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Ladies and Gentlemen:

The purpose of this letter is to submit the latest revision of the Core Operating Limits Report for Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc.'s Brunswick Steam Electric Plant (BSEP), Unit 1. Technical Specification 5.6.5.d requires that the Core Operating Limits Report, including any mid-cycle revisions or supplements, be provided to the NRC upon issuance. A copy of the Brunswick Unit 1, Cycle 14 Core Operating Limits Report December 2003, Revision 2, is enclosed.

The revised BSEP, Unit 1 report incorporates power-flow maps for operation with reduced final feedwater temperatures. The revised report supersedes the report submitted by letter dated May 31, 2002 [i.e., ADAMS Accession Number ML021560418].

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Introduction and Summary

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COLR Revision 1 was performed to support operation at up to 2923 MWt. The main changes made in Revision 1 were those associated with the thermal limits and Power-Flow maps. Also, the following thresholds were scaled for the higher rated thermal power: the thermal limit monitoring threshold changed from 25% to 23% and the turbine trip scram bypass threshold changed from 30% to 26%. This report provides the values of the power distribution limits and control rod withdrawal block instrumentation setpoints for Brunswick Unit 1, Cycle 14 as required by TS 5.6.5.

OPERATING LIMIT	REQUIREMENT
Average Planar Linear Heat Generation Rate (APLHGR) limits (with associated core flow and core power adjustment factors)	TS 5.6.5.a.1
Minimum Critical Power Ratio (MCPR) limits (with associated core flow and core power adjustment factors)	TS 5.6.5.a.2
Period Based Detection Algorithm (PBDA) Setpoint for Function 2.f of TS 3.3.1.1, Oscillation Power Range Monitor (OPRM)	TS 5.6.5.a.3
Allowable Values and power range setpoints for Rod Block Monitor Upscale Functions of TS 3.3.2.1	TS 5.6.5.a.4

Per TS 5.6.5.b and 5.6.5.c, these values have been determined using NRC approved methodology and are established such that all applicable limits of the plant safety analysis are met. The limits specified in this report support single loop operation (SLO) as required by TS LCO 3.4.1 and inoperable Main Turbine Bypass System as required by TS 3.7.6.

In order to support the Stability Option III with an inoperable OPRM scram function, the following is also included in this report:

OPERATING LIMIT	REQUIREMENT
BWROG Interim Corrective Action Stability Regions	TS 3.3.1.1 LCO Condition I

Revision 2 of this report adds Power/Flow maps to give guidance during Feedwater Temperature Reduction (FWTR).

This report conforms to Quality Assurance requirements as specified in Reference 1.

Single Loop Operation

Brunswick Unit 1, Cycle 14 may operate over the entire MEOD range with Single recirculation Loop Operation (SLO) as permitted by TS 3.4.1 with applicable limits specified in the COLR for TS LCO's 3.2.1, 3.2.2 and 3.3.1.1. The applicable limits are:

LCO 3.2.1, Average Planar Linear Heat Generation Rate (APLHGR) Limits: per Reference 1, the Figures 9 and 10 described in the APLHGR Limits section below include a SLO limitation of 0.8 on the MAPLHGR(F) and MAPLHGR(P) multipliers.

LCO 3.2.2, Minimum Critical Power Ratio (MCPR) Limits: per Reference 1, Table 1 and Figures 11 and 12, the MCPR limits presented apply to SLO without modification.

LCO 3.3.1.1, Reactor Protection System Instrumentation Function 2.b (Average Power Range Monitors Simulated Thermal Power - High) Allowable Value: per footnote b, the $-\Delta W$ offset value is defined in Plant procedures. The current value of 5% developed for the initial installation of Stability Option III is used for the B1C14 COLR.

Inoperable Main Turbine Bypass System

Brunswick Unit 1, Cycle 14 may operate with an inoperable Main Turbine Bypass System in accordance with TS 3.7.6 with applicable limits specified in the COLR for TS LCO 3.2.1 and 3.2.2. Two or more bypass valves inoperable renders the System inoperable, although the Turbine Bypass Out-of-Service (TBPOOS) analysis supports operation with all bypass valves inoperable for the entire MEOD range and up to 110°F rated equivalent feedwater temperature reduction. The system response time assumed by the safety analyses from event initiation to start of bypass valve opening is 0.10 seconds, with 80% bypass flow achieved in 0.30 seconds. The applicable limits are as follows:

LCO 3.2.1, Average Planar Linear Heat Generation Rate (APLHGR) Limits: in accordance with Reference 1 as shown in Figure 10, TBPOOS does not require an additional reduction in the MAPLHGR(P) limits between 23% and 26% power, as the Turbine bypass Operable and Inoperable limits are identical.

LCO 3.2.2, Minimum Critical Power Ratio (MCPR) Limits: in accordance with Reference 1, TBPOOS does not require an additional increase in the MCPR(P) multiplier between 23% and 26% power, as shown in Figure 12, as the Turbine bypass Operable and Inoperable limits are identical. TBPOOS requires increased MCPR limits, included in Table 1.



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APLHGR Limits

The limiting APLHGR value for the most limiting lattice (excluding natural uranium) of each fuel type as a function of planar average exposure is given in Figures 1 through 7. These values were determined with the SAFER/GESTR LOCA methodology described in GESTAR-II (Reference 2). Figures 1 through 7 are to be used only when hand calculations are required as specified in the bases for TS 3.2.1. Hand calculated results may not match a POWERPLEX calculation since normal monitoring of the APLHGR limits with POWERPLEX uses the complete set of lattices for each fuel type provided in Reference 3.

The core flow and core power adjustment factors for use in TS 3.2.1 are presented in Figures 9 and 10. For any given flow/power state, the minimum of MAPLHGR(F) determined from Figure 9 and MAPLHGR(P) determined from Figure 10 is used to determine the governing limit.

MCPR Limits

The ODDYN OPTION A, ODDYN OPTION B, and non-pressurization transient MCPR limits for use in TS 3.2.2 for each fuel type as a function of cycle average exposure are given in Table 1. These values were determined with the GEMINI methodology and GEXL-PLUS critical power correlation described in GESTAR-II (Reference 2), and are consistent with a Safety Limit MCPR of 1.12 specified by TS 2.1.1.2.

The core flow and core power adjustment factors for use in TS 3.2.2 are presented in Figures 11 and 12. For any given power/flow state, the maximum of MCPR(F) determined from Figure 11 and MCPR(P) determined from Figure 12 is used to determine the governing limit.

All MCPR limits presented in Table 1, Figure 11 and Figure 12 apply to two recirculation pump operation and SLO without modification.

RBM Rod Block Instrumentation Setpoints

The nominal trip setpoints and allowable values of the control rod withdrawal block instrumentation for use in TS 3.3.2.1 (Table 3.3.2.1-1) are presented in Table 2. These values were determined consistent with the bases of the ARTS program and the determination of MCPR limits with the GEMINI methodology and GEXL-PLUS critical power correlation described in GESTAR-II (Reference 2). Reference 8 revised certain of these setpoints to reflect changes associated with the installation of the new PRNM system.

Stability Option III

Brunswick Unit 1 has implemented BWROG Long Term Stability Solution Option III (Oscillation Power Range Monitor-OPRM) as described in Reference 4. Plant specific analysis incorporating the Option III hardware is described in Reference 5. Reload validation has been performed in accordance with Reference 6. The resulting stability based MCPR Operating Limit is provided for two conditions as a function of OPRM amplitude setpoint in Table 3. The reload validation calculation demonstrated that reactor stability does not produce the limiting OLMCPR for Cycle 14 as long as the selected OPRM setpoint produces values for OLMCPR(SS) and OLMCPR(2PT) which are less than the corresponding acceptance criteria. Because the acceptance criteria for OLMCPR(SS) is 1.50 and for OLMCPR(2PT) is 1.40, an OPRM setpoint (Amplitude Setpoint S_p) of 1.15 is supported for Cycle 14 without imposing any additional operational restrictions for stability protection. Therefore the OPRM PBDA setpoint limit referenced by function 2.f of Table 3.3.1.1-1 of Technical Specification 3.3.1.1 is 1.15 for Cycle 14. Per Table 3-2 of Reference 6, an S_p value of 1.15 supports selection of a Confirmation Count Setpoint N_p of 16 or less.

Six Power/Flow maps for use at up to 2923 MWt (Figures 13-18) were developed based on Reference 7 to facilitate operation under Stability Option III as implemented by function 2.f of Table 3.3.1.1-1 and LCO Condition I of Technical Specification 3.3.1.1. The corresponding Reference 7 maps are simply re-formatted (no change in data) to exhibit the appropriate headers for the COLR. All six maps illustrate the region of the power/flow map above 25% power and below 60% flow where the system is required to be enabled. A single loop operation (SLO) Entry Rod Line has been added to the two loop operation maps as an additional operator aid.

The maps supporting an operable OPRM function 2.f (Figures 13, 15 and 17) show the same Scram Avoidance Region, which is not a licensing requirement but is an operator aid to illustrate where the OPRM system is reasonably likely to generate a scram to avoid an instability event. Figures 13 and 15 differ only in that the Figure 15 that supports SLO, indicates the maximum allowable core flow at 45 Mlbs/hr, and has the Simulated Thermal Power (STP) scram and rod block limits appropriately reduced for SLO. Note that the STP scram and rod block limits are defined in Technical Specifications, the Technical Requirements Manual, and Plant procedures, and are included in the COLR as an operator aid rather than a licensing requirement. Figure 17 differs from Figure 13 by extending the existing regions to provide additional stability protection during FWTR. Intentional operation with SLO and FWTR is prohibited.

