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A Reference and Training Text

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INTRODUCTION

This publication was developed for use in an introductory training course and as a preliminary guide to the research reactors that are regulated by the NRC. Some of the data may be outdated, and therefore this manual should not be considered as a primary reference. It can, however, enable an individual to gain a basic awareness of and to become familiar with a specified research reactor. It is hoped that this manual will succeed in presenting a general, and individual, perspective of these research reactors.

This information is the best available data as of August 1978.

Any questions or comments concerning this manual are welcome and should be referred to the Assistant Director For Field Coordination, Division of Reactor Operations Inspection, Office of Inspection and Enforcement.

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A. Solid homogeneous core reactors

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AGN-201

Univ. of Delaware

Oregon State Univ.

Calif. State Polytechnic College

Catholic Univ.

Texas A&M Univ.

Univ. of Utah

Georgia Institute of Technology

Idaho State Univ.

Tuskegee Institute

Univ. of New Mexico

AGN-211

Univ. of Oklahoma

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Babcock & Wilcox Co.

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

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Rockwell International Corp.

Univ. of California

Brigham Young Univ.

L-85

Rockwell International Corp.

D. Heterogeneous core reactors - Argonaut

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Argonaut

Univ. of California

Univ. of Florida

Univ. of Washington

UTR-10

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State Univ.

Iowa State Univ.

E. Tank reactors

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Light water moderated

Cornell Univ.

Westinghouse Electric Corp.

General Electric Co. (NTR)

General Electric Co. (GETR-Test Reactor)

Heavy water moderated

Georgia Institute of Technology

Mass. Institute of Technology

National Bureau of Standards (Test reactor)

F. Pool reactors

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Manhattan College

Univ. of Virginia (CAVALIER)

Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Univ. of Missouri (MURR)

Purdue Univ.

Ohio State Univ.

Univ. of Missouri

Univ. of Kansas

Univ. of Lowell

Babcock & Wilcox Co. (LPR)

Univ. of Michigan

Rhode Island Nuclear Science Center

Univ. of Virginia (UVAR)

Union Carbide Corp.

State Univ. of New York (Pulsing reactor)

North Carolina State Univ. (Pulsing reactor)

G. TRIGA reactors

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Univ. of Illinois (LOPRA)

TRIGA Conversions

Aerotest Operations, Inc.

Univ. of Maryland

Texas A&M

Washington State Univ.

Univ. of Wisconsin

MARK I

V. A. Hospital

Dow Chemical Co.

Univ. of Utah
Reed College
Univ. of California - Irvine
Univ. of Texas
Univ. of Arizona
General Atomic Co.
U. S. Geological Survey

MARK II

Cornell Univ.
Columbia Univ.
Kansas State Univ.
Michigan State Univ.
Oregon State Univ.

MARK III

Pennsylvania State Univ. (Conversion)
Univ. of California - Berkeley

MARK F

Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute (AFFRI)
Northrop Corp.
General Atomic Co.

