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Pursuant to the requirements of Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station (DBNPS) Technical Specification 5.6.3, "CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT (COLR)," FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company hereby submits the DBNPS Cycle 18 COLR, Revision 0.

There are no regulatory commitments contained in this submittal. If there are any questions or if additional information is required, please contact Mr. Phil H. Lashley, Supervisor - Fleet Licensing, at (330) 315-6808.

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CYCLE 18

CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT

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1.0 Core Operating Limits

This CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT for DB-1 Cycle 18 has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Technical Specification 5.6.3. The Core Operating Limits have been developed using the methodology provided in Reference 2.0 (1). The licensed length of Cycle 18 is 600 EFPDs.

The following cycle-specific core Operating Limits, Protective Limit and Flux - Δ Flux -Flow Reactor Protection System Allowable Values are included in this report:

1. SL 2.1.1.1 Reactor Core Safety Limits
2. LCO 3.1.1 SHUTDOWN MARGIN (SDM)
3. LCO 3.1.3 Moderator Temperature Coefficient (MTC)
4. LCO 3.1.7 Position Indicator Channels
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11. LCO 3.2.5 Power Peaking Factors
12. LCO 3.3.1 Reactor Protection Systems (RPS) Instrumentation
Function 8: (Flux - Δ Flux – Flow) Allowable Values
13. LCO 3.9.1 Boron Concentration
14. TRM 8.1.3 Rod Program

2.0 References

- 1) BAW-10179P-A, Rev. 8, "Safety Criteria and Methodology for Acceptable Cycle Reload Analyses", May 2010.

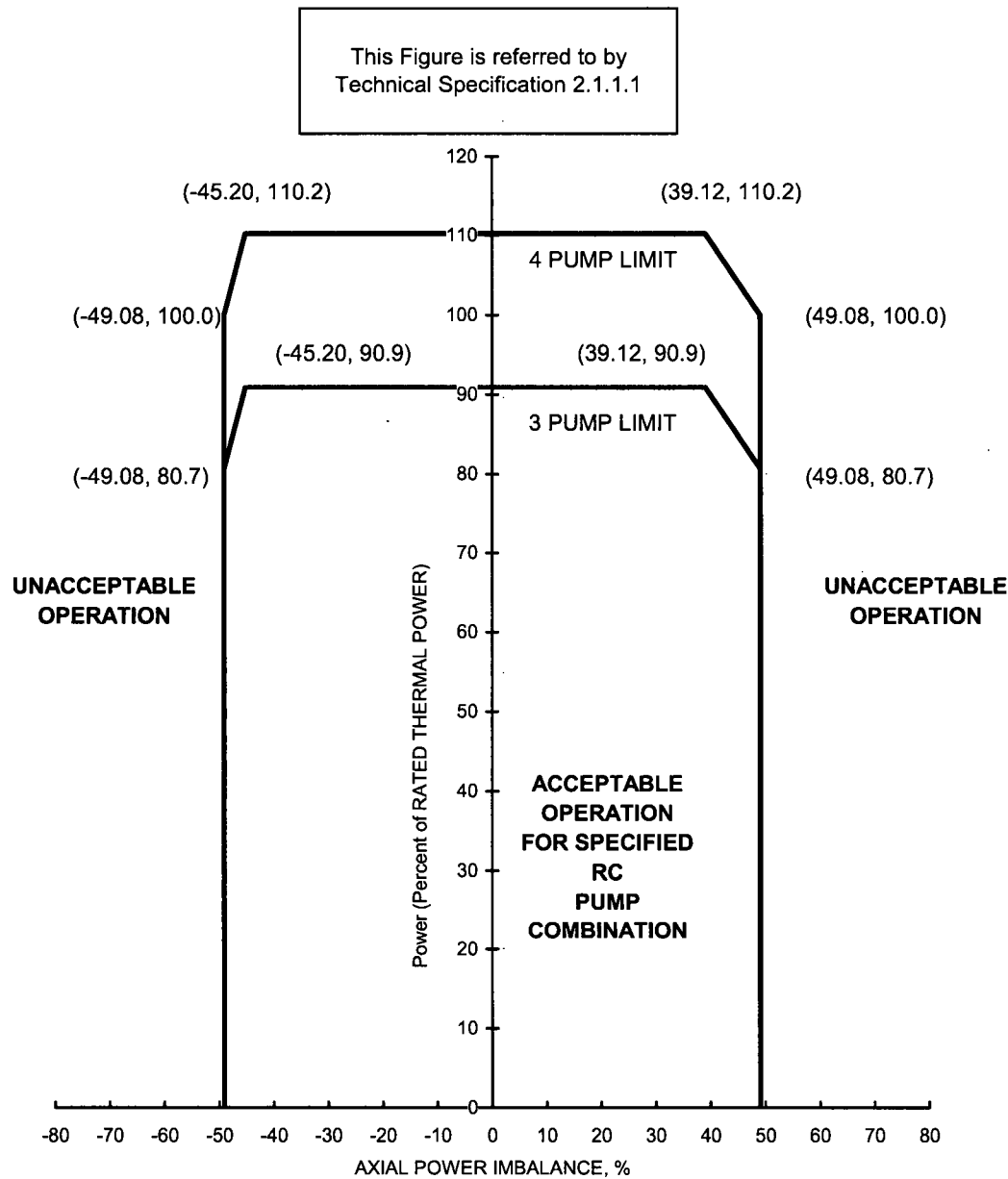
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Figure 1 AXIAL POWER IMBALANCE Protective Limits
2817 MWt RTP, Davis-Besse 1, Cycle 18



<u>Pumps Operating</u>	<u>Reactor Coolant Flow, gpm</u>	<u>Required Measured Flow to Ensure Compliance, gpm</u>
4	380,000	389,500
3	283,860	290,957

Table 1 Shutdown Margin Requirements

Verify SHUTDOWN MARGIN per the table below.

APPLICABILITY	REQUIRED SHUTDOWN MARGIN	TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS LCO REFERENCE
MODE 1*	$\geq 1\% \Delta k/k$	3.1.4, 3.1.5
MODE 2*	$\geq 1\% \Delta k/k$	3.1.4, 3.1.5, 3.3.9
MODE 3	$\geq 1\% \Delta k/k$	3.1.1, 3.3.9
MODE 4	$\geq 1\% \Delta k/k$	3.1.1, 3.3.9
MODE 5	$\geq 1\% \Delta k/k$	3.1.1, 3.3.9
MODE 1 PHYSICS TESTS Exceptions**	$\geq 1\% \Delta k/k$	3.1.8
MODE 2 PHYSICS TESTS Exceptions	$\geq 1\% \Delta k/k$	3.1.9

* The required Shutdown Margin capability of $1\% \Delta k/k$ in MODE 1 and MODE 2 is preserved by the Regulating Rod Insertion Limits specified in Figures 2a through 2d as required by Technical Specification 3.2.1.