The maps (Figures 14, 16 and 18) supporting an inoperable OPRM function 2.f show the BWROG-94078 Interim Corrective Actions stability regions required to support LCO Condition I. Both figures also include a 5% Buffer Region around the Immediate Exit Region as an operator aid. Figures 14 and 16 differ only in that the Figure 16 that supports SLO, indicates the maximum allowable core flow at 45 Mlbs/hr, and has the STP scram and rod block limits appropriately reduced for SLO. Figure 18 differs from Figure 14 by extending the existing regions to provide additional stability protection during FWTR. Intentional operation with SLO and FWTR is prohibited.

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- 1) BNP Design Calculation 1B21-0604; "Preparation of the B1C14 Core Operating Limits Report," Revision 2.
- 2) NEDE-24011-P-A; "General Electric Standard Application for Reactor Fuel," (latest approved version).
- 3) NEDC-31624P, "Loss-of-Coolant Accident Analysis Report for Brunswick Steam Electric Plant Unit 1 Reload 13 Cycle 14," Supplement 1, Revision 7, March 2002.
- 4) NEDO-31960-A, "BWR Owners Group Long-Term Stability Solutions Licensing Methodology," November 1995.
- 5) GE-NE-C51-00251-00-01, Revision 0, "Licensing Basis Hot Bundle Oscillation Magnitude for Brunswick 1 and 2," March 2001.
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- 7) Design Calculation 0B21-1015, "BNP Power/Flow Maps," Revision 2.
- 8) Design Calculation 1C51-0001 Revision 1, "BNP Power Range Neutron Monitoring System Setpoint Uncertainty and Scaling Calculation (1-C51-APRM 1 through 4 Loops and 1-C51-RBM-A and B Loops)," July 2001.

Table 1
MCPR Limits

Steady State, Non-pressurization Transient MCPR Limits			
Fuel Type		Exposure Range: BOC - EOC	
GE13 and GE14		1.26	
Pressurization Transient MCPR Limits, OLMCPR (100%P): Turbine Bypass System Operable			
MCPR Option	Fuel Type	Normal and Reduced Feedwater Temperature	
		Exposure Range: BOC to EOFPC-2026 MWd/MT	Exposure Range: EOFPC-2026 MWd/MT to EOC
A	GE13	1.43	1.49
	GE14	1.56	1.68
B	GE13	1.38	1.41
	GE14	1.45	1.51
Pressurization Transient MCPR Limits, OLMCPR (100%P): Turbine Bypass System Inoperable			
MCPR Option	Fuel Type	Normal and Reduced Feedwater Temperature	
		BOC to EOC	
A	GE13	1.50	
	GE14	1.69	
B	GE13	1.42	
	GE14	1.52	

This Table is referred to by Technical Specifications 3.2.2, 3.4.1 and 3.7.6.



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Table 2
RBM System Setpoints

Setpoint ^a	Trip Setpoint	Allowable Value
Lower Power Setpoint (LPSP ^b)	27.7	≤ 29.0
Intermediate Power Setpoint (IPSP ^b)	62.7	≤ 64.0
High Power Setpoint (HPSP ^b)	82.7	≤ 84.0
Low Trip Setpoint (LTSP ^c)	≤ 114.1	≤ 114.6
Intermediate Trip Setpoint (ITSP ^c)	≤ 108.3	≤ 108.8
High Trip Setpoint (HTSP ^c)	≤ 104.5	≤ 105.0
t _{d2}	≤ 2.0 seconds	≤ 2.0 seconds
<p>^a RBM Operability requirements are not applicable: (1) if MCPR ≥ 1.70; or (2) if MCPR ≥ 1.40 and thermal power ≥ 90% Rated Thermal Power.</p> <p>^b Setpoints in percent of Rated Thermal Power.</p> <p>^c Setpoints relative to a full scale reading of 125. For example, ≤ 114.1 means ≤ 114.1/125.0 of full scale.</p>		

This Table is referred to by Technical Specification 3.3.2.1 (Table 3.3.2.1-1).

Table 3
PBDA Setpoints

<u>OPRM Setpoint</u>	OLMCPR(SS)	OLMCPR(2PT)
1.05	1.207	1.127
1.06	1.226	1.144
1.07	1.244	1.162
1.08	1.264	1.180
1.09	1.284	1.199
1.10	1.304	1.218
1.11	1.325	1.237
1.12	1.345	1.256
1.13	1.367	1.276
1.14	1.389	1.297
1.15	1.412	1.319
Acceptance Criteria	Off-rated OLMCPR @ 45% Flow	Rated Power OLMCPR

PDBA Setpoint	Setpoint Value
Amplitude S_p	1.15
Confirmation Count N_p	16

This Table is referred to by Technical Specification 3.3.1.1 (Table 3.3.1.1-1).

Figure 1

Fuel Type GE13-P9DTB403-5G6.0/7G5.0-100T-146-T (GE13)
Average Planar Linear Heat Generation Rate (APLHGR) Limit
Versus Average Planar Exposure

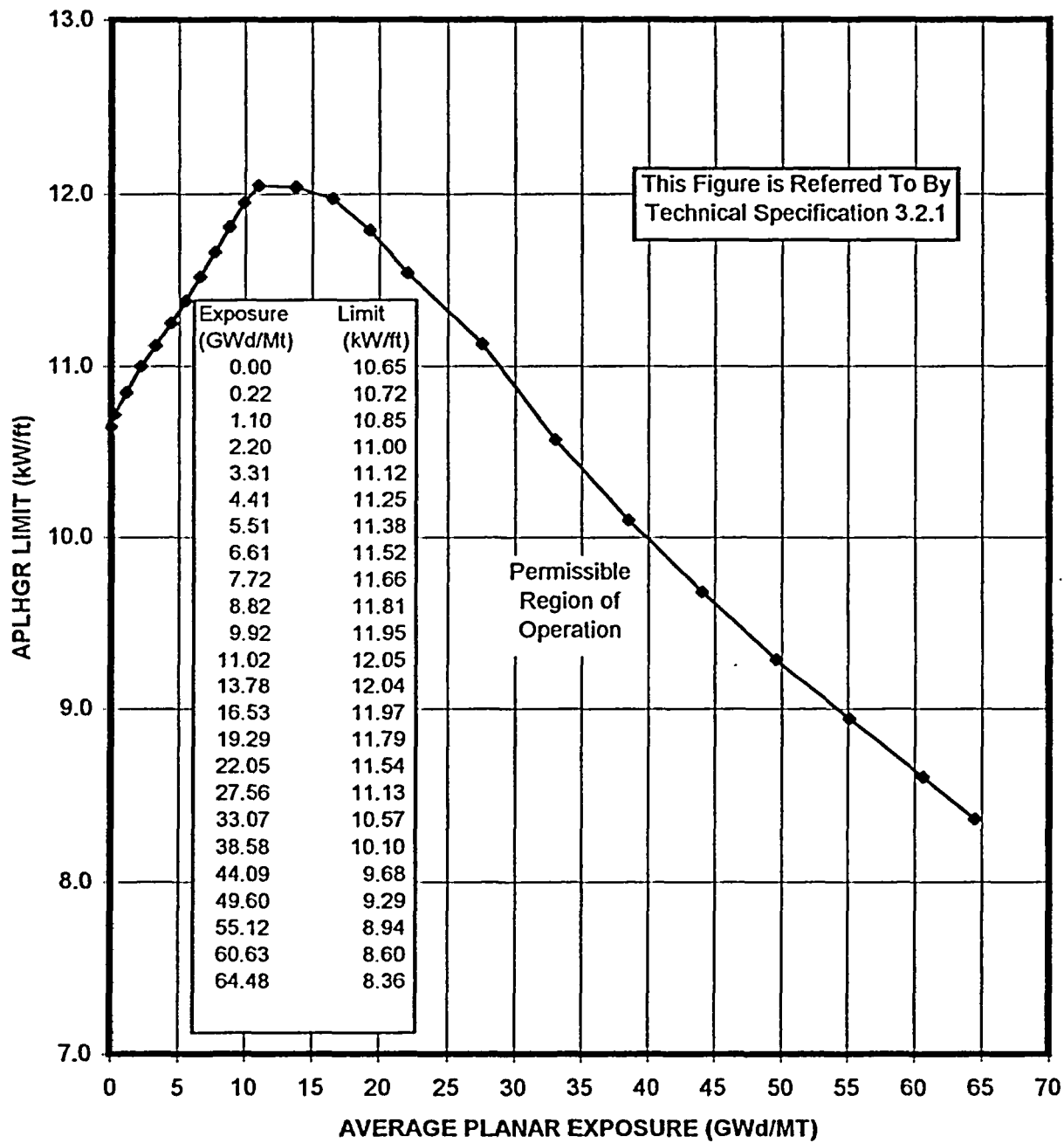


Figure 2

Fuel Type GE13-P9DTB403-7G6.0/7G5.0-100T-146-T (GE13)
Average Planar Linear Heat Generation Rate (APLHGR) Limit
Versus Average Planar Exposure