ADVANCED TRIGA

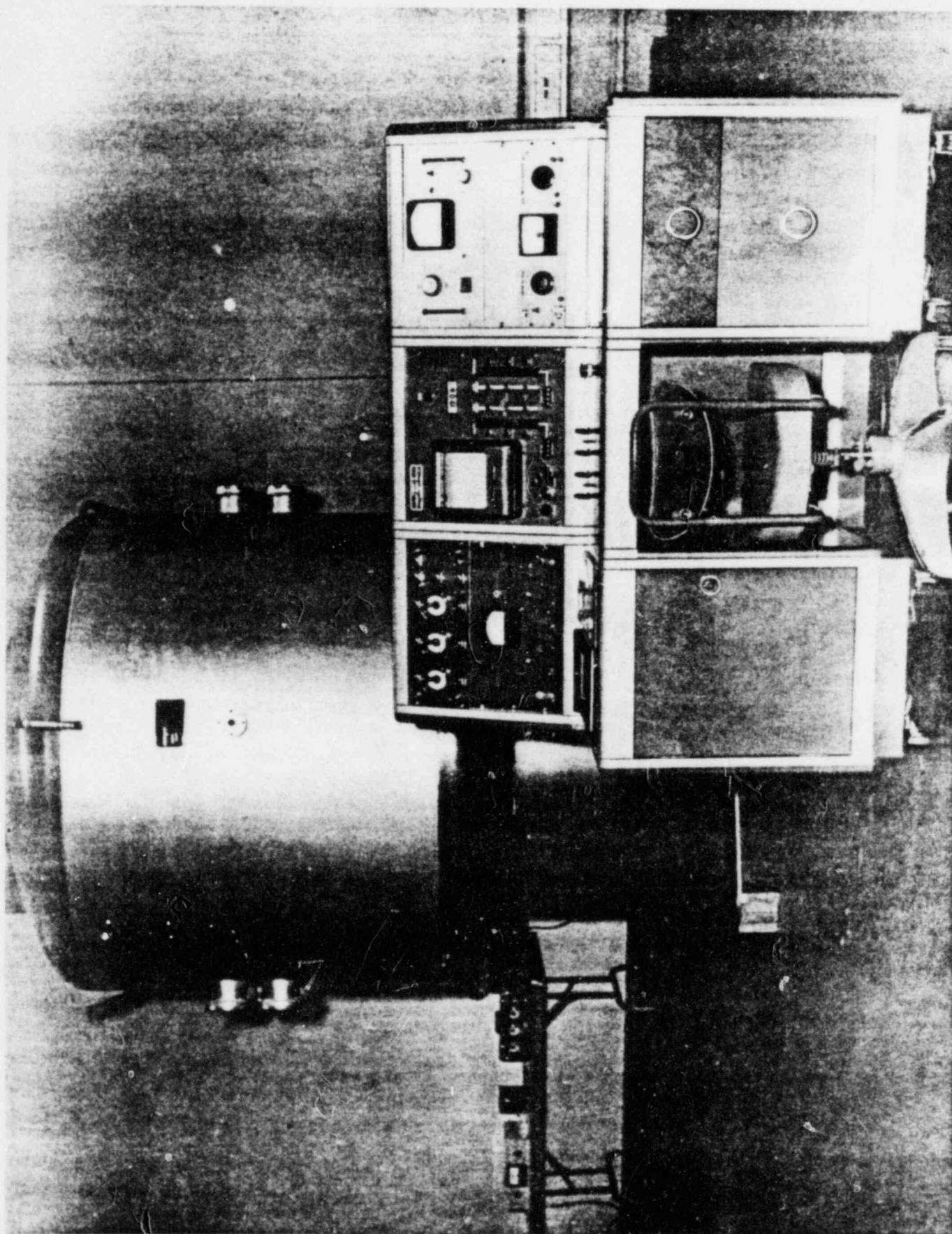
Univ. of Illinois

SOLID HOMOGENEOUS CORE REACTORS

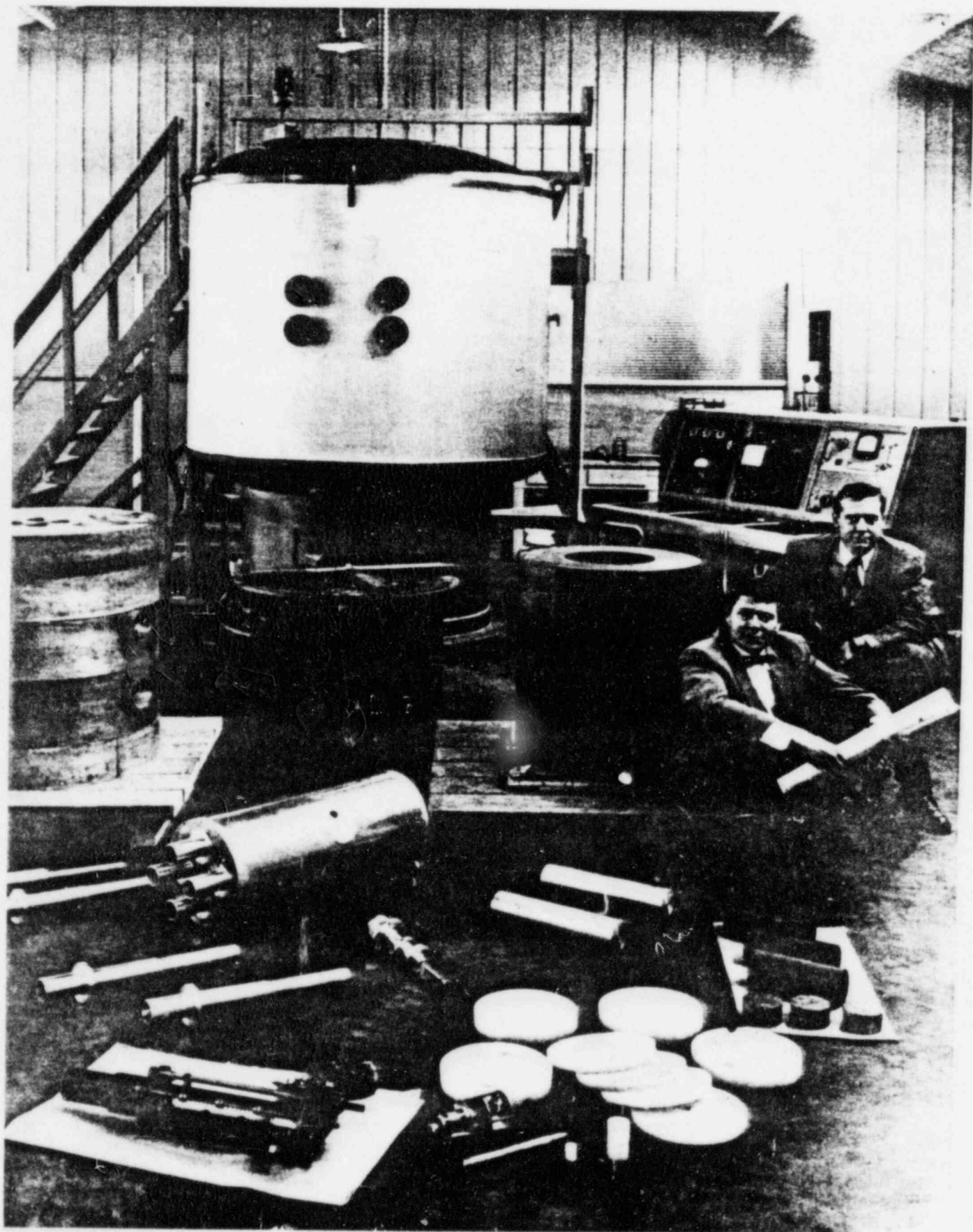
AGN-201
SOLID HOMOGENEOUS REACTOR

The AGN 201 reactor is a compact, portable, self-contained reactor designed to operate at very low power levels. The ten inch diameter core consists of U^{235} embedded in a polyethylene moderator. A graphite, lead and water shield surrounds the core.

The AGN 211 reactor also uses polyethylene to contain the fuel. The core is in a vertical water tank surrounded by a concrete shield.



Name:	<u>Aerojet-General Nucleonics (AGN-201)</u>	
Rated Power:	.1 watt, 5 watt	
Description:	Solid homogeneous core research reactor	
Fuel:	UO ₂ alloy dispersed in Polyethylene	
	enrichment	20%
	clad	none
	critical mass	≈ 656 grams
	core loading	≈ 665 grams
	max. excess reactivity	0.5% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	description	10" diameter Polyethylene discs
Max Neutron Flux:	5 x 10 ⁶ n/cm ² -sec (.1 watt)	
	2.5 x 10 ⁸ n/cm ² -sec (5 watt)	
Controls Rods:	2 safety fuel rods	
	composition	UO ₂ in Polyethylene
	individual worth	1.25% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	2 control rods	
	composition	UO ₂ in Polyethylene
	coarse control rod worth	1.25% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	fine control rod worth	0.15% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
Moderator:	Polyethylene	
Coolant:	None	
Reflector:	Graphite	
Shield:	Lead and H ₂ O	



The following reactors are essentially identical to the Aerojet-General Nucleonics Reactor.

Name: Univ. of Delaware (AGN-201)

Location: Newark, Delaware

Docket Number: 50-98

License Number: R-43

Date of Initial Criticality: 1958

Number of Operators: SRO-1, RO-0

Name: Oregon State Univ. (AGN-201)

Location: Corvallis, Oregon

Docket Number 50-106

License Number: R-51

Date of Initial Criticality: 1959

Number of Operators: SRO-2, RO-2

Name: Calif. State Polytechnic College (AGN-201)

Location: San Luis Obispo, Calif.