** Entry into Mode 1 Physics Tests Exceptions is not supported by existing analyses. For example, Regulating Rod Shutdown Margin Insertion Limits assumptions may not be met and as such requires actual shutdown margin to be $\geq 1\% \Delta k/k$ via alternate verification or calculation.

Table 2 Moderator Temperature Coefficient Limit

These limits are referred to by Technical
Specifications 3.1.3

1. Lower Limit:
MTC at HFP $\geq -3.69 \times 10^{-4} \Delta k/k/^{\circ}F$
2. The following Upper Limits may not be exceeded without prior NRC approval:
MTC $< 0.9 \times 10^{-4} \Delta k/k/^{\circ}F$ when Thermal Power $< 95\%$ RTP
MTC $< 0.0 \times 10^{-4} \Delta k/k/^{\circ}F$ when Thermal Power $\geq 95\%$ RTP
3. The following Upper Limits may not be exceeded for operation in Modes 1 and 2:

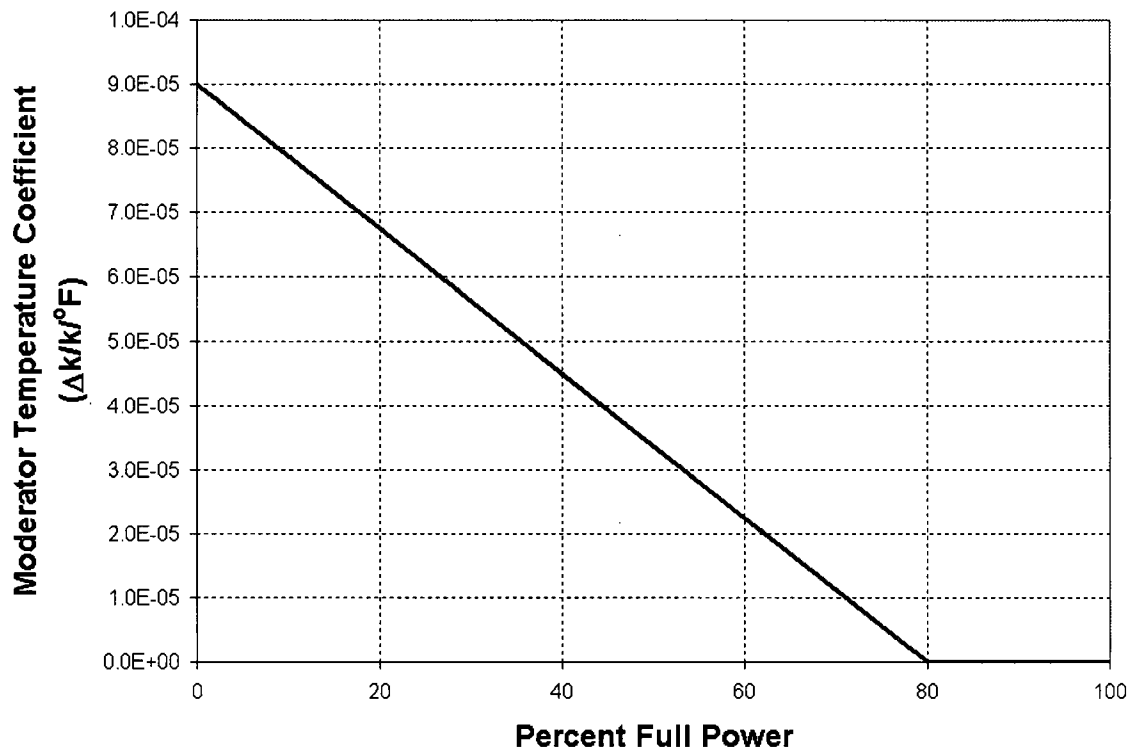


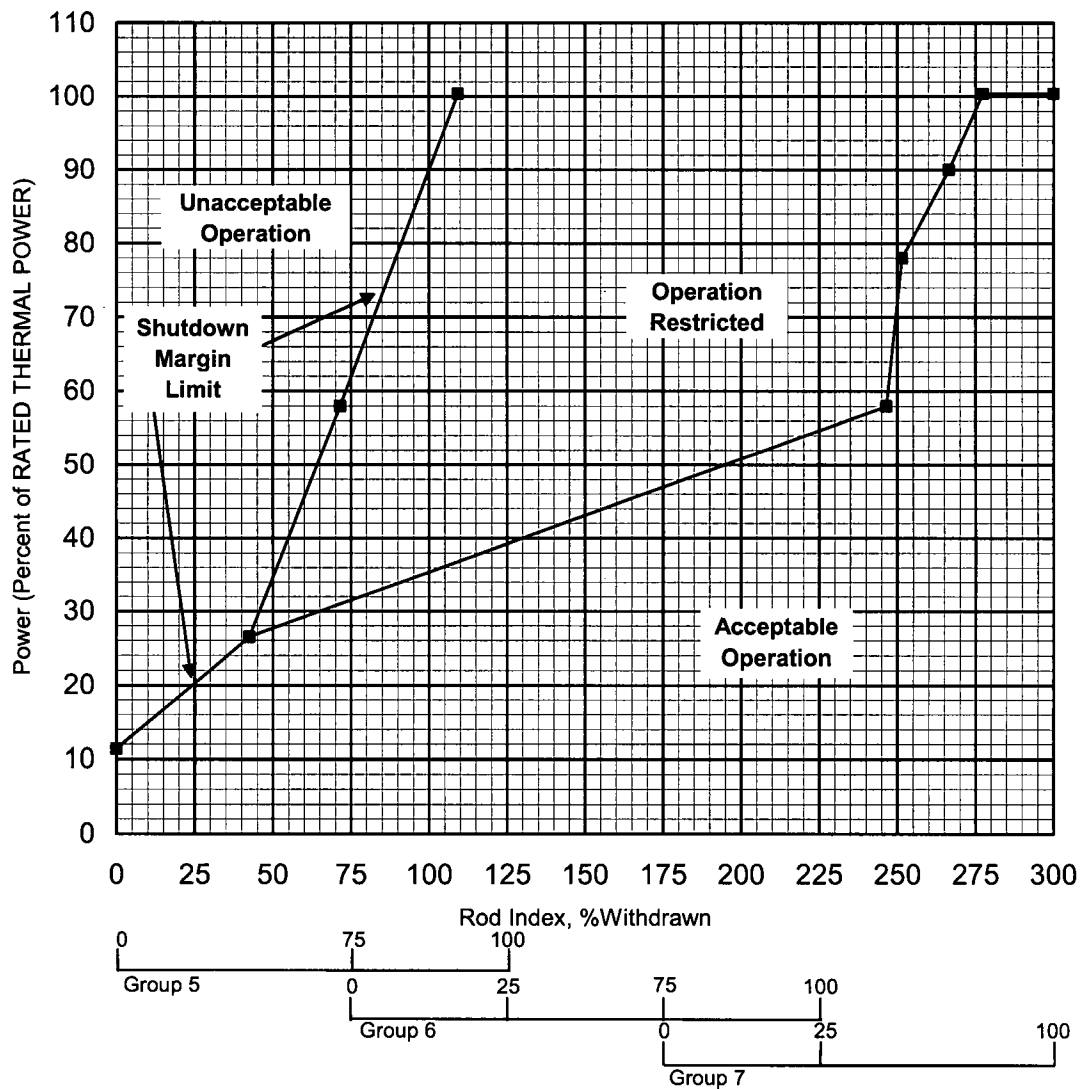
Table 3 Absolute Position Indicator (API) / Relative Position Indicator (RPI)
Agreement Limit

This limit is referred to by Technical Specifications 3.1.7
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The absolute position indicator channels and the relative position indicator channels agree within 3.46%.