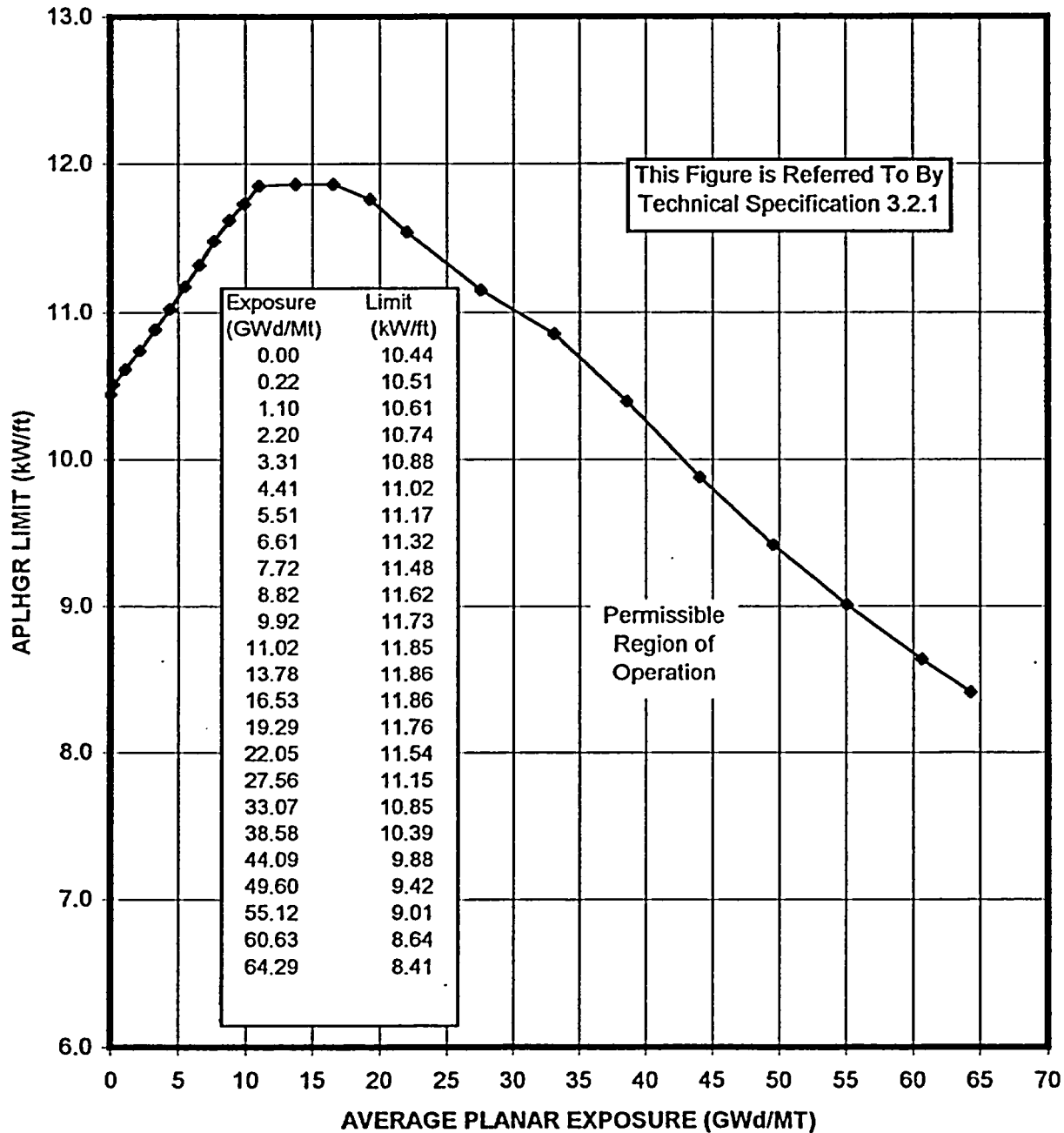
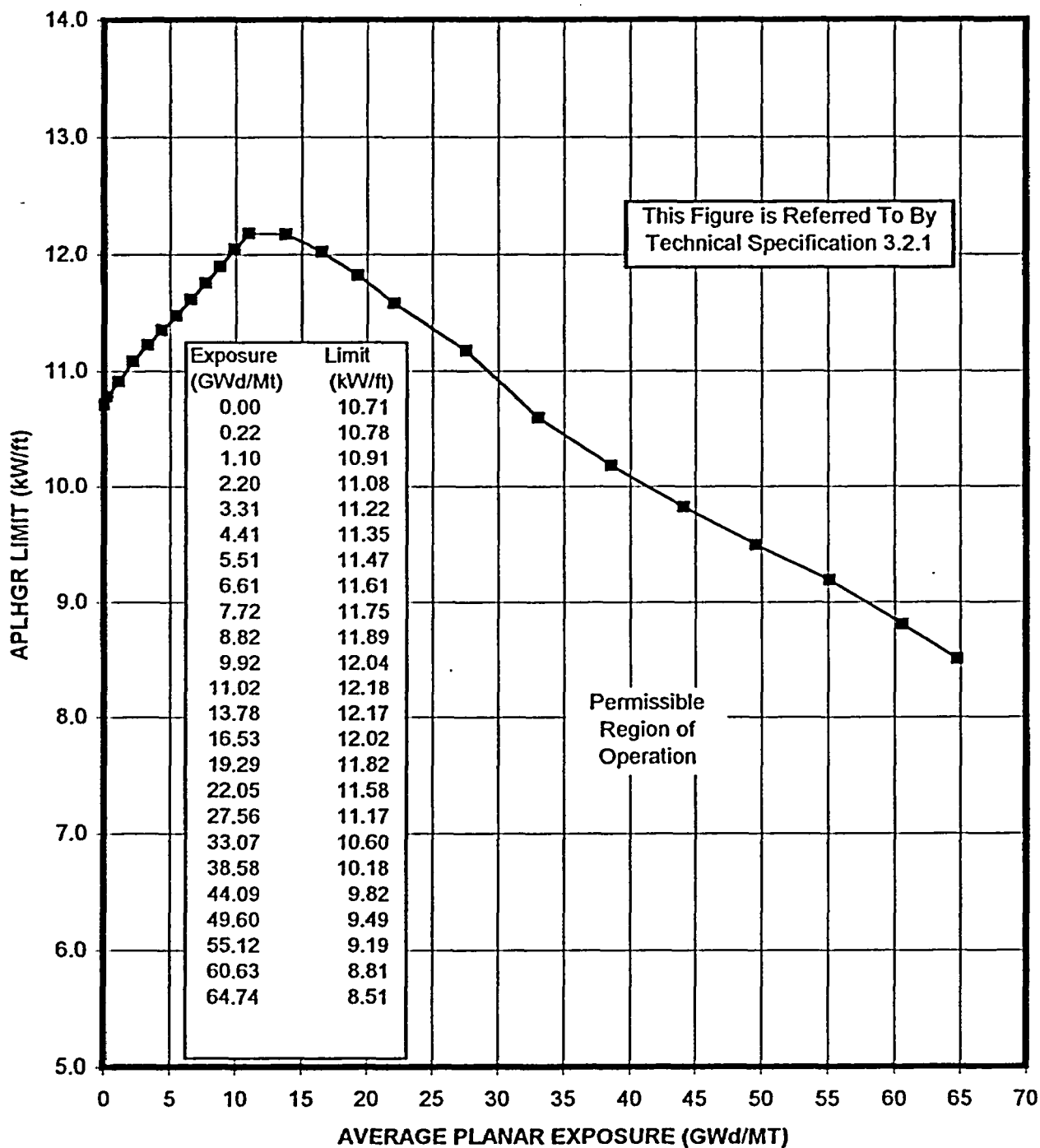


Figure 3

Fuel Type GE13-P9DTB405-5G6.0/7G5.0-100T-146-T (GE13)
Average Planar Linear Heat Generation Rate (APLHGR) Limit
Versus Average Planar Exposure



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Figure 4

Fuel Type GE13-P9DTB402-13G6.0/1G2.0-100T-146-T (GE13)
Average Planar Linear Heat Generation Rate (APLHGR) Limit
Versus Average Planar Exposure