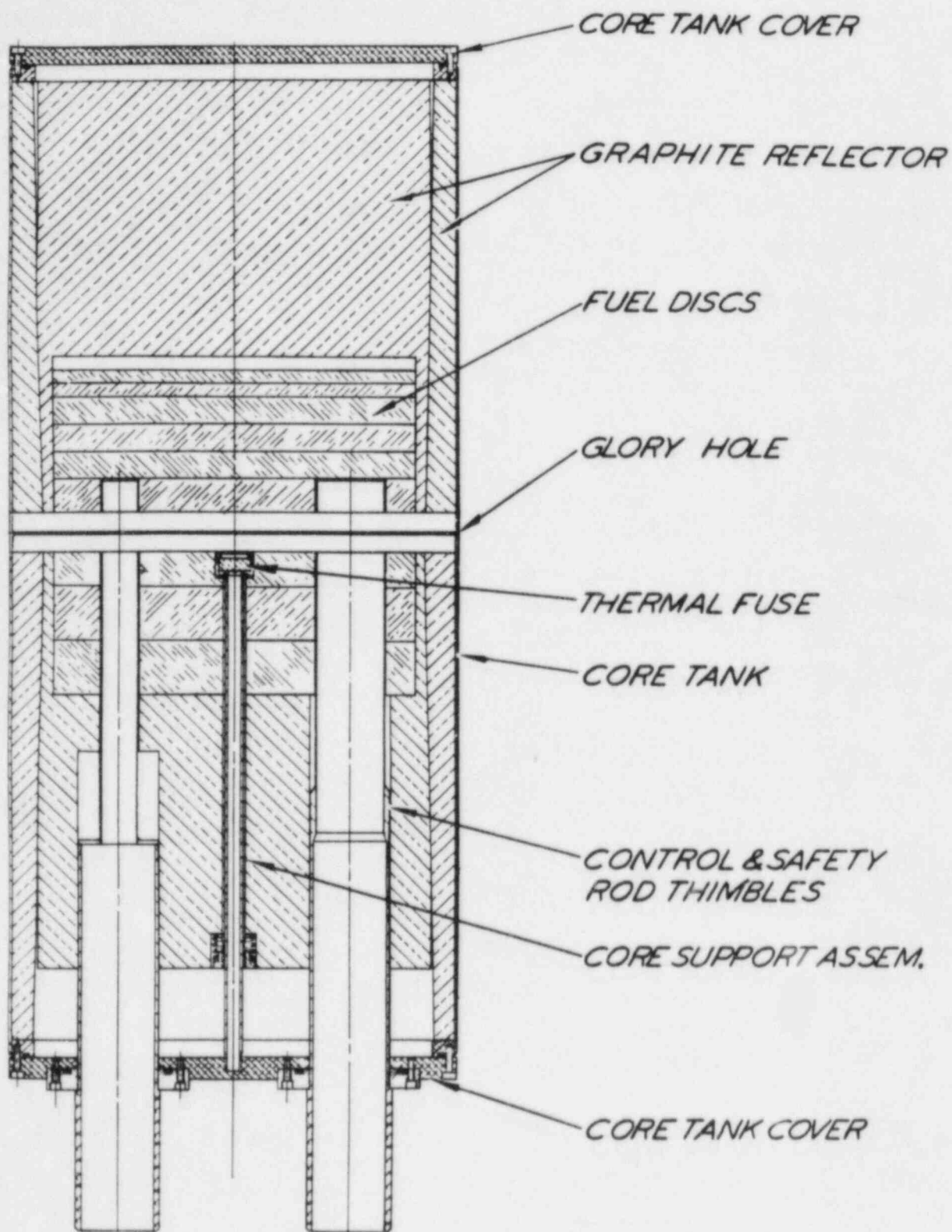
Docket Number: 50-394

License Number: R-121

Date of Initial Criticality: 1957

Utilization: Operated for approximately 5 hours in 1976

Note: Formerly US Naval Post Graduate school reactor
transferred to CSPC in 1973



Name: Catholic University (AGN-201)

Location: Washington, D.C.

Docket Number: 50-77

License Number: R-31

Date of Initial Criticality: 1957

Number of Operators: SRO - 1, RO - 0

Name: Texas A & M (AGN-201 M)

Location: College Station, Texas

Docket Number: 50-59

License Number: R-23

Rated Power: 5 watts

Increased rated power in 1972

Date of Initial Criticality: 1957

Number of Operators: SRO-3, RO-0

Utilization: Reactor operated approximately 100 hours between
6/77 and 6/78

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Name: Univ. of Utah (AGN-201 M)

Location: Salt Lake City, Utah

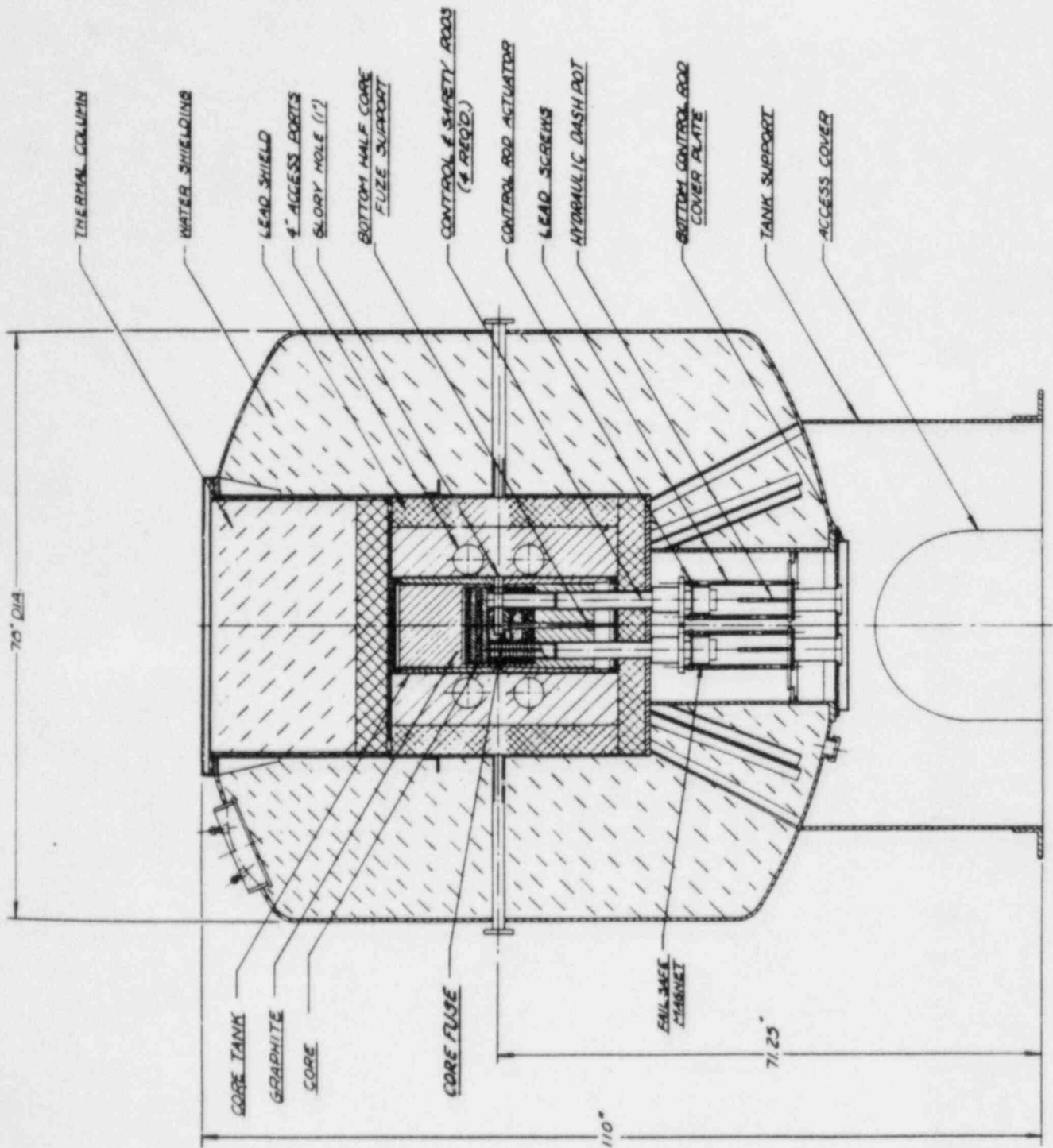
Docket Number: 50-72

Rated Power: 5 watts

Increased rated power in 1975

Date of Initial Criticality: 1959

Number of Operators: SRO-2, RO-3



Name: Georgia Institute of Technology (AGN-201)

Location: Atlanta, Georgia

Docket Number: 50-276

License Number: R-111

Date of Initial Criticality: 1968

Number of Operators: SRO-2, RO-4

Name: Idaho State University (AGN-201)

Location: Pocatello, Idaho

Docket Number: 50-284

License Number: R-110

Date of Initial Criticality: 1967

Name: Tuskegee Institute (AGN-201)

Location: Tuskegee, Alabama

Docket Number: 50-406

License Number: R-122

Date of Initial Criticality: 1974

Number of Operators: SRO-1, RO-0

Name: University of New Mexico (AGN-201 M)

Location: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Docket Number: 50-252