Figure 2a Regulating Group Position Operating Limits
0 to 300 ± 10 EFPD, Four RC Pumps--2817 MWt RTP
Davis-Besse 1, Cycle 18

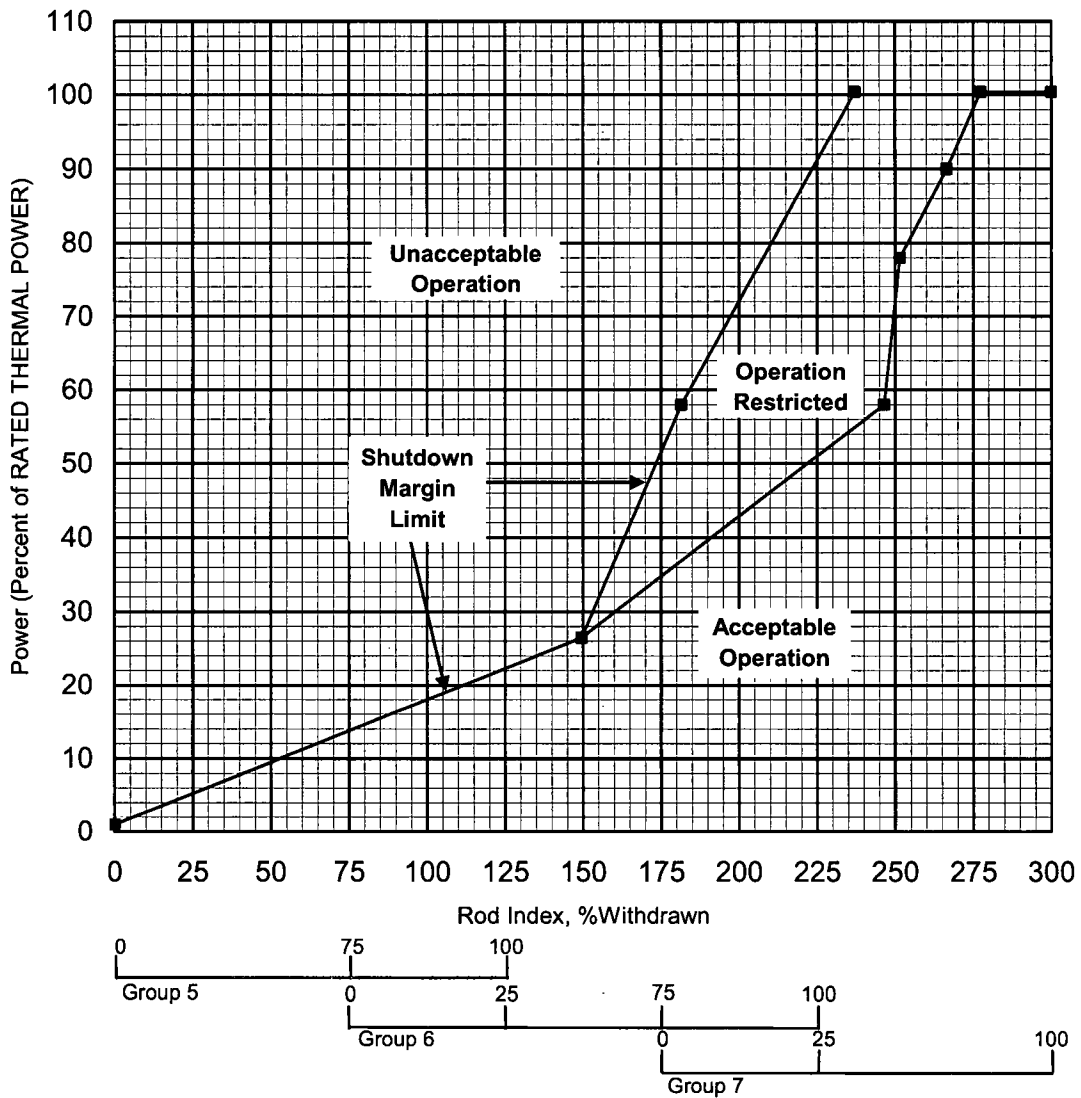
This Figure is referred to by Technical
Specifications 3.2.1



- Note 1: A Rod Group overlap of 25 \pm 5% between sequential withdrawn groups 5 and 6, and 6 and 7, shall be maintained.
Note 2: Instrument error is accounted for in these Operating Limits.
Note 3: Maximum plotted power level is 100.37 %RTP.

Figure 2b Regulating Group Position Operating Limits
After 300 ± 10 EFPD, Four RC Pumps--2817 MWt RTP
Davis-Besse 1, Cycle 18