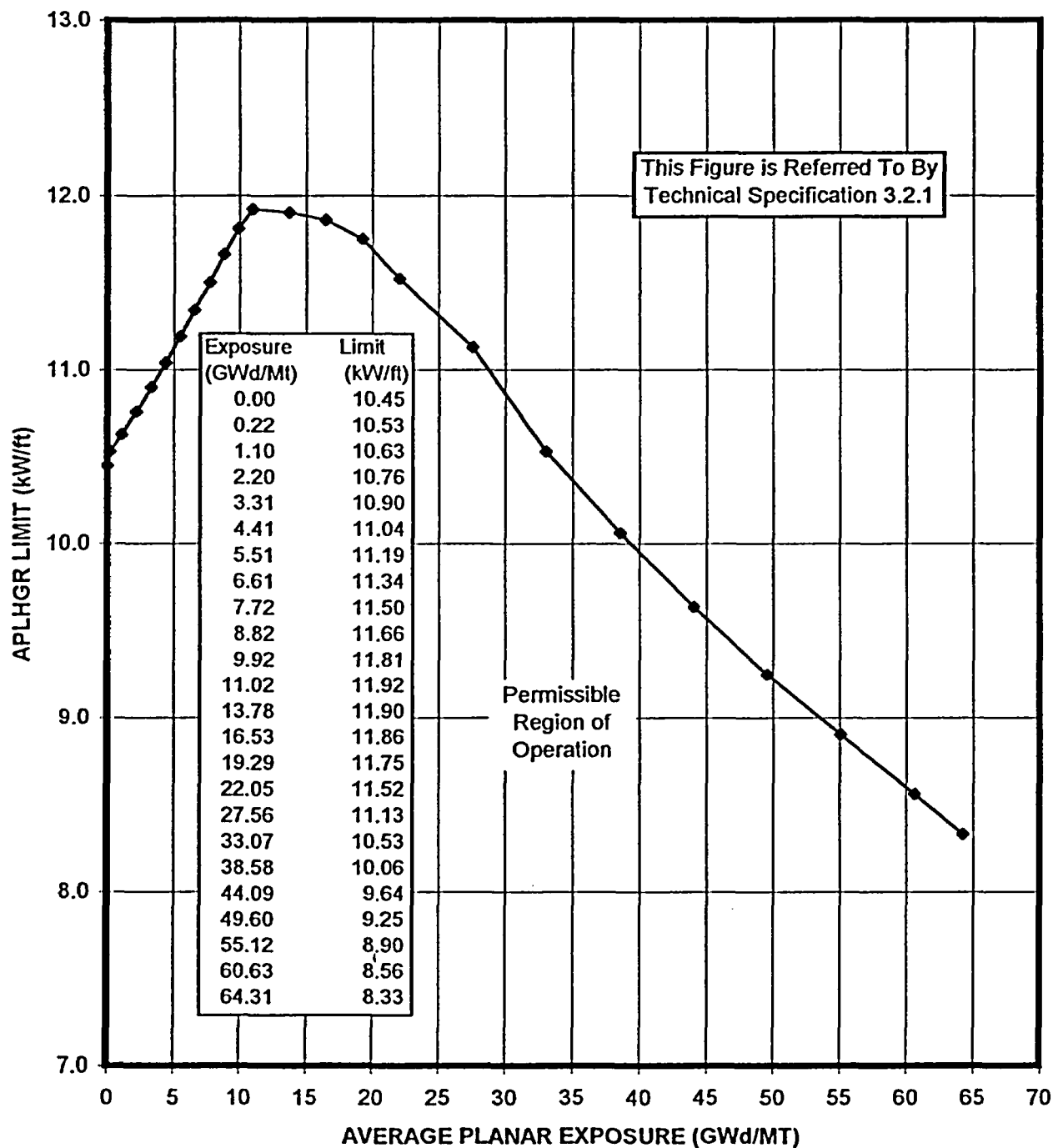


Figure 5

Fuel Type GE14-P10DNAB416-17GZ-100T-150-T-2496 (GE14)
Average Planar Linear Heat Generation Rate (APLHGR) Limit
Versus Average Planar Exposure

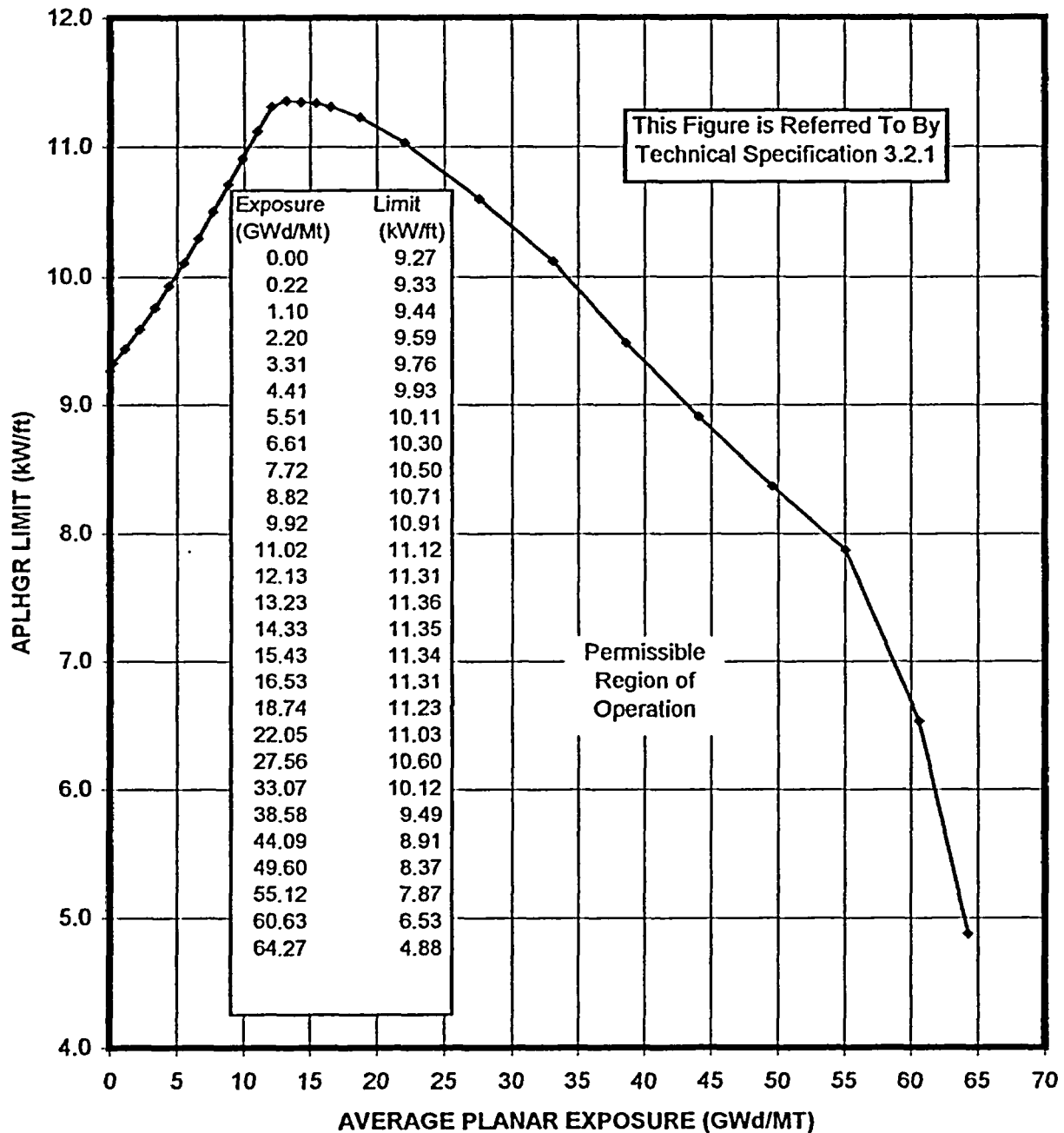


Figure 6

Fuel Type GE14-P10DNAB425-16GZ-100T-150-T-2497 (GE14)
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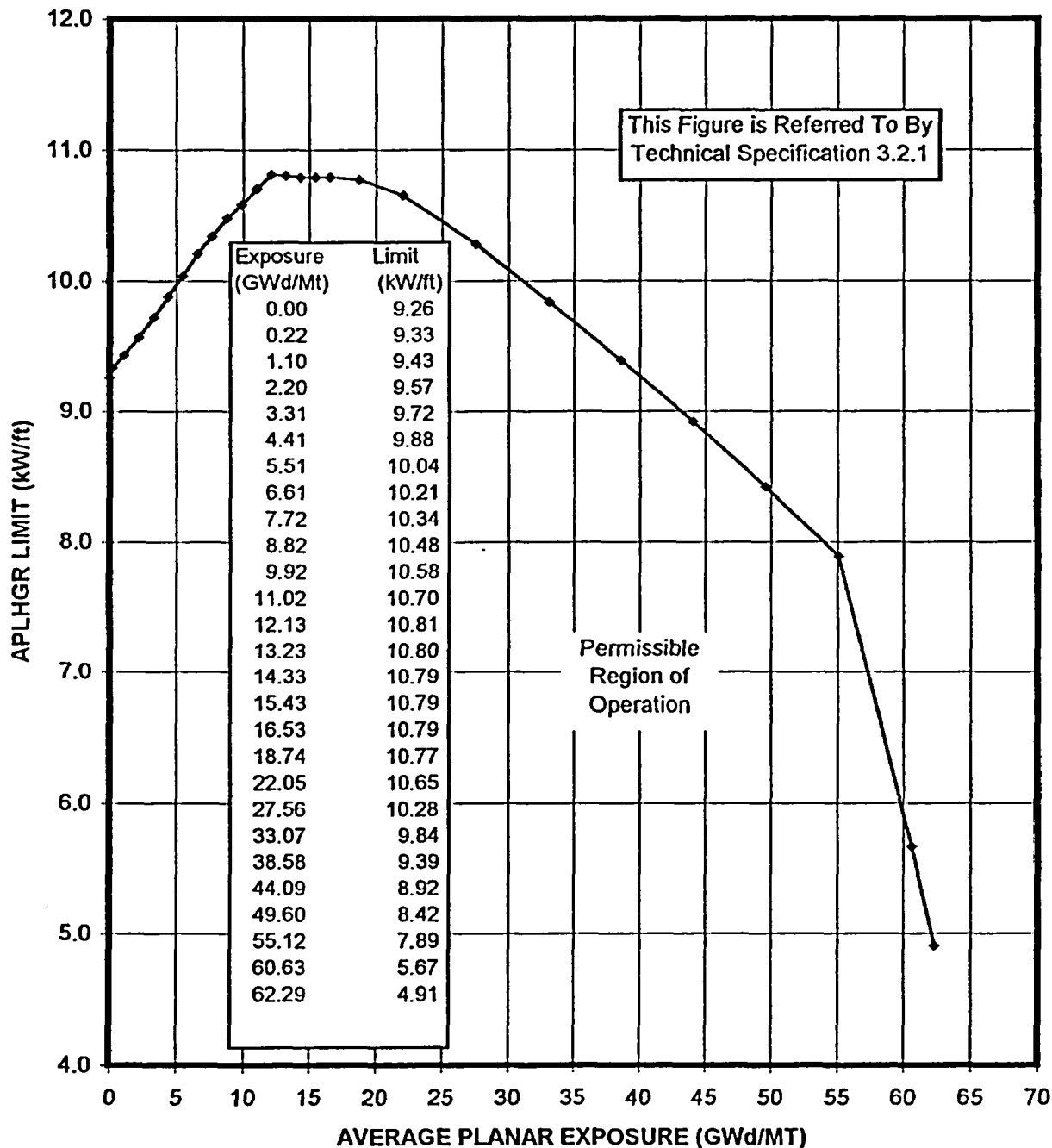