License Number: R-102

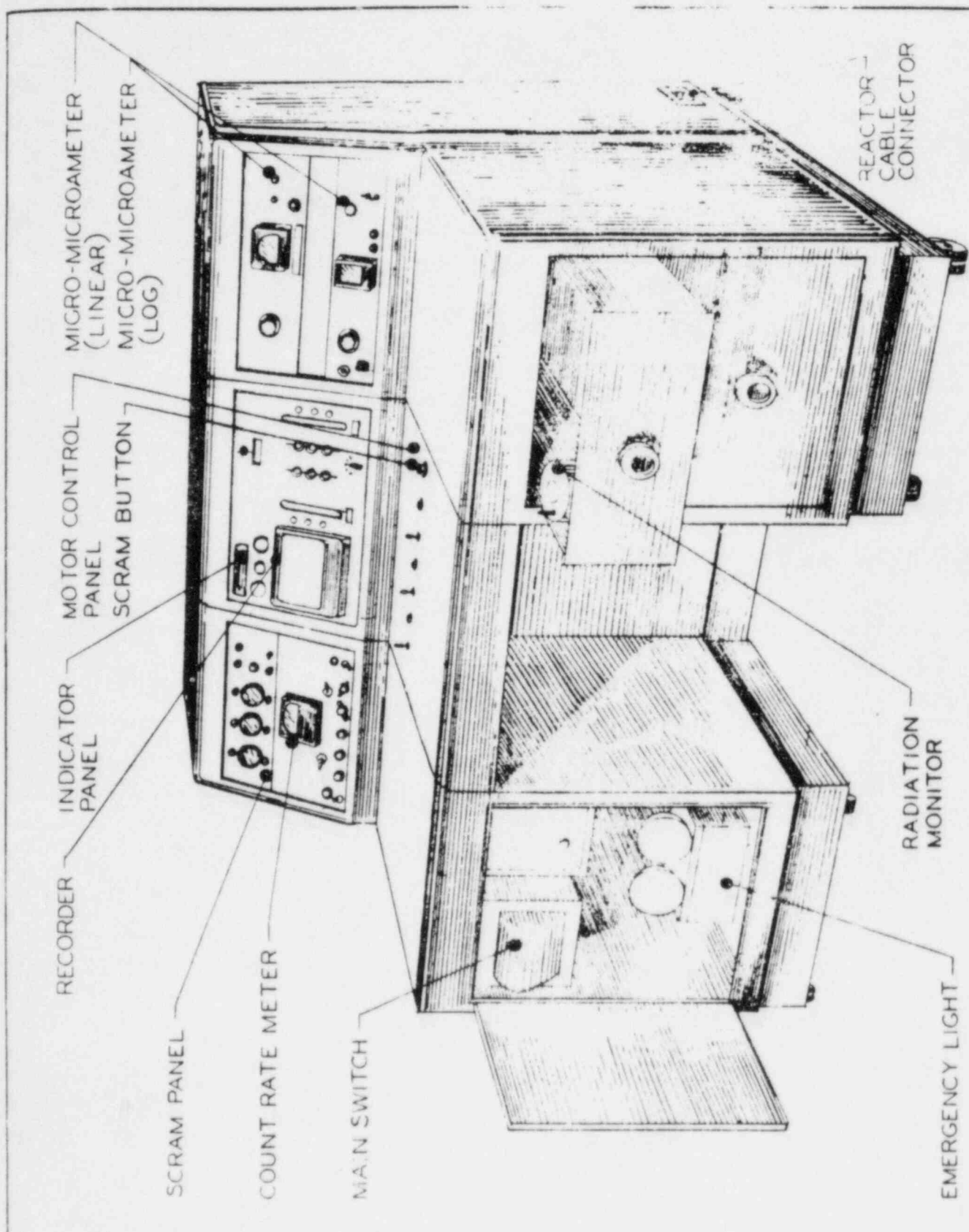
Rated Power: 5 watts

Increased rated power from .1 watt to 5 watts in 1969

Date of Initial Criticality: 1966

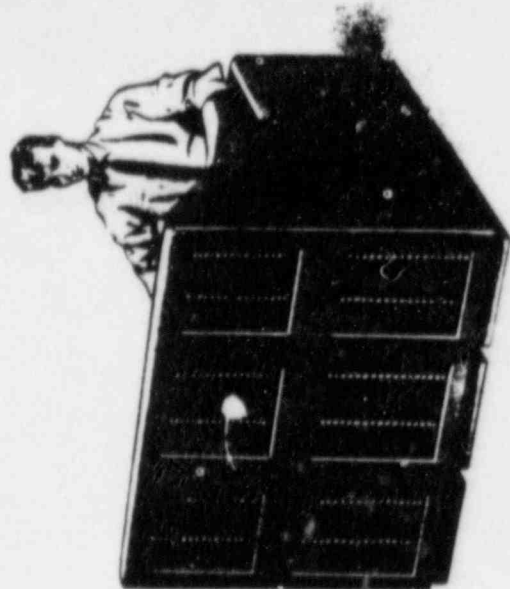
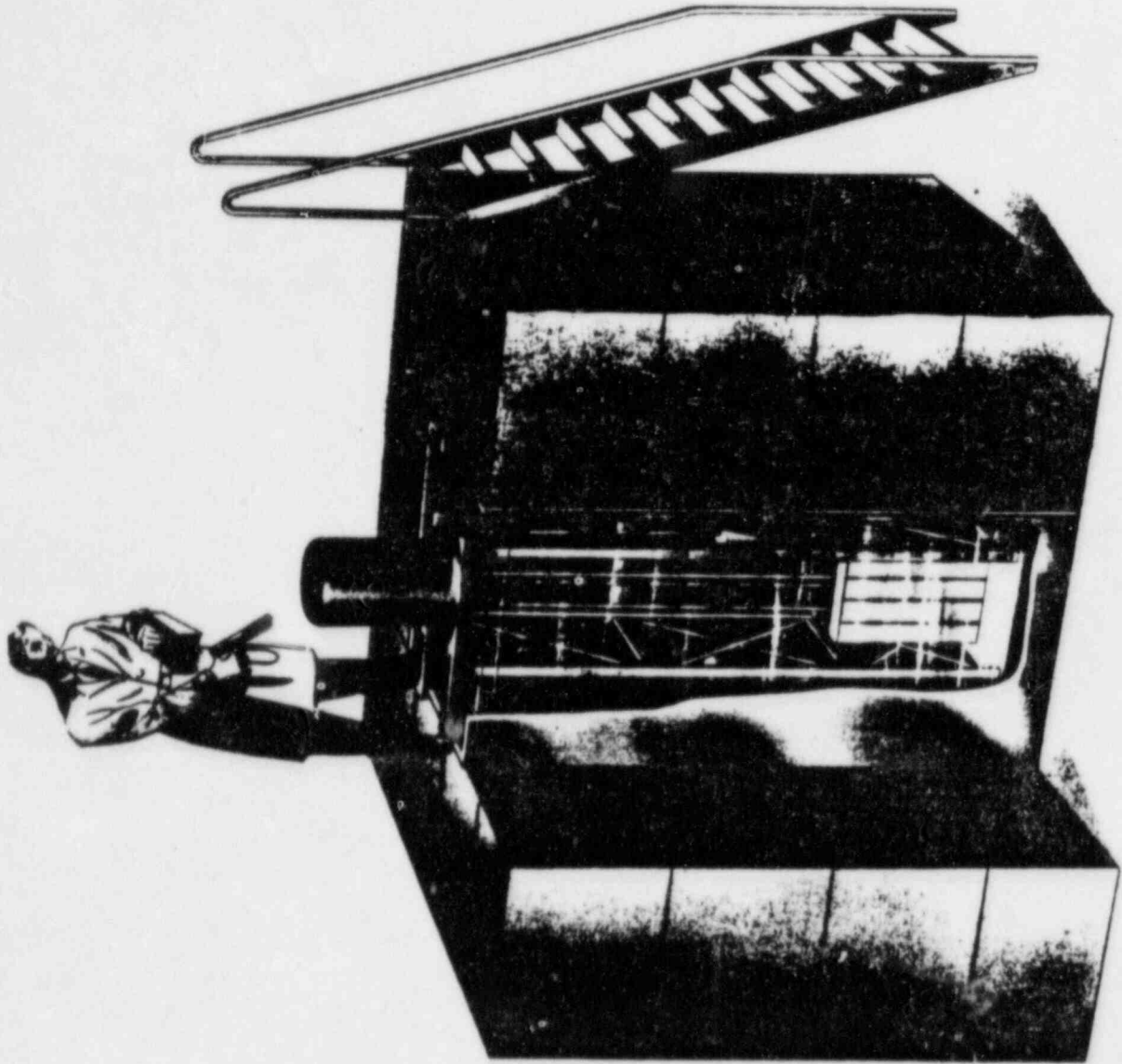
Number of Operators: SRO-3, RO-2