This Figure is referred to by Technical
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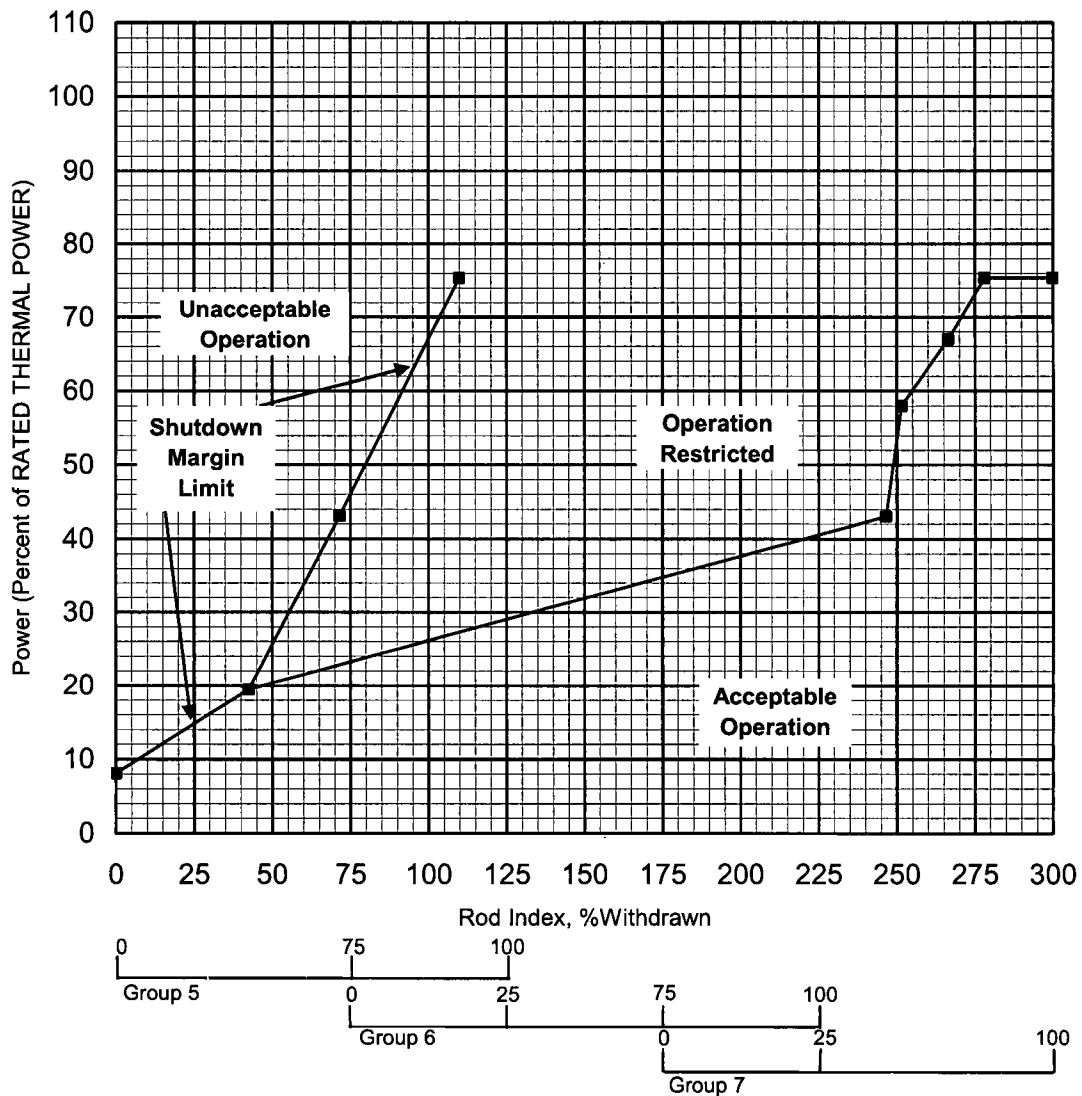
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Figure 2c Regulating Group Position Operating Limits
0 to 300 ± 10 EFPD, Three RC Pumps--2817 MWt RTP
Davis-Besse 1, Cycle 18

This Figure is referred to by Technical
Specifications 3.2.1



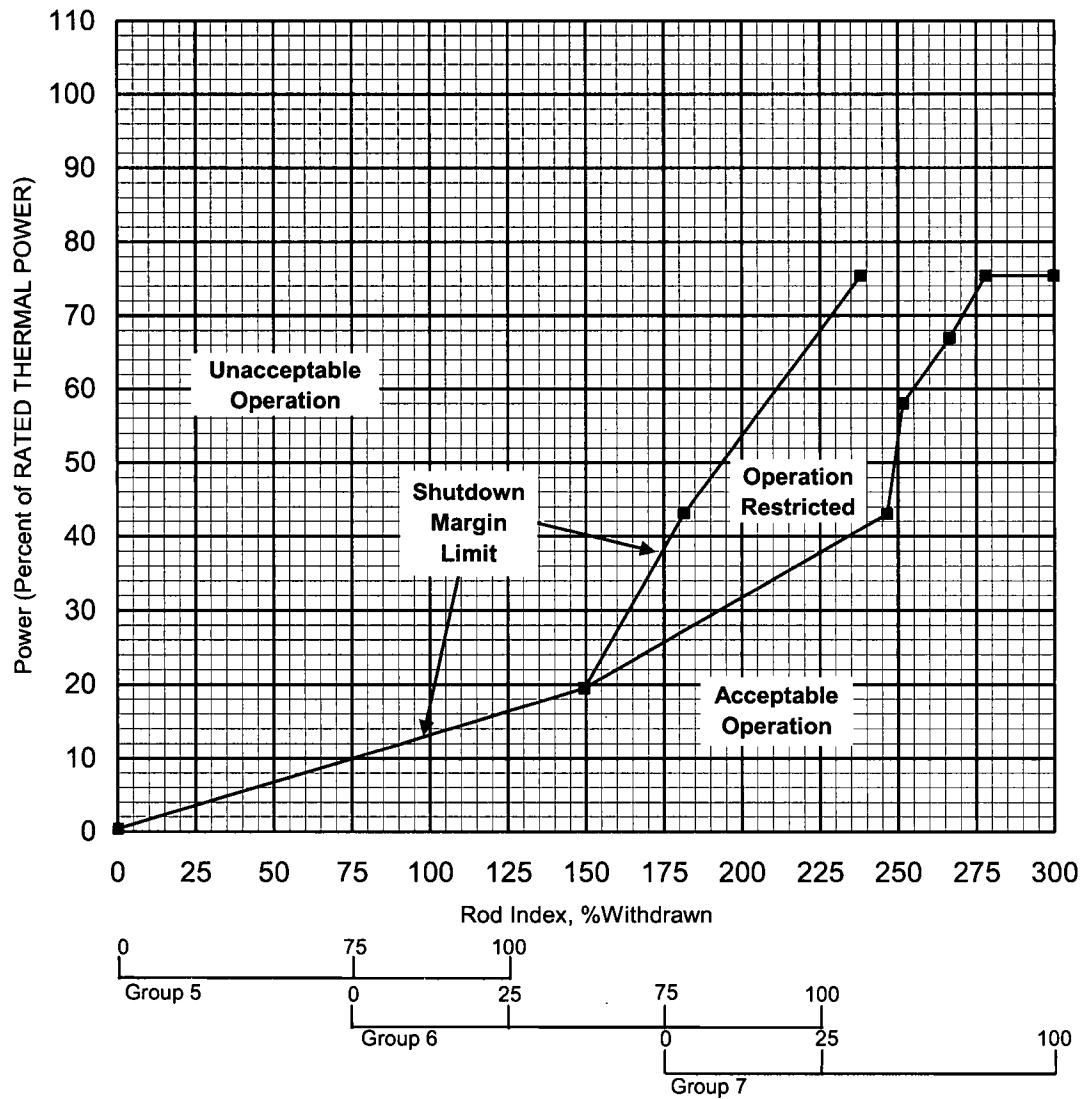
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Note 2: Instrument error is accounted for in these Operating Limits.

Note 3: Maximum plotted power level is 75.37 %RTP.

Figure 2d Regulating Group Position Operating Limits
After 300 \pm 10 EFPD, Three RC Pumps--2817 MWt RTP
Davis-Besse 1, Cycle 18

This Figure is referred to by Technical
Specifications 3.2.1



Note 1: A Rod Group overlap of 25 \pm 5% between sequential withdrawn groups 5 and 6, and 6 and 7, shall be maintained.
Note 2: Instrument error is accounted for in these Operating Limits.
Note 3: Maximum plotted power level is 75.37 %RTP.