Figure 7

Fuel Type GE14-P10DNAB438-12G6.0-100T-150-T-2498 (GE14)
Average Planar Linear Heat Generation Rate (APLHGR) Limit
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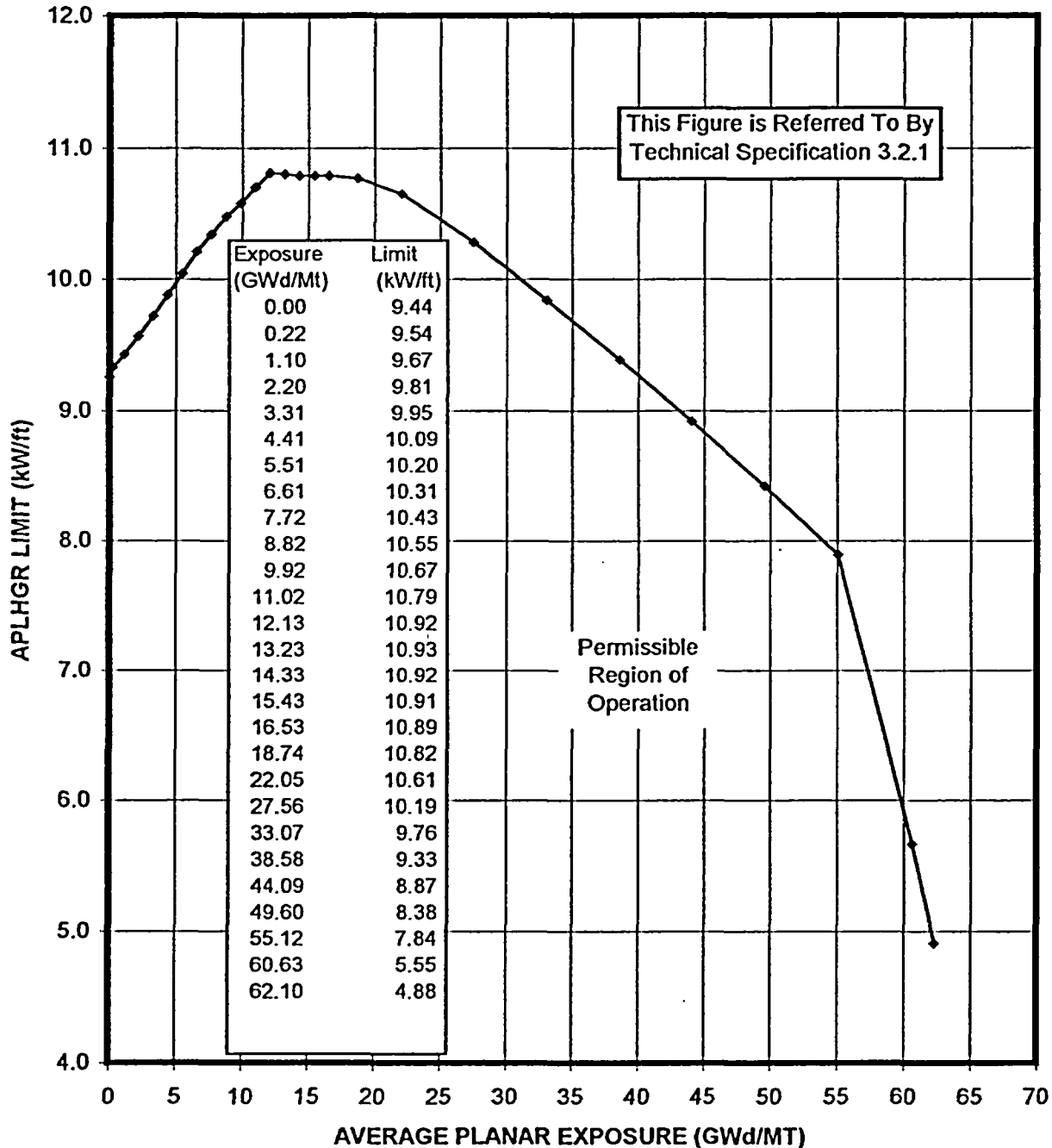


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Figure 9

GE13 and GE14 Flow-Dependent MAPLHGR Limit, MAPLHGR(F)

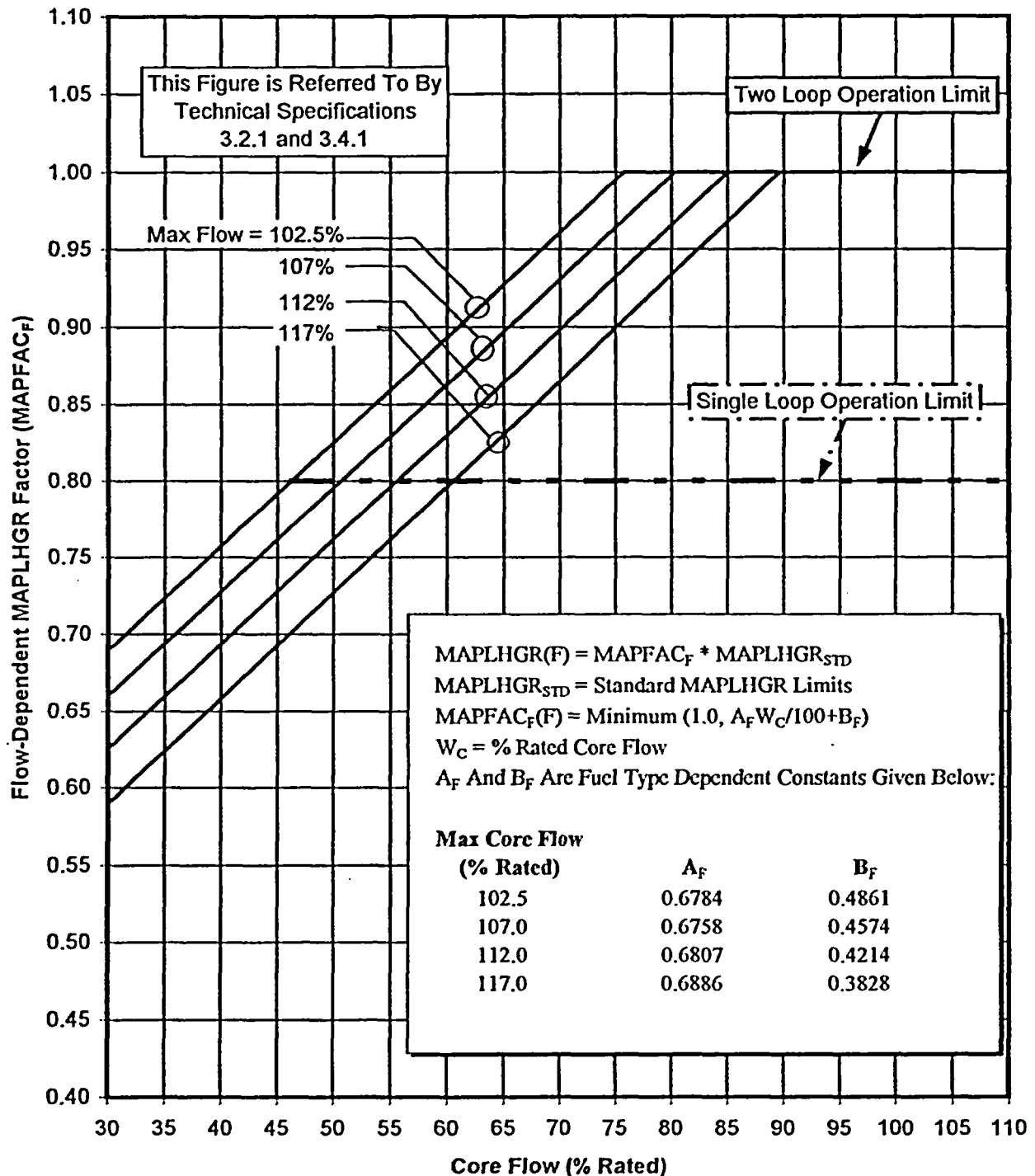
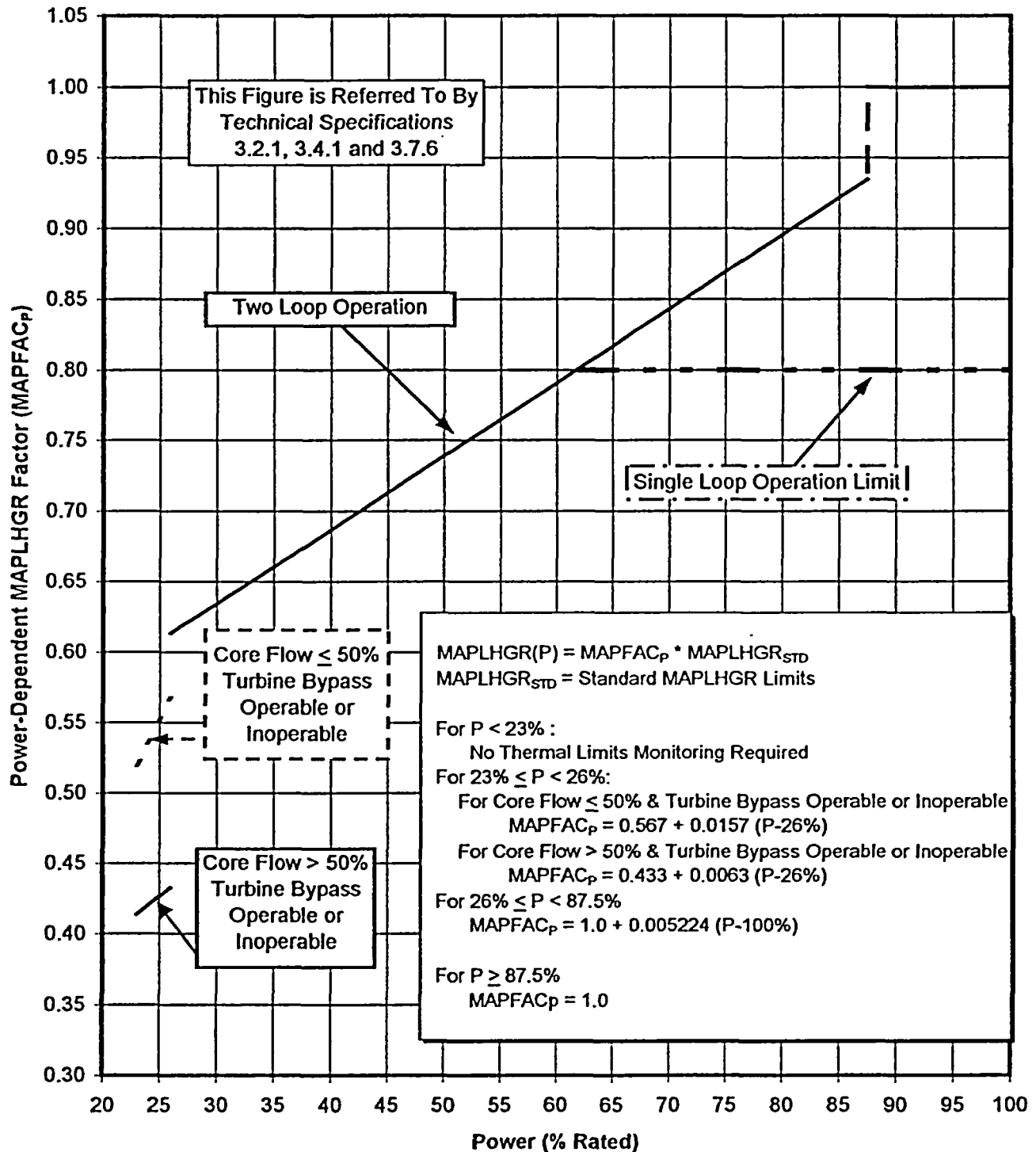


