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## REACTOR COOLANT SYSTEM

### 3/4.4.6 PRESSURE/TEMPERATURE LIMITS

## REACTOR COOLANT SYSTEM

### LIMITING CONDITION FOR OPERATION

3.4.6.1 The reactor coolant system temperature and pressure shall be limited in accordance with the limit lines shown on Figures 3.4.6.1-1 and ~~3.4.6.1-2~~ (1) curves A and ~~A'~~ for hydrostatic or leak testing; (2) curves B and ~~B'~~ for heatup by non-nuclear means, cooldown following a nuclear shutdown and low power PHYSICS TESTS; and (3) curves C and ~~C'~~ for operations with a critical core other than low power PHYSICS TESTS, with:

- a. A maximum heatup of 100°F in any 1-hour period,
- b. A maximum cooldown of 100°F in any 1-hour period,
- c. A maximum temperature change of less than or equal to 20°F in any 1-hour period during inservice hydrostatic and leak testing operations above the heatup and cooldown limit curves, and
- d. The reactor vessel flange and head flange temperature greater than or equal to 80°F when reactor vessel head bolting studs are under tension.

APPLICABILITY: At all times.

#### ACTION:

With any of the above limits exceeded, restore the temperature and/or pressure to within the limits within 30 minutes; perform an engineering evaluation to determine the effects of the out-of-limit condition on the structural integrity of the reactor coolant system; determine that the reactor coolant system remains acceptable for continued operations or be in at least HOT SHUTDOWN within 12 hours and in COLD SHUTDOWN within the following 24 hours.

### SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

4.4.6.1.1 During system heatup, cooldown, and inservice leak and hydrostatic testing operations, the reactor coolant system temperature and pressure shall be determined to be within the above required heatup and cooldown limits and to the right of the limit lines of Figures 3.4.6.1-1 and ~~3.4.6.1-2~~ curves A and ~~A'~~, B and ~~B'~~, or C and ~~C'~~, as applicable, at least once per 30 minutes.

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## REACTOR COOLANT SYSTEM

### SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS (Continued)

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4.4.6.1.2 The reactor coolant system temperature and pressure shall be determined to be to the right of the criticality limit line of Figures 3.4.6.1-1 and ~~3.4.6.1-2~~ curves C and ~~C'~~ within 15 minutes prior to the withdrawal of control rods to bring the reactor to criticality and at least once per 30 minutes during system heatup.

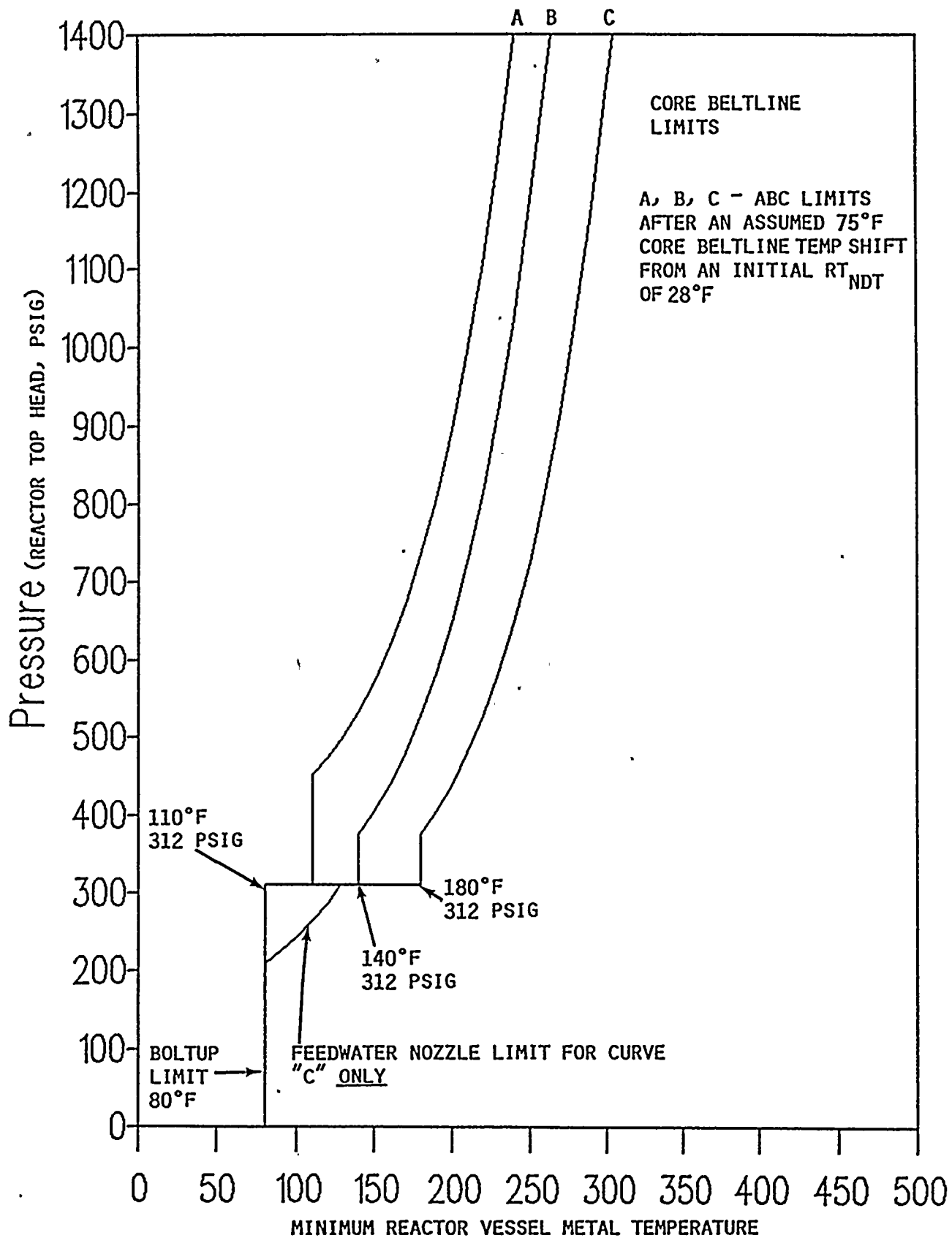
4.4.6.1.3 The reactor vessel material surveillance specimens shall be removed and examined, to determine changes in reactor pressure vessel material properties as required by 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix H in accordance with the schedule in Table 4.4.6.1.3-1. The results of these examinations shall be used to update the curves of Figures 3.4.6.1-1 and ~~3.4.6.1-2~~.