Figure 3 APSR Position Operating Limits

This Figure is referred to by Technical
Specifications 3.2.2

**Before APSR Pull: 0 EFPD to 525 ± 10 EFPD,
Three or Four RC pumps operation**

Lower Limit: 0 %WD

Upper Limit: 100 %WD

**After APSR Pull: 525 ± 10 EFPD to End-of-Cycle
Three or Four RC pumps operation**

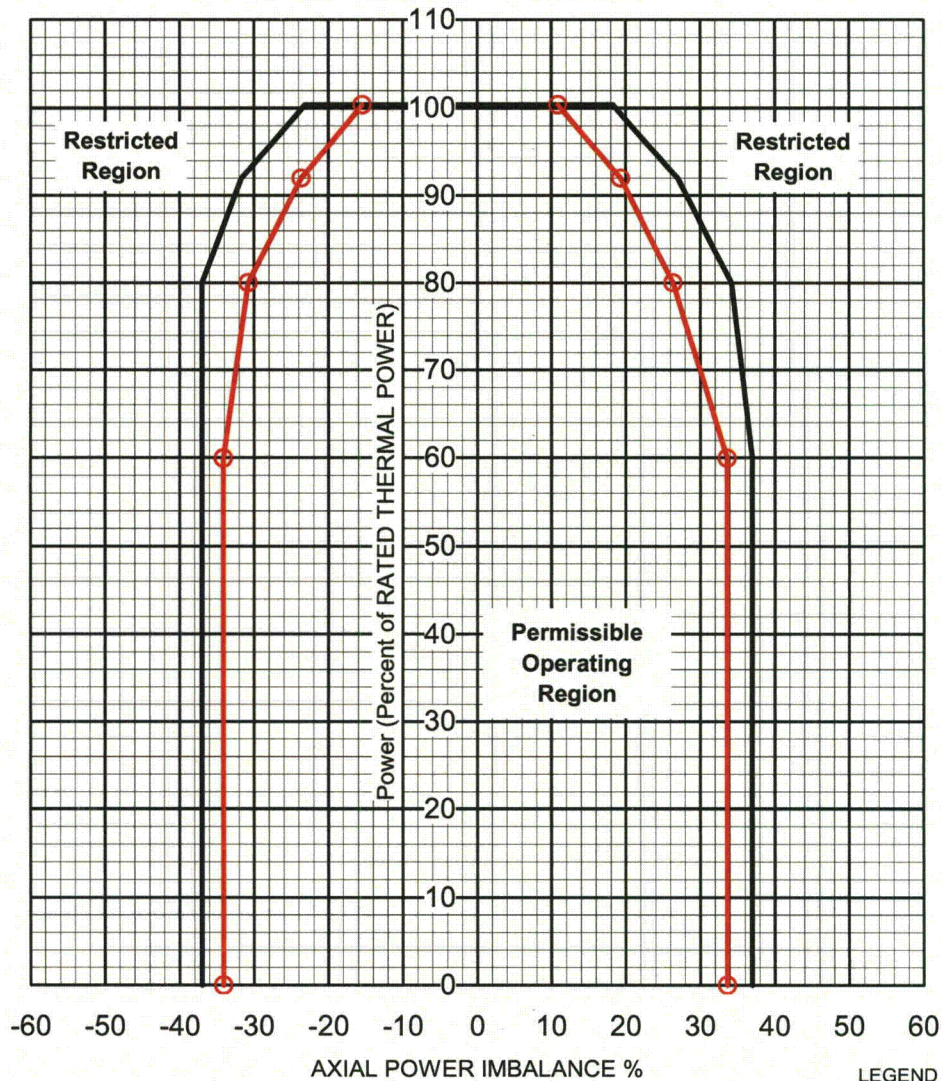
Insertion Prohibited (maintain $\geq 99\%$ WD) **

* Power restricted to 75.37% for 3-pump operation.

** Reinsertion is allowed only during the end of cycle shutdown
when the reactor power is equal to, or less than, 30%RTP.

Figure 4a AXIAL POWER IMBALANCE Operating Limits
0 EFPD to EOC, Four RC Pumps--2817 MWt RTP
Davis-Besse 1, Cycle 18

This Figure is referred to by
Technical Specification 3.2.3



Note 1: Instrument error is accounted for in these Operating Limits.

Note 2: The Excore Imbalance Operating Limits are available for use when the Full Incore system is non-functional.

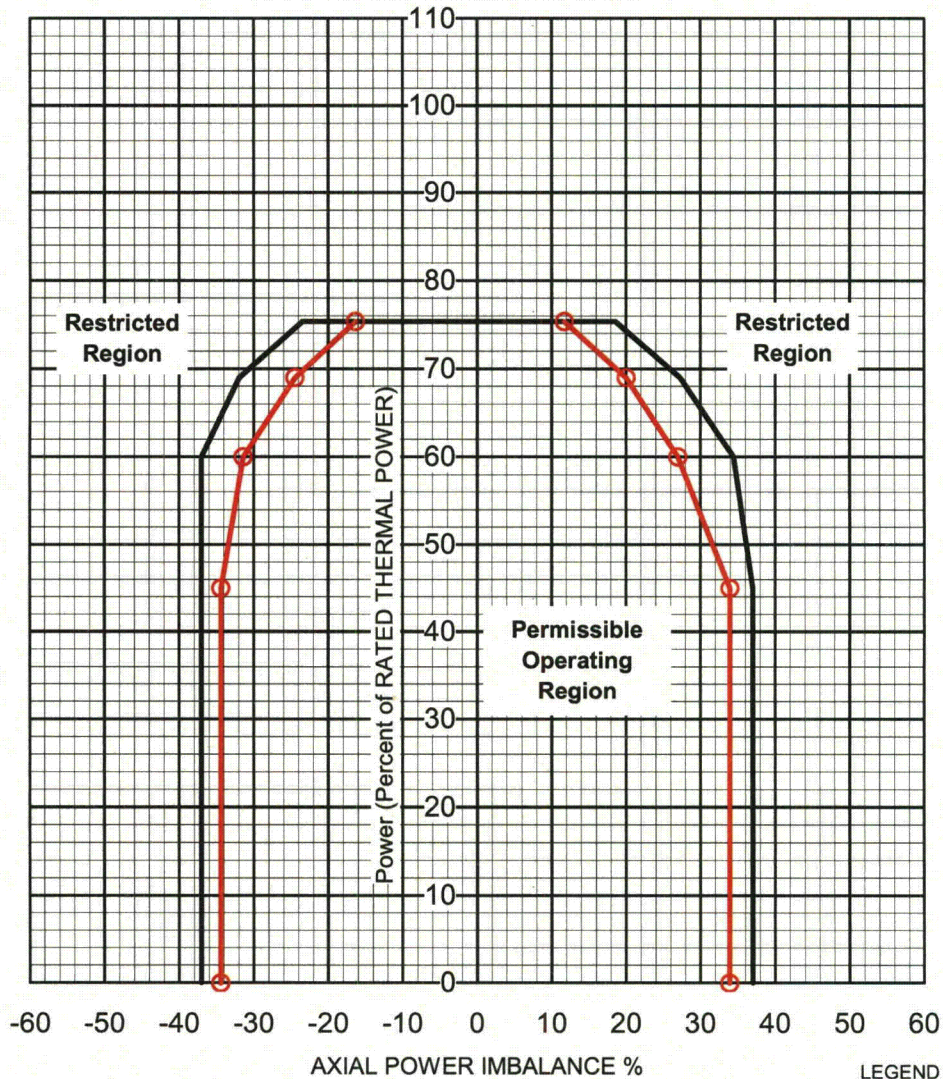
Note 3: Maximum plotted power level is 100.37 %RTP.

