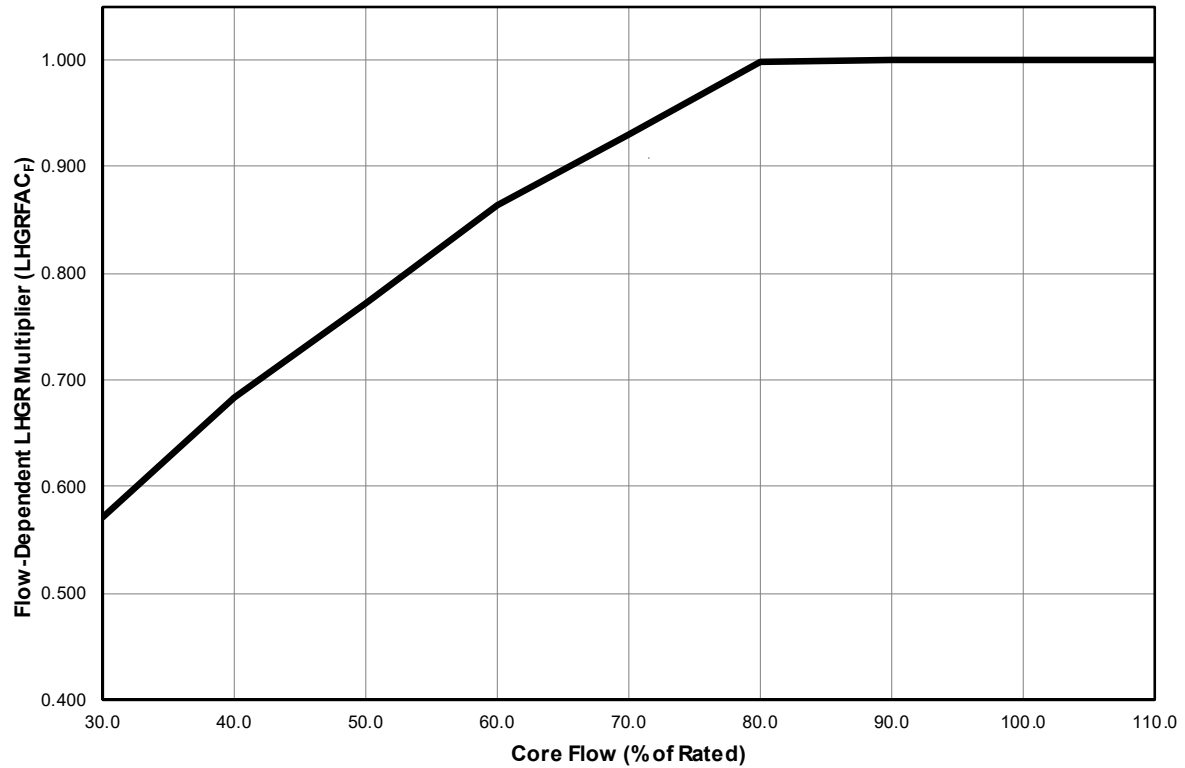
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**TABLE 4-2**