4.4.6.1.4 The reactor vessel flange and head flange temperature shall be verified to be greater than or equal to 80°F:

- a. In OPERATIONAL CONDITION 4 when reactor coolant system temperature is:
  1.  $\leq 100^{\circ}\text{F}$ , at least once per 12 hours.
  2.  $\leq 90^{\circ}\text{F}$ , at least once per 30 minutes.
- b. Within 30 minutes prior to and at least once per 30 minutes during tensioning of the reactor vessel head bolting studs.



# WNP-2 Pressure/Temperature limits



Temperature F

Figure 3.4.6.1



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## REACTOR COOLANT SYSTEM

### BASES

#### 3/4.4.6 PRESSURE/TEMPERATURE LIMITS

All components in the reactor coolant system are designed to withstand the effects of cyclic loads due to system temperature and pressure changes. These cyclic loads are introduced by normal load transients, reactor trips, and startup and shutdown operations. The various categories of load cycles used for design purposes are provided in Section 4.9 of the FSAR. During startup and shutdown, the rates of temperature and pressure changes are limited so that the maximum specified heatup and cooldown rates are consistent with the design assumptions and satisfy the stress limits for cyclic operation.

During heatup, the thermal gradients in the reactor vessel wall produce thermal stresses which vary from compressive at the inner wall to tensile at the outer wall. These thermal induced compressive stresses tend to alleviate the tensile stresses induced by the internal pressure. Therefore, a pressure-temperature curve based on steady-state conditions, i.e., no thermal stresses, represents a lower bound of all similar curves for finite heatup rates when the inner wall of the vessel is treated as the governing location.

The heatup analysis also covers the determination of pressure-temperature limitations for the case in which the outer wall of the vessel becomes the controlling location. The thermal gradients established during heatup produce tensile stresses which are already present. The thermal induced stresses at the outer wall of the vessel are tensile and are dependent on both the rate of heatup and the time along the heatup ramp; therefore, a lower bound curve similar to that described for the heatup of the inner wall cannot be defined. Subsequently, for the cases in which the outer wall of the vessel becomes the stress controlling location, each heatup rate of interest must be analyzed on an individual basis.