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Figure 4b AXIAL POWER IMBALANCE Operating Limits
0 EFPD to EOC, Three RC Pumps--2817 MWt RTP
Davis-Besse 1, Cycle 18

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Technical Specification 3.2.3



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Table 4 QUADRANT POWER TILT Limits

This Table is referred to by Technical
Specifications 3.2.4

QUADRANT POWER TILT as measured by:	From 0 EFPD to EOC			
	Steady-state Limit for THERMAL POWER \leq 60% (%)	Steady-state Limit for THERMAL POWER >60% (%)	Transient Limit (%)	Maximum Limit (%)
Symmetric Incore Detector System	7.90	4.34	10.03	20.00

Table 5 Power Peaking Factors - F_Q

This Table is referred to by Technical
Specifications 3.2.5

The measured F_Q shall be increased by 1.4% to account for manufacturing tolerances and further increased by 7.5% to account for measurement uncertainty before comparing to the limits.

Heat Flux Hot Channel Factor F_Q

F_Q shall be limited by the following relationships:

$$F_Q \leq LHR^{\text{allow}}(\text{Bu}) / [LHR^{\text{avg}} * P] \text{ (for } P \leq 1.0\text{)}$$

$LHR^{\text{allow}}(\text{Bu})$ = See the following tables

$LHR^{\text{avg}} = 6.4209 \text{ kW/ft}$ at 2817 MWt for Batches 18, 19 and 20 Mark-B-HTP fuel

P = ratio of THERMAL POWER / RATED THERMAL POWER

Bu = fuel burnup (MWd/mtU)

UO₂ Fuel (Mark-B-HTP) – All Batches LHR^{ALLOW} kW/ft^(a)

	0	34,000	62,000
<u>Core Elevation (ft)</u>	<u>MWd/mtU</u>	<u>MWd/mtU</u>	<u>MWd/mtU</u>
0	17.6	17.2	13.1
2.506	17.6	17.2	13.1
4.264	17.5	17.1	13.1
6.021	17.4	17.1	13.1
7.779	17.0	16.7	13.1
9.536	16.2	16.3	13.1
12.000	15.4	15.5	12.4

^(a) Linear interpolation for allowable LHR between specified burnup points is valid for these tables.

Table 5 (continued)

4 wt% Gad Fuel (Mark-B-HTP) – All Batches LHR^{ALLOW} kW/ft^(a)

	0	34,000	62,000
<u>Core Elevation (ft)</u>	<u>MWd/mtU</u>	<u>MWd/mtU</u>	<u>MWd/mtU</u>
0	15.8	15.7	11.8
2.506	15.8	15.7	11.8
4.264	15.7	15.5	11.8
6.021	15.6	15.5	11.8
7.779	15.3	15.2	11.8
9.536	14.6	14.8	11.8
12.000	13.8	14.1	11.2

6 wt% Gad Fuel (Mark-B-HTP) –Batch 20C LHR^{ALLOW} kW/ft^(a)

	0	34,000	62,000
<u>Core Elevation (ft)</u>	<u>MWd/mtU</u>	<u>MWd/mtU</u>	<u>MWd/mtU</u>
0	15.3	15.4	11.4
2.506	15.3	15.4	11.4
4.264	15.2	15.4	11.4
6.021	15.1	15.4	11.4
7.779	14.8	15.0	11.4
9.536	14.1	14.7	11.4
12.000	13.3	14.0	10.8

8 wt% Gad Fuel (Mark-B-HTP) – Batches 18A3, 18A4, 18C2, 19A, 19C, and 20A LHR^{ALLOW} kW/ft^(a)

	0	34,000	62,000
<u>Core Elevation (ft)</u>	<u>MWd/mtU</u>	<u>MWd/mtU</u>	<u>MWd/mtU</u>
0	14.9	14.9	11.0
2.506	14.9	14.9	11.0
4.264	14.8	14.9	11.0
6.021	14.8	14.9	11.0
7.779	14.4	14.5	11.0
9.536	13.7	14.2	11.0
12.000	13.0	13.5	10.4

^(a) Linear interpolation for allowable LHR between specified burnup points is valid for these tables.

Table 6 Power Peaking Factors - $F_{\Delta H}^N$

This Table is referred to by Technical Specifications 3.2.5

Enthalpy Rise Hot Channel Factors - $F_{\Delta H}^N$

$$F_{\Delta H}^N \leq \text{MARP} [1 + (1/\text{RH}) (1 - P/P_m)] \quad (\text{see note below})$$