Figure 10

GE13 and GE14 Power-Dependent MAPLHGR Limit, MAPLHGR (P)



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Figure 11

GE13 and GE14 Flow-Dependent MCPR Limit, MCPR(F)

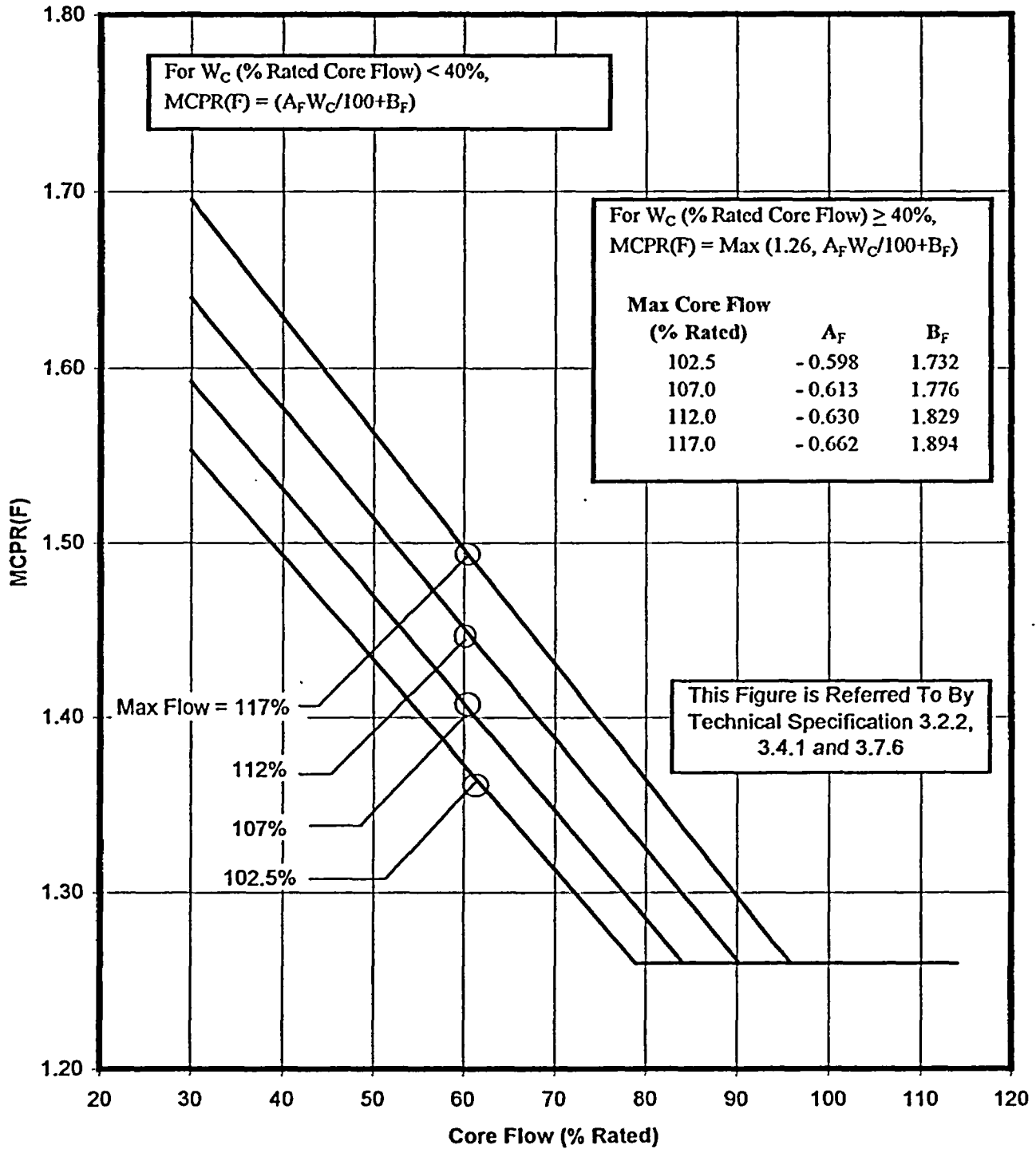
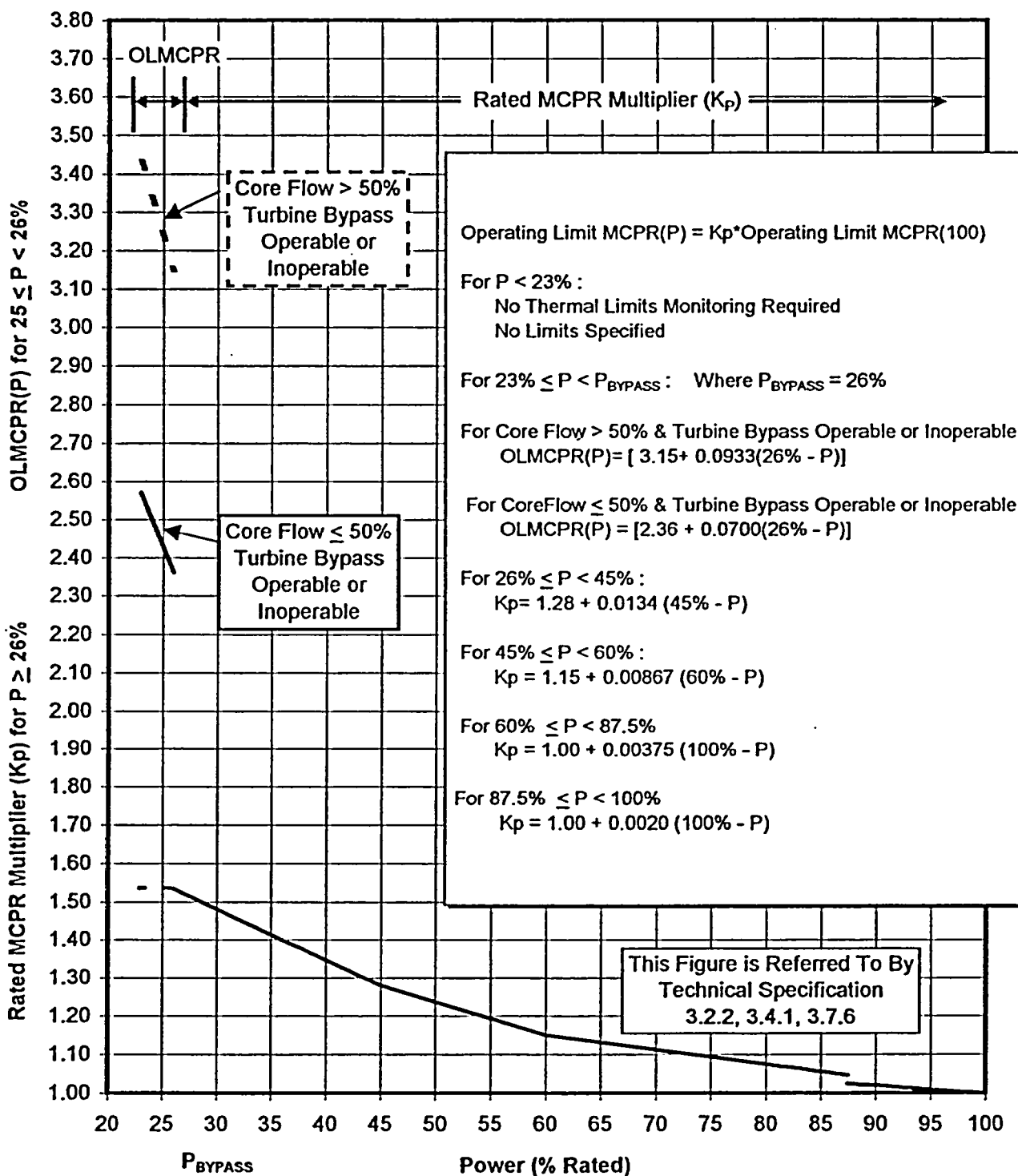