The reactor vessel materials have been tested to determine their initial  $RT_{NDT}$ . The results of these tests are shown in Table B 3/4.4.6-1. Reactor operation and resultant fast neutron irradiation,  $E$  greater than 1 MeV, will cause an increase in the  $RT_{NDT}$ . Therefore, an adjusted reference temperature, based upon the fluence, phosphorus content, and copper content of the material in question, can be predicted using Bases Figure B 3/4.4.6-1 and the recommendations of Regulatory Guide 1.99, Revision 1, "Effects of Residual Elements on Predicted Radiation Damage to Reactor Vessel Materials." The pressure/temperature limit curve, Figures 3.4.6.1-1 and 3.4.6.1-2, curves A', B', and C', includes predicted adjustments for this shift in  $RT_{NDT}$  for the end of life fluence. Curves A, B, and C of Figure 3.4.6.1-1 are to be effective for the first 3 effective full power years (EFPY) only and curves A', B', and C' of Figure 3.4.6.1-2 are to be effective for 10 EFPY. and is

The actual shift in  $RT_{NDT}$  of the vessel material will be established periodically during operation by removing and evaluating, in accordance with ASTM E185-73 and 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix H, irradiated reactor vessel material specimens installed near the inside wall of the reactor vessel in the core area. The irradiated specimens can be used with confidence in predicting reactor vessel material transition temperature shift. The operating limit curves of Figures 3.4.6.1-1 and 3.4.6.1-2 shall be adjusted, as required, on the basis of the specimen data and recommendations of Regulatory Guide 1.99, Revision 2.



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## REACTOR COOLANT SYSTEM

### BASES

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#### PRESSURE/TEMPERATURE LIMITS (Continued)

The pressure-temperature limit lines shown in Figures 3.4.6.1-1 and 3.4.6.1-2, curves C, and C', and A and A', for reactor criticality and for inservice leak and hydrostatic testing have been provided to assure compliance with the minimum temperature requirements of Appendix G to 10 CFR Part 50 for reactor criticality and for inservice leak and hydrostatic testing.

#### 3/4.4.7 MAIN STEAM LINE ISOLATION VALVES

Double isolation valves are provided on each of the main steam lines to minimize the potential leakage paths from the containment in case of a line break. Only one valve in each line is required to maintain the integrity of the containment, however, single failure considerations require that two valves be OPERABLE. The surveillance requirements are based on the operating history of this type valve. The maximum closure time has been selected to contain fission products and to ensure the core is not uncovered following line breaks. The minimum closure time is consistent with the assumptions in the safety analyses to prevent pressure surges.

#### 3/4.4.8 STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY

The inspection programs for ASME Code Class 1, 2 and 3 components ensure that the structural integrity of these components will be maintained at an acceptable level throughout the life of the plant.

Access to permit inservice inspections of components of the reactor coolant system is in accordance with Section XI of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, 1974 Edition and Addenda through Summer 1975.

The inservice inspection program for ASME Code Class 1, 2 and 3 components will be performed in accordance with Section XI of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code and applicable addenda as required by 10 CFR 50.55a(g) except where specific written relief has been granted by the NRC pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(g)(6)(i).

#### 3/4.4.9 RESIDUAL HEAT REMOVAL

A single shutdown cooling mode loop provides sufficient heat removal capability for removing core decay heat and mixing to assure accurate temperature indication, however, single failure considerations require that two loops be OPERABLE or that alternate methods capable of decay heat removal be demonstrated and that an alternate method of coolant mixing be in operation.

DASES TABLE B 3/4.4.6-1REACTOR VESSEL TOUGHNESS

COMPONENT	MATERIAL TYPE	CU %	Ni P %	HIGHEST STARTING RT °F NDT	50 FT-LB/35 MIL TEMP °F		MAXIMUM Δ RT °F NDT *	MIN. UPPER SHELF FT-LB	
					LONG	TRANS		LONG	TRANS
BELTLINE									
Ring 1 Plate	SA-533, GRB, CL1	0.15	0.6 -0.014	-10	+28		-45 -41	>100	
Ring 2 Plate	SA-533, GRB, CL1	0.15	0.5 -0.018	-30	-8		-52 -33	>100	
Girthweld	EB018NM	0.03	1.01 -0.020	N.A.	-50		-33 -36		
Girthweld	RAC01NM	0.00	0.8 -0.016	N.A.	-44		-27 -15		
NON-BELTLINE									
Ring 3 Plate	SA-533, GRB, CL1								
Ring 4 Plate	SA-533, GRB, CL1								
Vessel Flange	SA-508, CL2								
Top Head Flange	SA-508, CL2								
Top Head Dollar Plate	SA-533, GRB, CL1								
Top Head Side Plates	SA-533, GRB, CL1								
Bottom Head Dollar Plates	SA-533, GRB, CL1								
Bottom Head Radial Plates	SA-533, GRB, CL1								
Nozzles	SA-508, CL2								
Flange Bolt Studs	SA-540, B23								

\* Regulatory Guide 1.99, Revision 2 calculate  $\Delta RT_{NDT}$ .