MARP = Maximum Allowable Radial Peak, see MARP Figures and data Tables

P = THERMAL POWER / RATED THERMAL POWER and $P \leq 1.0$

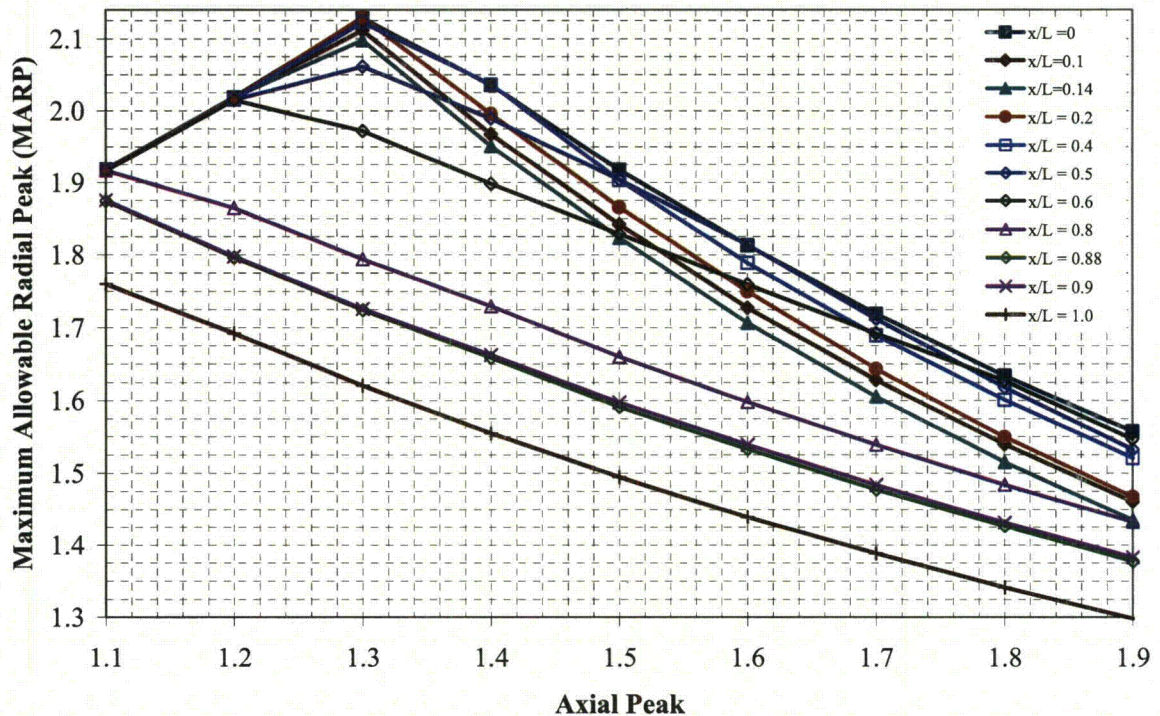
$P_m = 1.0$ for 4-RCP operation

$P_m = 0.75$ for 3-RCP operation

$1/\text{RH} = 0.3$

Note: The measured $F_{\Delta H}^N$ shall be increased by 5.0% to account for measurement uncertainty prior to comparing to the limits.

Figure 5 Maximum Allowable Radial Peak for $F_{\Delta H}^N$ *

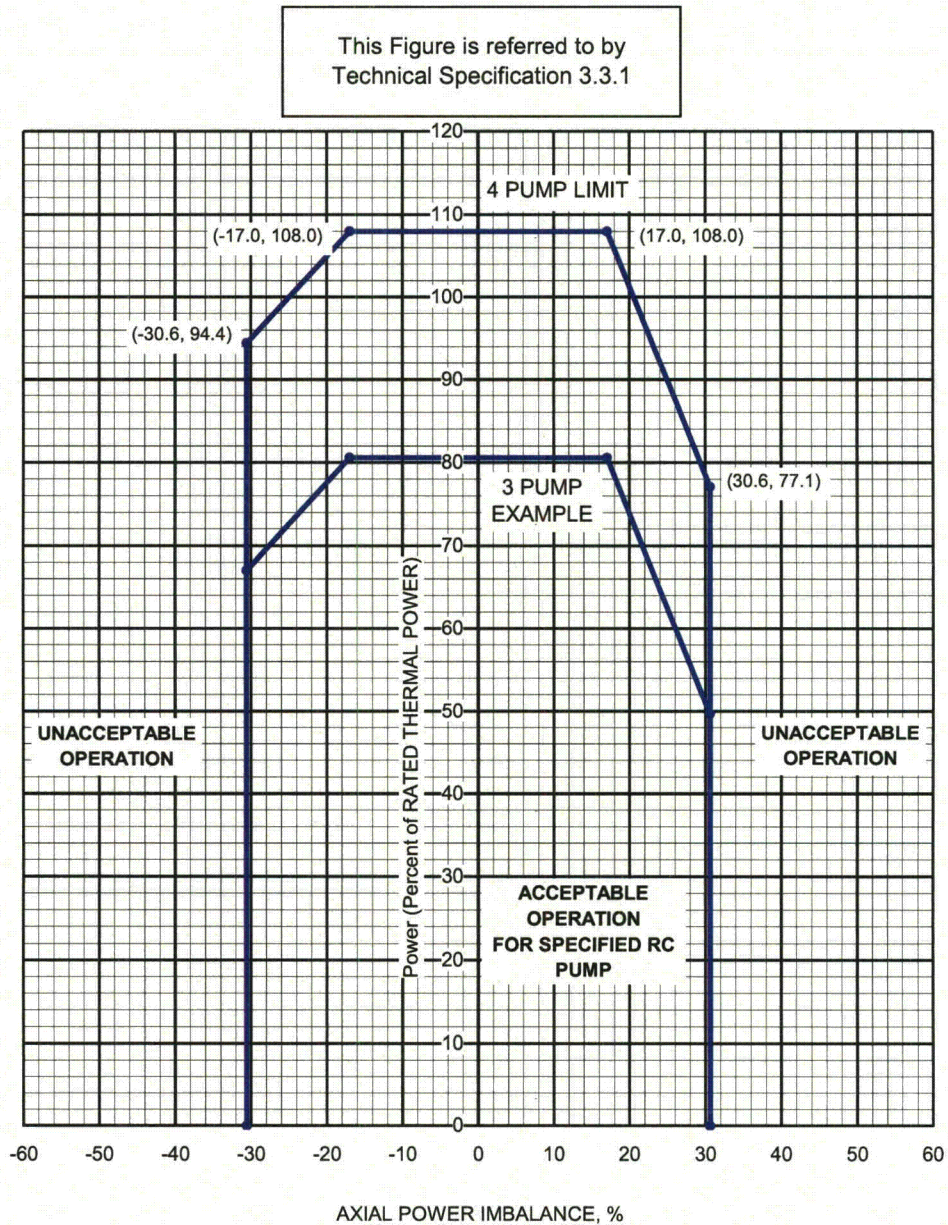


* Linear interpolation is acceptable.