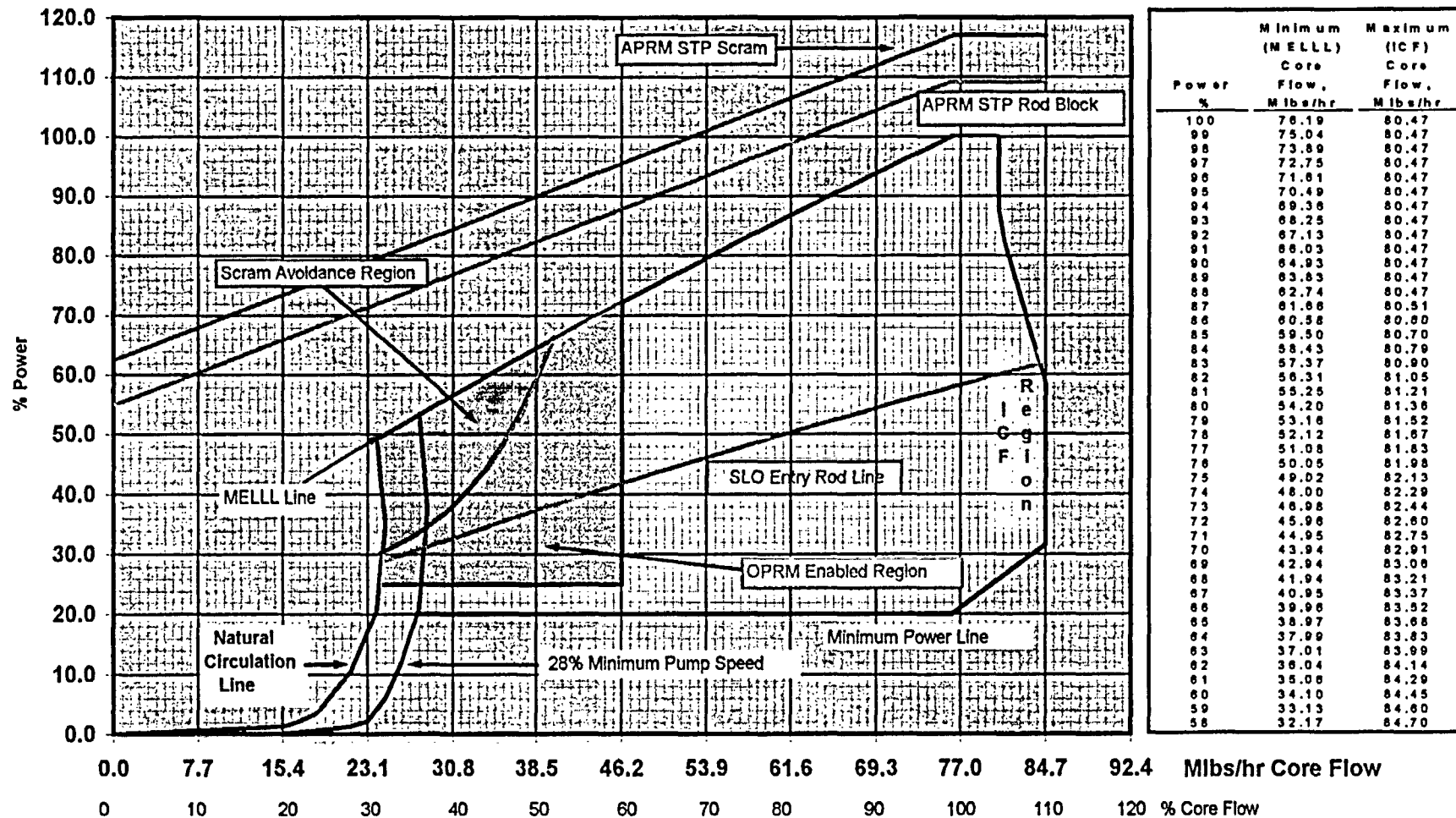
Figure 12

GE13 and GE14 Power - Dependent MCPR Limit, MCPR (P)



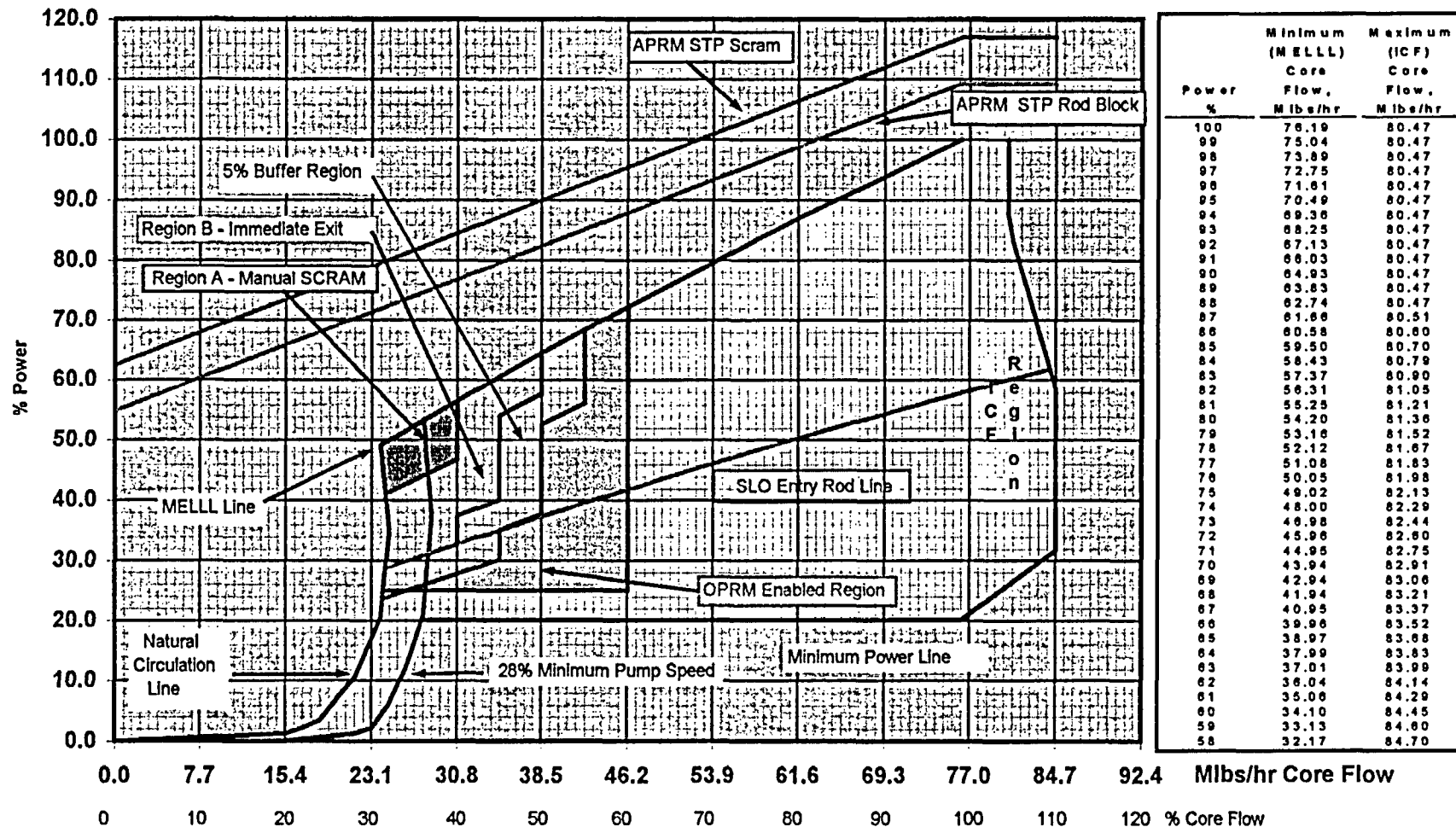
OPRM Operable, Two Loop Operation, 2923 MWt

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and the Technical Requirements Manual Specification 3.3



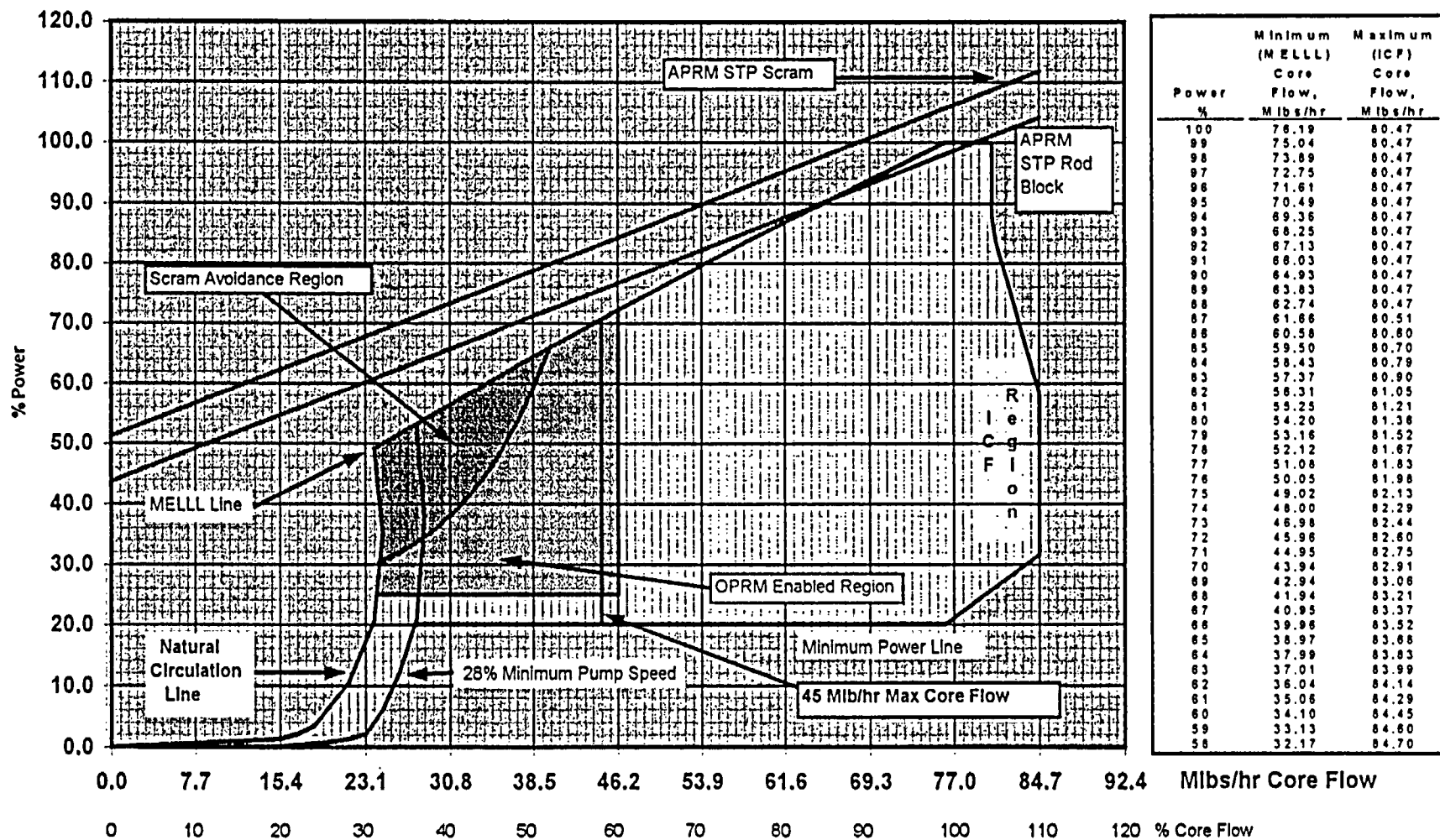
OPRM Inoperable, Two Loop Operation, 2923 MWt