**Power-Dependent LHGR Limit Multiplier (LHGRFAC<sub>P</sub>) Operating Flexibility Options**

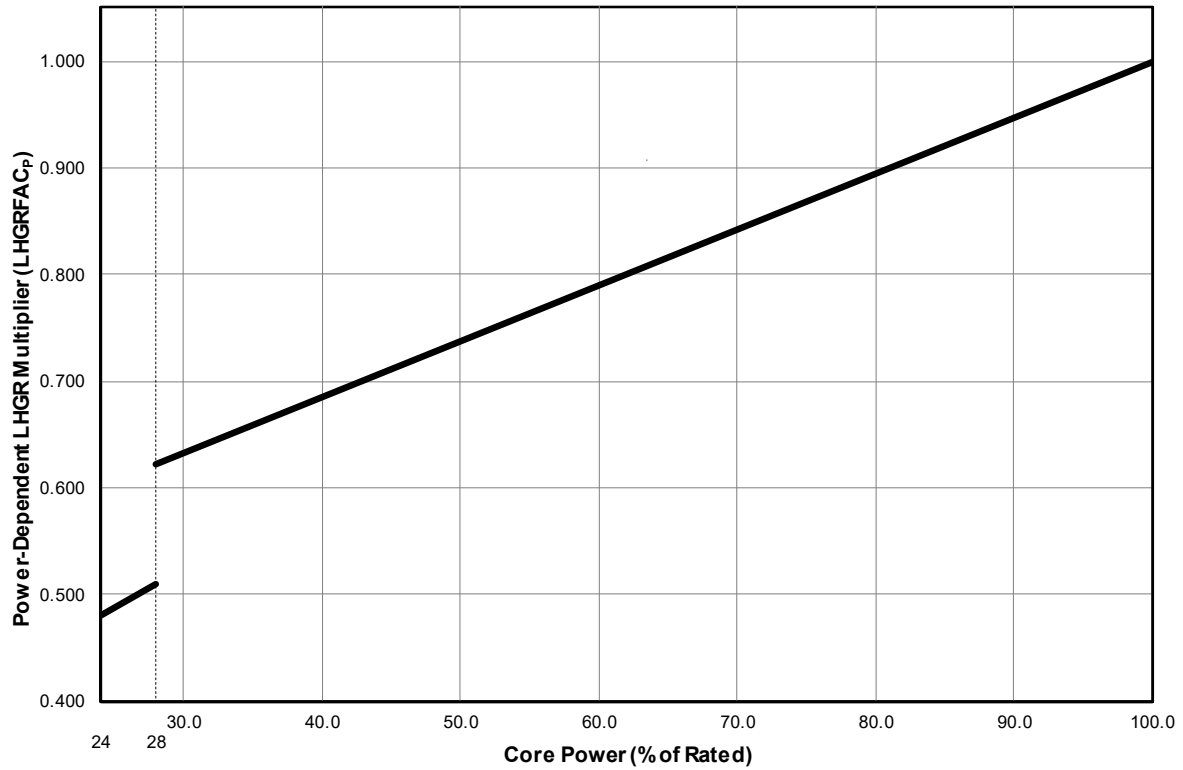
Equipment In/Out of Service		Figure #
<u>Main Turbine Pressure Regulator System Status in TLCO 3.3.13.a or TLCO 3.3.13.b</u>	<u>Moisture Separator Reheaters In Service</u>	
Yes	AND	4-2A
No		4-2B



Flow (% of Rated)	LHGRFAC <sub>F</sub> (TLO/SLO)
30.0	0.572
40.0	0.683
50.0	0.772
60.0	0.863
70.0	0.930
80.0	0.998
90.0	1.000
110.0	1.000

**FIGURE 4-1**

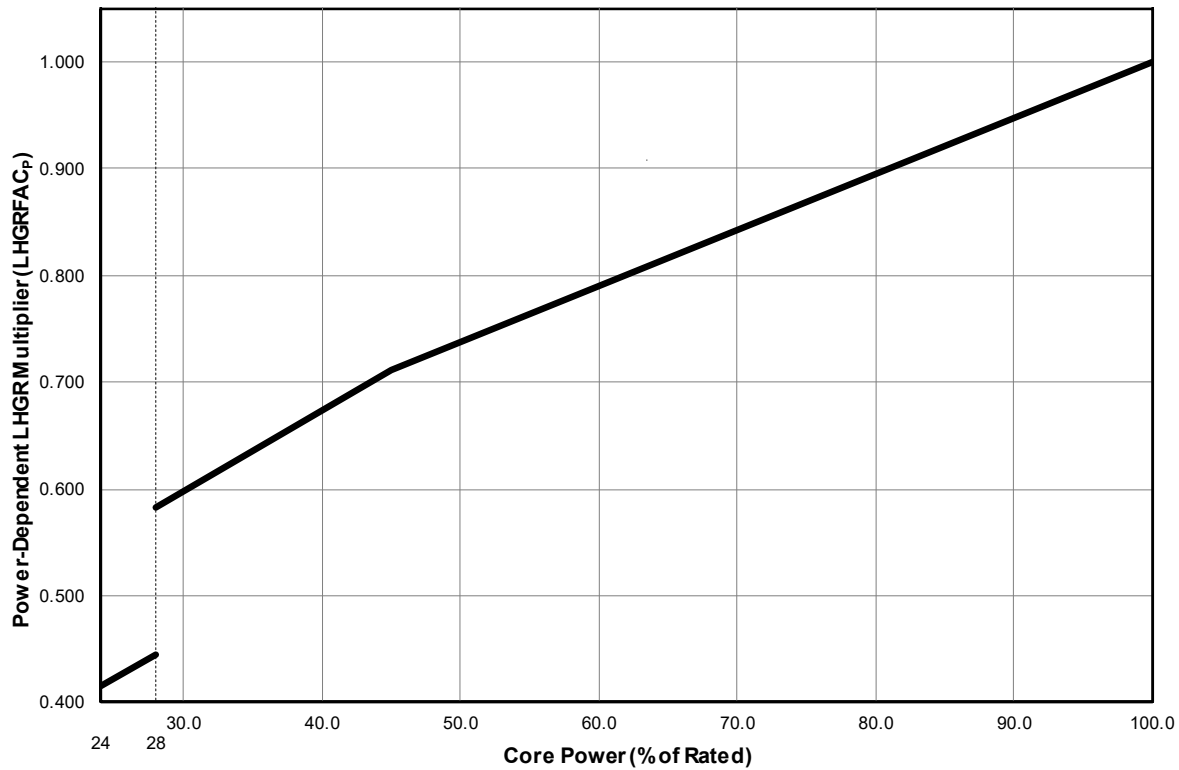
**Flow-Dependent LHGR Limit Multiplier (LHGRFAC<sub>F</sub>) versus Core Flow**