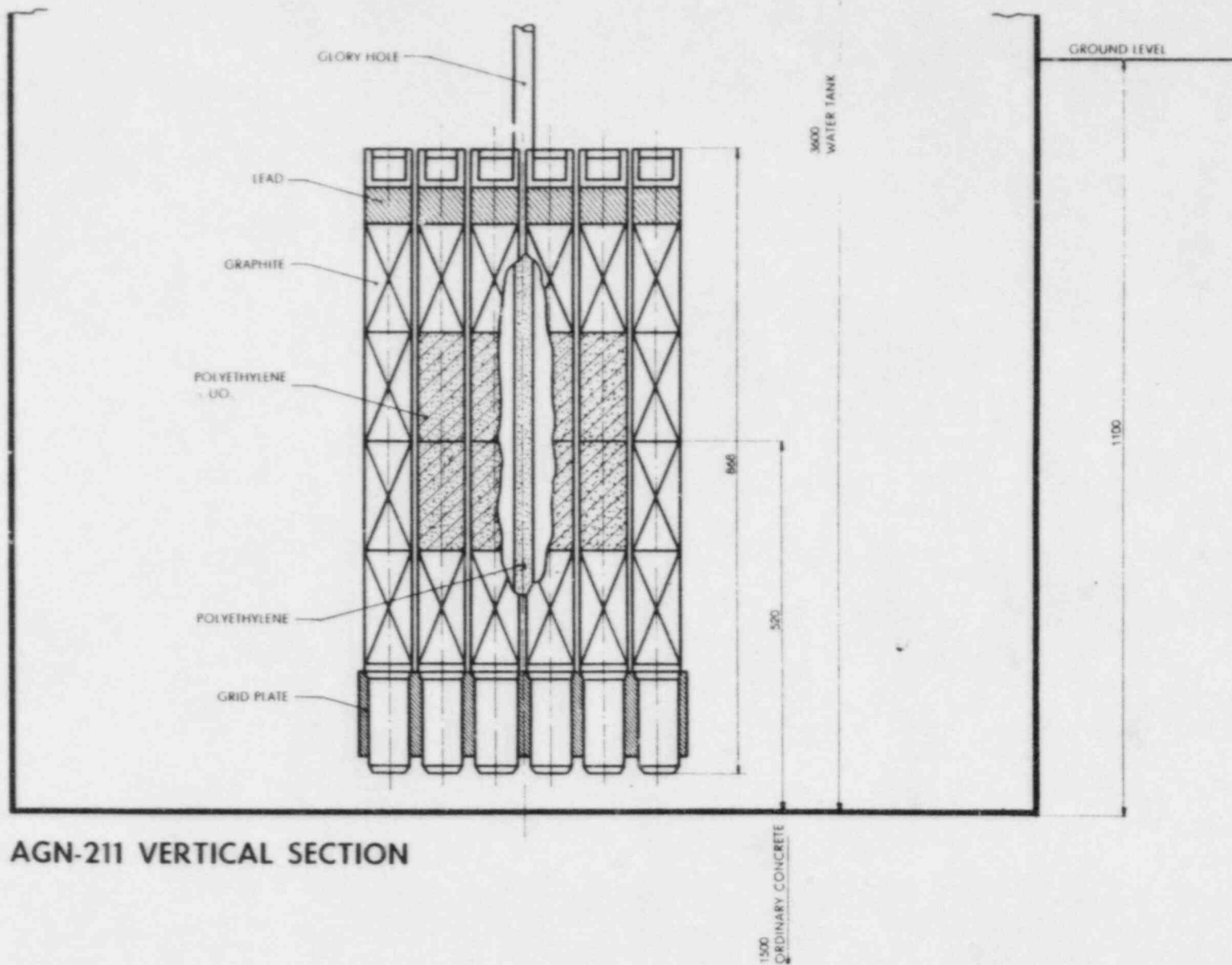
Utilization: Operated approximately 240 hours per year