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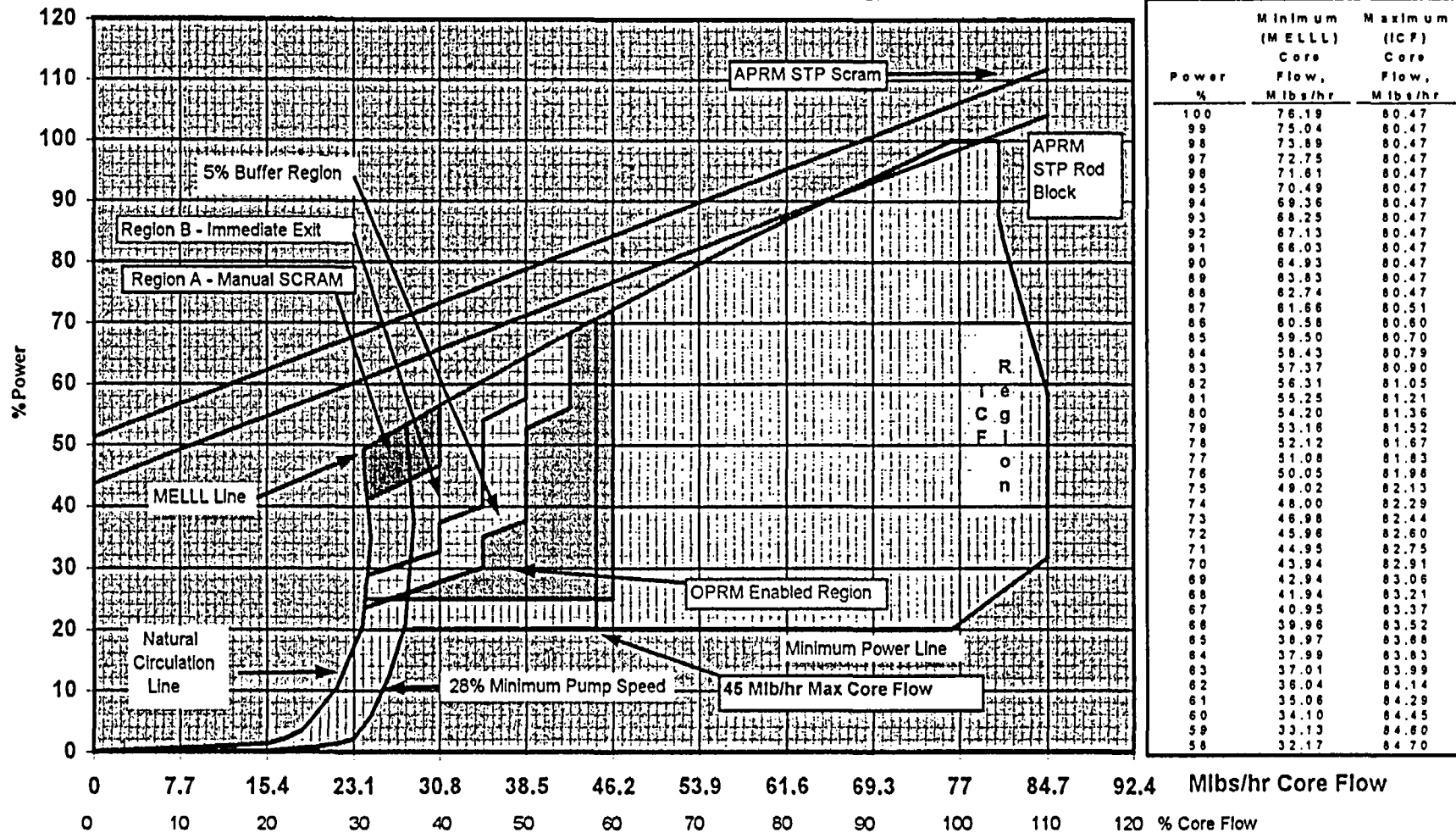
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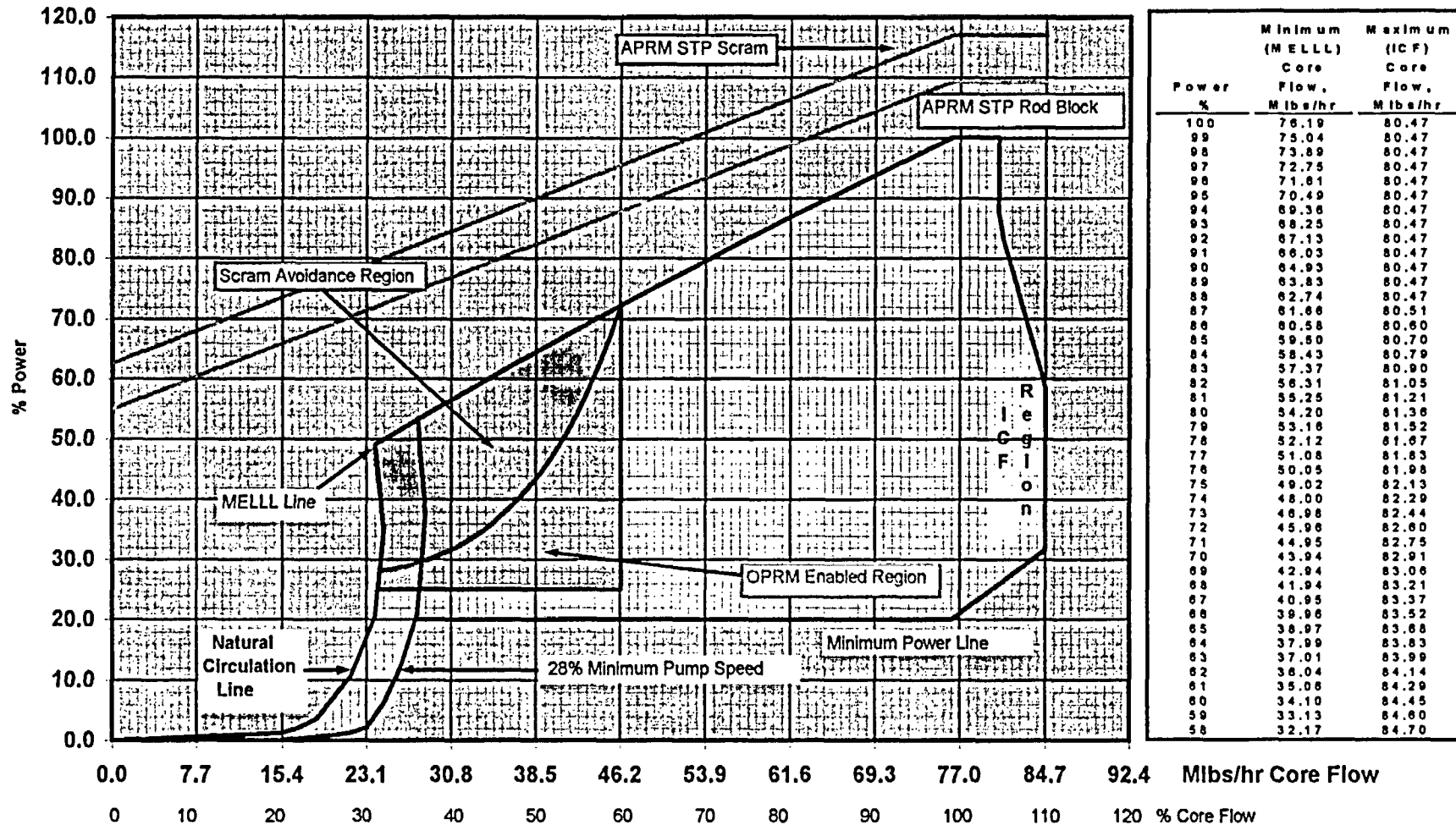
OPRM Inoperable, Single Loop Operation, 2923 MWt

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and the Technical Requirements Manual Specification 3.3



OPRM Operable, FWTR, 2923 MWt

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and the Technical Requirements Manual Specification 3.3



OPRM Inoperable, FWTR, 2923 MWt

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