Table 7 Maximum Allowable Radial Peak for $F_{\Delta H}^N$

Axial Peak	x/L	Axial Height (inches)	MARP Limit	Axial Peak	x/L	Axial Height (inches)	MARP Limit
1.1	0.0	0.00	1.91828	1.6	0.0	0.00	1.81332
	0.1	14.30	1.91912		0.1	14.30	1.72752
	0.14	20.02	1.91916		0.14	20.02	1.70690
	0.2	28.60	1.91893		0.2	28.60	1.75024
	0.4	57.20	1.91727		0.4	57.20	1.78912
	0.5	71.50	1.91659		0.5	71.50	1.81428
	0.6	85.80	1.91652		0.6	85.80	1.75934
	0.8	114.40	1.91726		0.8	114.40	1.59848
	0.88	125.84	1.87428		0.88	125.84	1.53299
	0.9	128.70	1.87570		0.9	128.70	1.53906
	1.0	143.00	1.76005		1.0	143.00	1.43922
1.2	0.0	0.00	2.01903	1.7	0.0	0.00	1.71924
	0.1	14.30	2.01905		0.1	14.30	1.62855
	0.14	20.02	2.01902		0.14	20.02	1.60598
	0.2	28.60	2.01760		0.2	28.60	1.64367
	0.4	57.20	2.01566		0.4	57.20	1.68971
	0.5	71.50	2.01506		0.5	71.50	1.71250
	0.6	85.80	2.01472		0.6	85.80	1.69234
	0.8	114.40	1.86510		0.8	114.40	1.53913
	0.88	125.84	1.79631		0.88	125.84	1.47793
	0.9	128.70	1.79807		0.9	128.70	1.48398
	1.0	143.00	1.69236		1.0	143.00	1.38831
1.3	0.0	0.00	2.12863	1.8	0.0	0.00	1.63428
	0.1	14.30	2.11181		0.1	14.30	1.53965
	0.14	20.02	2.09817		0.14	20.02	1.51542
	0.2	28.60	2.12998		0.2	28.60	1.54992
	0.4	57.20	2.12313		0.4	57.20	1.60163
	0.5	71.50	2.06182		0.5	71.50	1.61867
	0.6	85.80	1.97202		0.6	85.80	1.62746
	0.8	114.40	1.79424		0.8	114.40	1.48433
	0.88	125.84	1.72438		0.88	125.84	1.42669
	0.9	128.70	1.72615		0.9	128.70	1.43160
	1.0	143.00	1.62069		1.0	143.00	1.34126
1.4	0.0	0.00	2.03596	1.9	0.0	0.00	1.55767
	0.1	14.30	1.96785		0.1	14.30	1.46097
	0.14	20.02	1.95126		0.14	20.02	1.43560
	0.2	28.60	1.99602		0.2	28.60	1.46745
	0.4	57.20	2.03723		0.4	57.20	1.52104
	0.5	71.50	1.98993		0.5	71.50	1.53278
	0.6	85.80	1.89829		0.6	85.80	1.54669
	0.8	114.40	1.72980		0.8	114.40	1.43258
	0.88	125.84	1.65869		0.88	125.84	1.37762
	0.9	128.70	1.66256		0.9	128.70	1.38298
	1.0	143.00	1.55477		1.0	143.00	1.29807
1.5	0.0	0.00	1.91811				
	0.1	14.30	1.84228				
	0.14	20.02	1.82345				
	0.2	28.60	1.86637				
	0.4	57.20	1.90396				
	0.5	71.50	1.90467				
	0.6	85.80	1.82883				
	0.8	114.40	1.66024				
	0.88	125.84	1.59179				
	0.9	128.70	1.59788				
	1.0	143.00	1.49464				

Figure 6
Flux- Δ Flux-Flow
(or Power/Imbalance/Flow)
Allowable Values



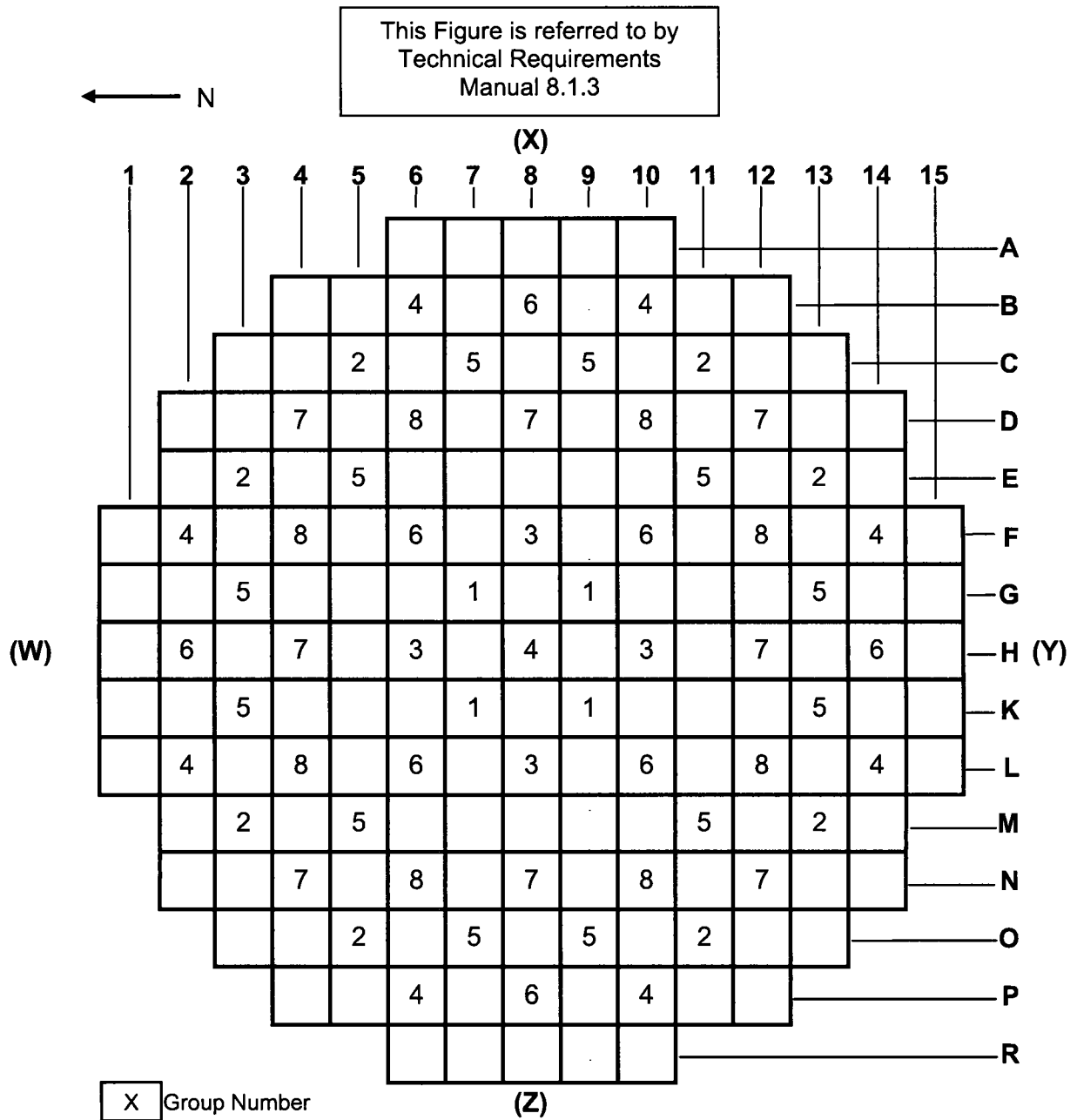
The 3 pump example curve shows allowable values for an approximately 25% flow reduction for three pump operation (283,860 gpm). The actual setpoint will be calculated by the Reactor Protection System and will be directly proportional to the actual RC flow with three pumps.
These limits are based on Cycle 9 and are conservative relative to the actual Cycle 18 limits.

Table 8 Refueling Boron Concentration Limit

This limit is referred to by Technical Specifications 3.9.1
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The minimum required boron concentration for use during refueling shall be sufficient to ensure a K_{eff} of 0.95 or less, plus an additional 1% $\Delta k/k$ conservatism allowance for uncertainties.

Figure 7 Control Rod Core Locations and Group Assignments



Group	No of Rods	Function	Group	No of Rods	Function
1	4	Safety	5	12	Control
2	8	Safety	6	8	Control
3	4	Safety	7	8	Control
4	9	Safety	8	8	APSRs
		Total			61