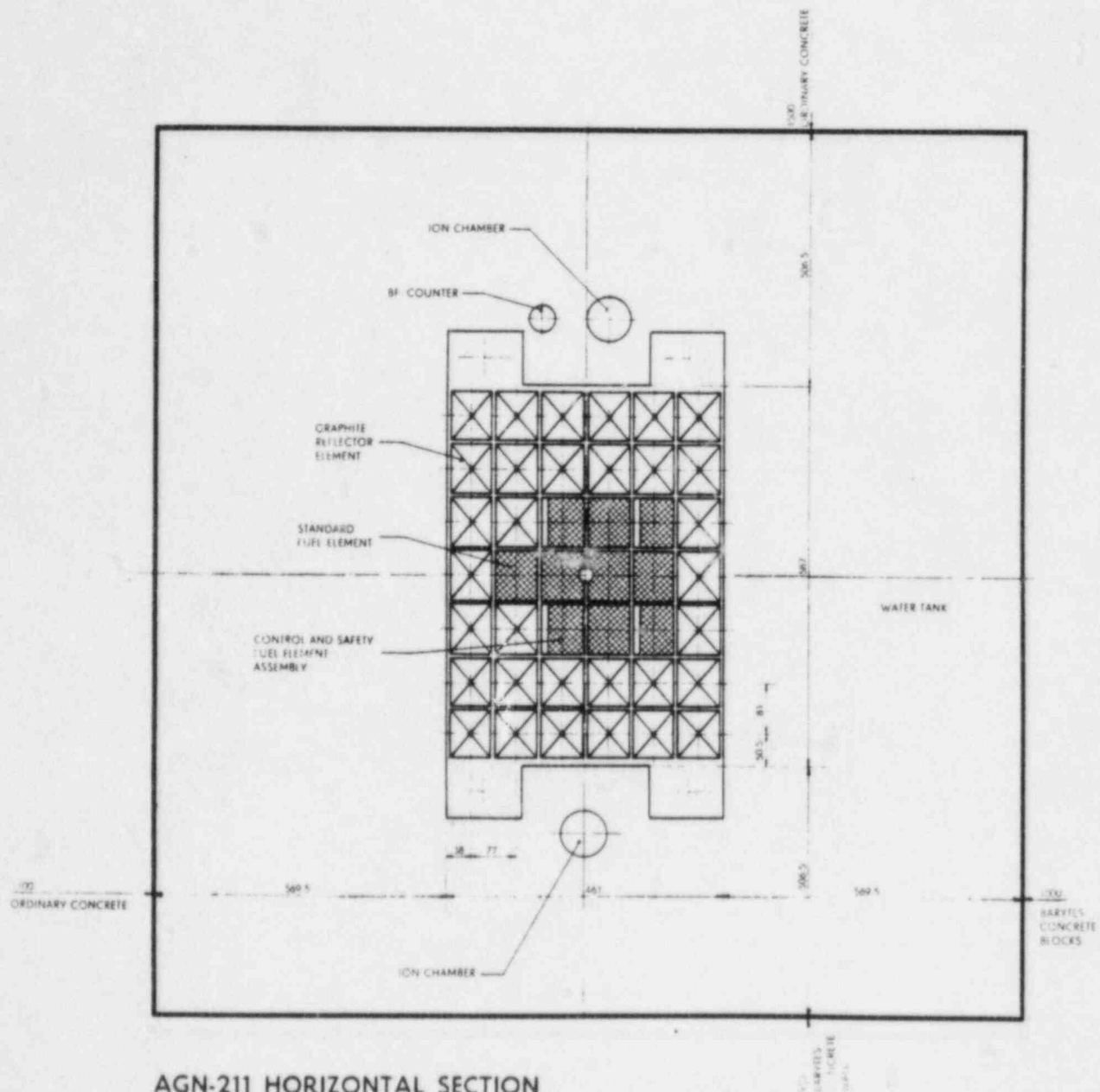


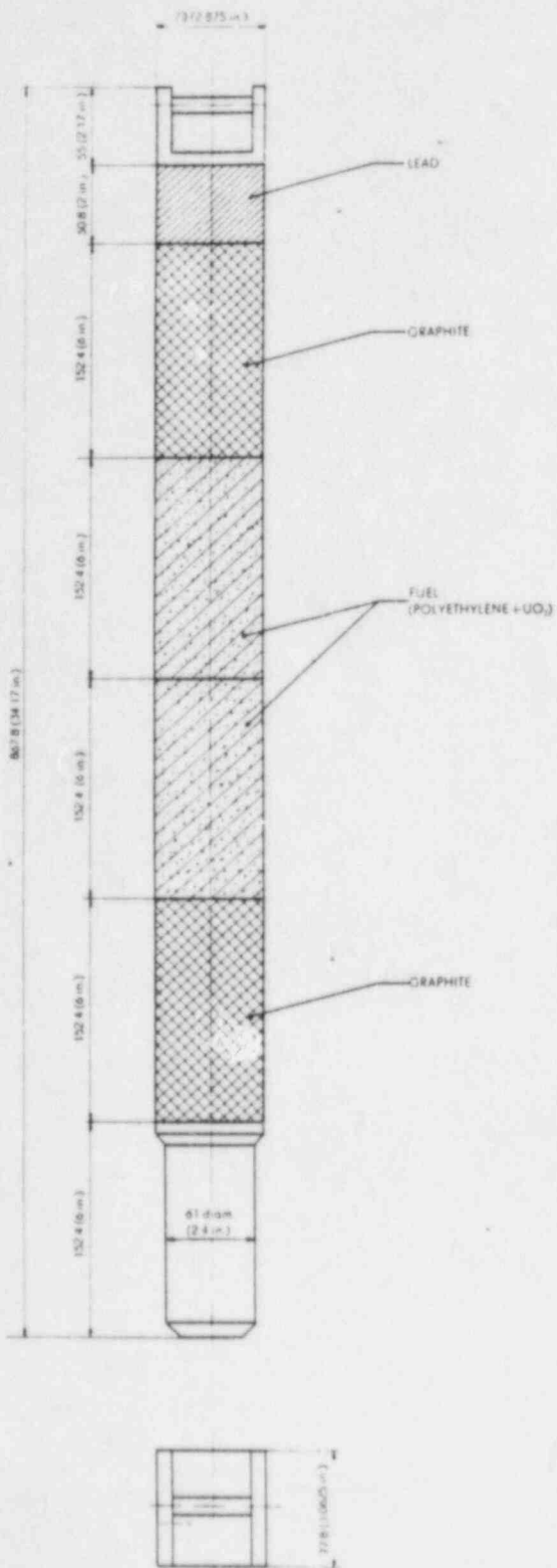
Name:	<u>University of Oklahoma Reactor (AGN-211)</u>	
Location:	Norman, Oklahoma	
Docket Number:	50-112	
License Number:	R-53	
Date of Initial Criticality:	1959	
Rated Power:	15 watts	
Description:	Solid homogeneous core research reactor	
Fuel:	UO ₂	
	enrichment	20%
	clad	plastic liner
	critical mass	780 grams
	core loading	785 grams
	max. excess reactivity	$0.52\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	description	fuel rods - polyethylene and graphite
Max. Neutron Flux:	$3 \times 10^9 \text{ n/cm}^2\text{-sec}$	
Control Rods (4):	2 safety rods	
	.1 shim rod	
	composition	cadmium
	individual worth	$1.1\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	1 regulating rod	
	composition	stainless steel
	worth	$0.36\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$

Moderator:	polyethylene
Coolant:	Light water (H_2O)
Reflector:	Graphite
Shield:	Concrete, lead and H_2O
Number of Operators:	SRO-2, RO-1

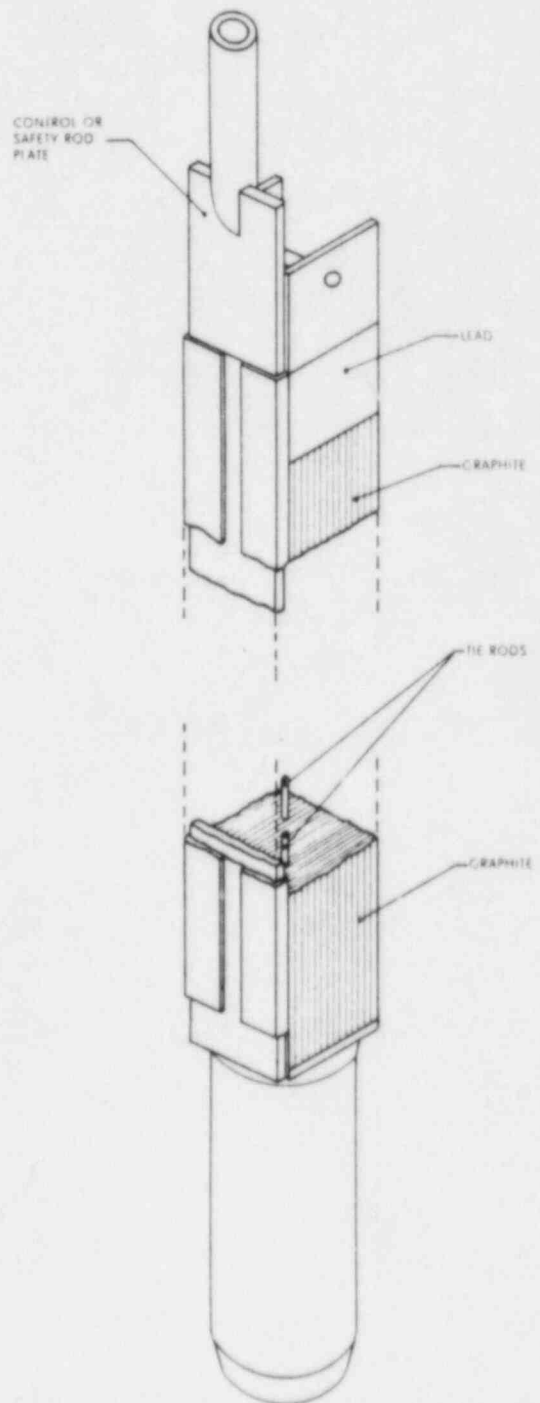








STANDARD FUEL ELEMENT



CONTROL ROD
FUEL ELEMENT

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CRITICAL EXPERIMENT FACILITIES