Power (% of Rated)	LHGRFAC <sub>p</sub> (TLO/SLO)
24.0	0.480
≤ 28.0	0.510
> 28.0	0.623
100.0	1.000

FIGURE 4-2A

Power-Dependent LHGR Limit Multiplier (LHGRFAC<sub>p</sub>) versus Core Power



Power (% of Rated)	LHGRFAC <sub>p</sub> (TLO/SLO)
24.0	0.415
≤ 28.0	0.445
> 28.0	0.583
45.0	0.712
100.0	1.000

**FIGURE 4-2B**

**Power-Dependent LHGR Limit Multiplier (LHGRFAC<sub>p</sub>) versus Core Power**  
*(Main Turbine Pressure Regulator System Status in TLCO 3.3.13.c  
AND/OR Moisture Separator Reheaters Out of Service)*

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**FIGURE 4-3**  
**Rated-Power LHGR Limit versus Peak Pellet Exposure**

## 5.0 OPERATING PRESSURE LIMITS

The operating limits presented within this report require that reactor dome pressure be maintained within the licensed pressure bands defined by Figure 5-1. For operation in each of these regions, the following pressure dependent restrictions apply:

- a. For Region I operation:

The core operating limits from Sections 2.0 through 4.0 are applicable.

- b. For Region II and Region III operation:

- 1) The core operating limits from Sections 2.0 through 4.0 are applicable

AND

- 2) The MFLCPR and MFLPD thermal limit ratios must remain below the maximum values determined by Table 5-1.

These restrictions are independent of core power, core flow, cycle exposure, feedwater temperature, the number of operating recirculation loops, and average scram time.

The pressure-dependent MFLPD and MFLCPR limits defined in this section constitute redefinitions of the conditions for entry into Technical Specifications Required Action Statements 3.2.2 and 3.2.3. Thus, any additional applicable administrative limits beyond those discussed in this section must be applied in combination (via multiplication) to maintain margin to the COLR-based thermal limit ratio limits instead of margin to MFLCPR and/or MFLPD thermal limit ratio values of 1.000.

## 5.1 THERMAL LIMIT RATIO DEFINITIONS

The MFLCPR and MFLPD thermal limit ratios are defined in terms of the core operating limits defined in Section 3.0 and Section 4.0.

The MFLCPR thermal limit ratio is the most limiting (maximum) value of the Fraction of Limiting Critical Power Ratio (FLCPR) in the core. The FLCPR is defined for each fuel assembly in the core as:

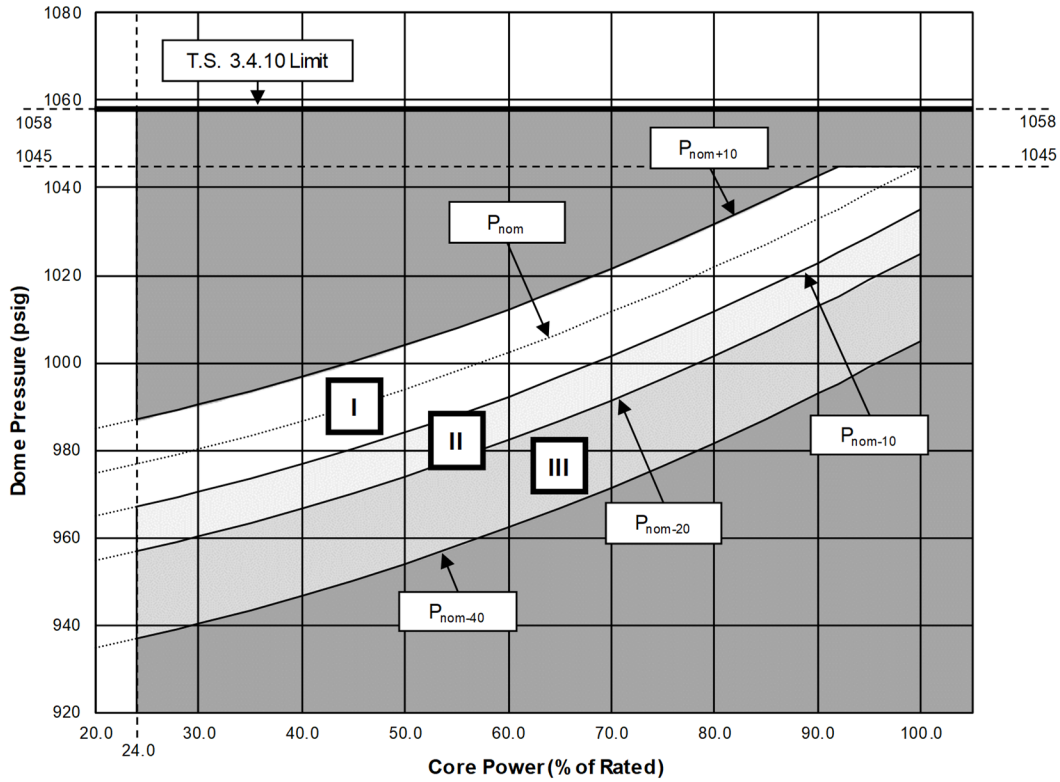
$$\text{FLCPR} = \frac{\text{MCPR}_{\text{Limit}}}{\text{Fuel Assembly Critical Power Ratio}}$$

where:  $\text{MCPR}_{\text{Limit}}$  = MCPR operating limit defined in Section 3.0

The MFLPD thermal limit ratio is the most limiting (maximum) value of the Fraction of Limiting Power Density (FLPD) in the core. The FLPD is defined for each six inch axial segment of each fuel rod in the core as:

$$\text{FLPD} = \frac{\text{Peak kW/ft power generated in a fuel rod segment}}{\text{LHGR}_{\text{Limit}}}$$

where:  $\text{LHGR}_{\text{Limit}}$  = LHGR operating limit defined in Section 4.0



$$P = A + 0.30 * CP + 0.0048 * CP^2$$

Dome Pressure Curves	Core Power	A
Nominal Dome Pressure ( $P_{nom}$ )	$24 \leq CP \leq 100$	967
Region I Upper Boundary ( $P_{nom+10}$ )	$24 \leq CP \leq 100$	977
Region I Lower Boundary ( $P_{nom-10}$ )	$24 \leq CP \leq 100$	957
Region II Lower Boundary ( $P_{nom-20}$ )	$24 \leq CP \leq 100$	947
Region III Lower Boundary ( $P_{nom-40}$ )	$24 \leq CP \leq 100$	927

CP = Percent of Rated Core Power

P = Reactor Dome Pressure (psig)

FIGURE 5-1

Licensed Regions of Operating Dome Pressure versus Core Power



**TABLE 5-1**

**Pressure-Dependent Operating Flexibility Options**

<b>Equipment In/Out of Service</b>			<b>Table #</b>
<b><u>Main Turbine Bypass System Operable</u></b>	<b><u>Main Turbine Pressure Regulator System Status in TLCO 3.3.13.a or in TLCO 3.3.13.b</u></b>	<b><u>Moisture Separator Reheaters In Service</u></b>	
Yes	AND Yes		5-2
Reduced-Pressure Flexibility Option is <b>Not Licensed</b> if either of the two categories in this Table are answered "NO".			Not Licensed

**TABLE 5-2**

**MFLCPR and MFLPD Limits versus Operating Pressure Regions**

<b>Operating Pressure Region</b>	<b>Maximum Allowable Thermal Limit Ratio</b>	
	<b><u>MFLCPR Limit</u></b>	<b><u>MFLPD Limit</u></b>
I	1.000	1.000
II	0.980	1.000
III	0.950	1.000

## 6.0 REFERENCES

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