Name:	<u>Babcock and Wilcox Critical Facility</u>	
Location:	Lynchburg, Va.	
Docket Number:	50-13	
License Number:	CX-10	
Date of Initial Criticality:	1958	
Rated Power:	1 kw	
Description:	Tank-type, light water moderated critical reactor	
Fuel:	UO ₂ pellets or UO ₂ - ThO ₂ pellets enrichment 2.5% or 93% clad Aluminum max. excess reactivity $<2\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$	
Control Rods (4):	3 safety blades composition Boron or Cadmium clad stainless steel total worth $5.1\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$ 1 regulating rod same composition and clad worth $0.9\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$	
Moderator:	Mixed moderator in supplemental core tank of D ₂ O and H ₂ O	
Coolant:	H ₂ O	
Reflector:	Graphite and D ₂ O-H ₂ O	
Shield:	Concrete	
Number of Operators:	SRO-4, RO-0	

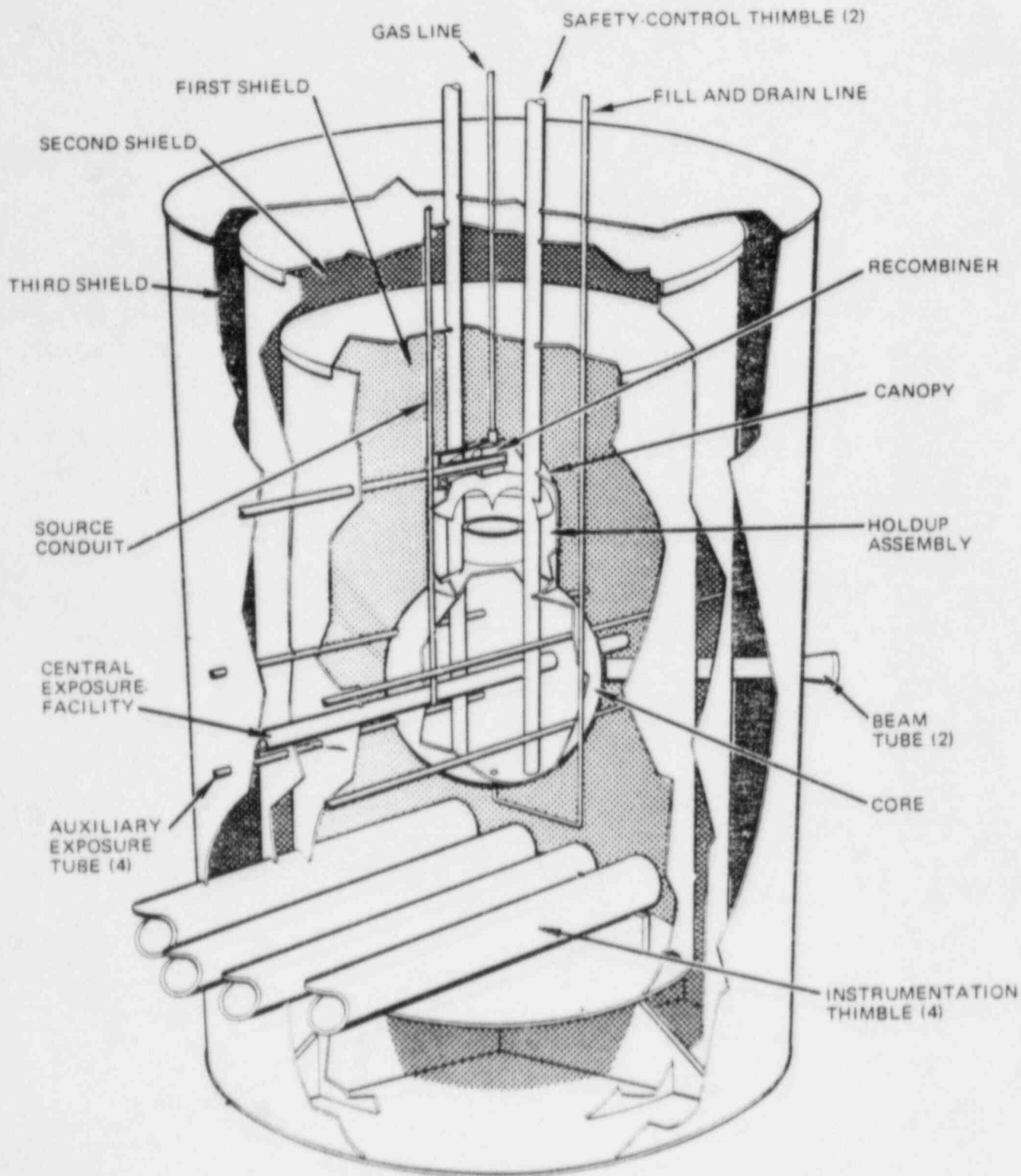
Name:	<u>Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Critical Experiments Facility</u>	
Location:	Schnectady, New York	
Docket Number:	50-225	
License Number:	CX-22	
Date of Initial Criticality:	1958 (under ALCO Products, transferred to RPI in 1964)	
Rated Power:	100 watts	
Description:	CX-type, light water moderated, critical facility	
Fuel:	UO ₂	
	enrichment	93%
	clad	stainless steel cermet
	core loading	6011 grams
	max. excess reactivity	3.9% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	description	standard 38 assemblies with 18 fuel plates per assembly
Control Rods (7):	7 fuel follower control rods	
	composition	Boron, stainless steel
Moderator:	Light water (H ₂ O)	
Coolant:	H ₂ O	
Reflector:	Stainless steel and H ₂ O	
Shield:	Concrete	
Number of Operators:	SRO-5, RO-1	

LIQUID HOMOGENEOUS CORE REACTORS

LIQUID HOMOGENEOUS REACTOR
(L-77 -- L-85)

The liquid homogeneous core reactor utilizes enriched U^{235} which is evenly dispersed in a water solution of uranyl sulfate. This reactor is often referred to as a "water boiler" because during operation there is an evolution of hydrogen and oxygen gases, through the slow decomposition of the water, which causes a bubbling similar to that of boiling. A gas recombiner is provided to prevent the formation of an explosive mixture of the gases.

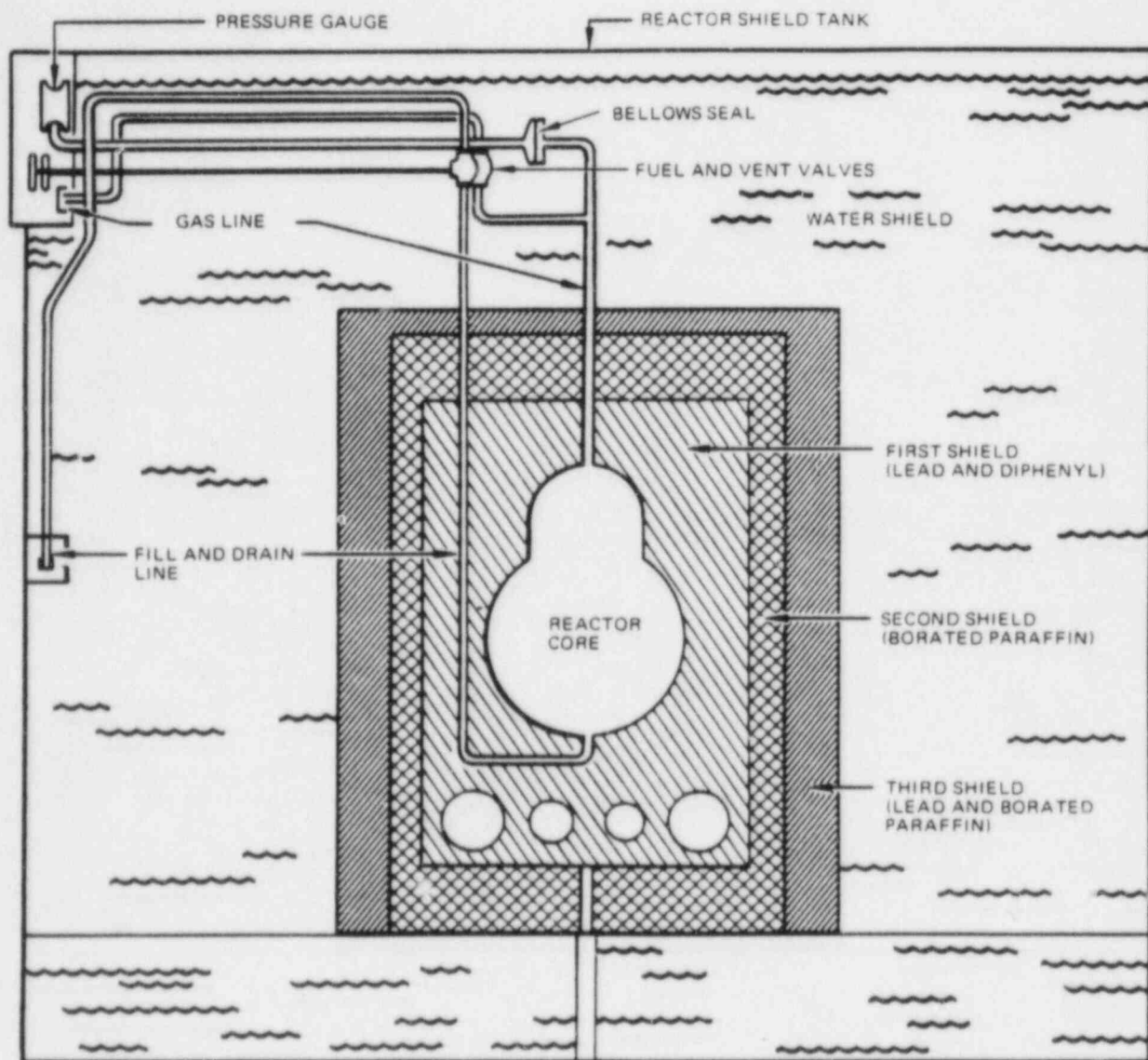
The reactor consists of a one foot diameter stainless steel sphere containing the aqueous solution. The core is surrounded by a graphite, water or lead reflector and a lead and water shield.



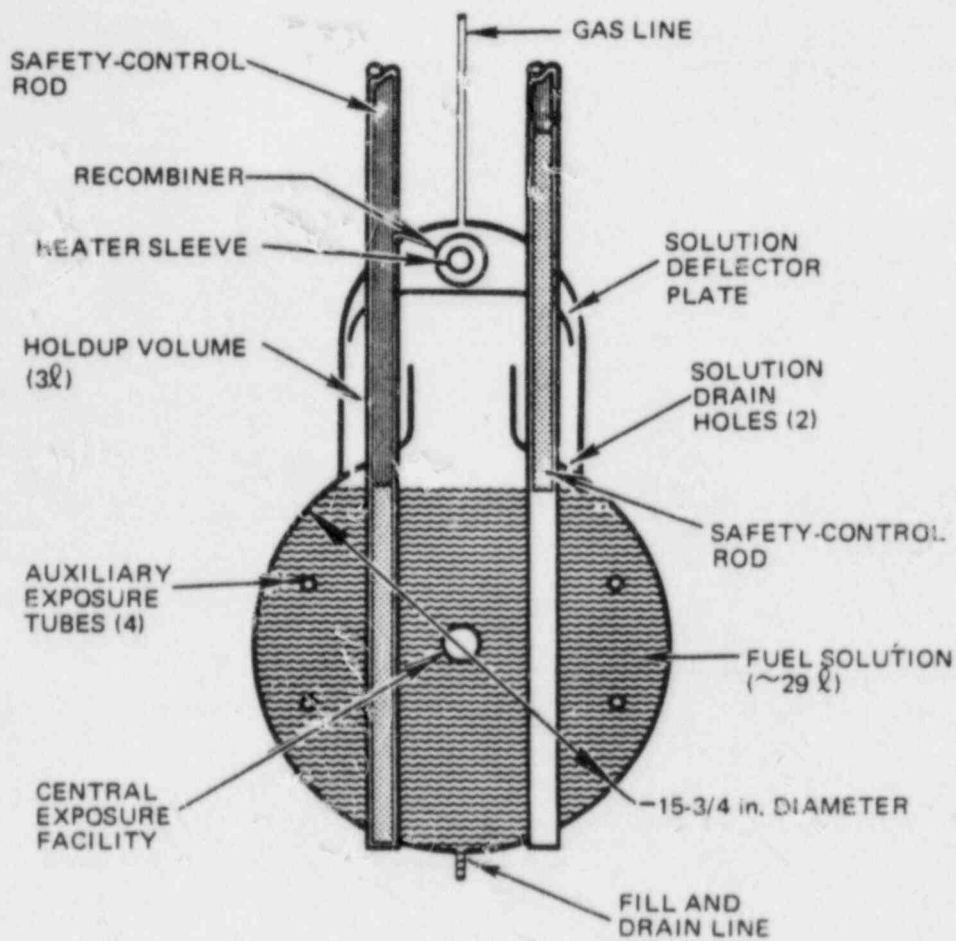
L-77
Homogeneous Liquid Core Reactor (10 W)

Name:	<u>L-77</u>		
Owner:	Rockwell International		
Location:	Canoga Park, California		
Docket Number:	50-94		
License Number:	R-40		
Date of Initial Criticality:	1958		
Rated Power:	10 watts		
Description:	Liquid, homogeneous core research reactor		
Core:	15 3/4" diameter stainless steel spherical core gas recombiner		
Fuel:	Uranyl Sulfate (UO_2SO_4)		
	enrichment	20%	90%
	critical mass	1.396 kg	1.152 kg
	core loading	1.405 kg	1.173 kg
	max. excess reactivity	0.5% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$	
Temp. coefficient:	0.02%/°c		
Max. Neutron Flux:	1×10^8 n/cm ² -sec		
Controls Rods (2):	1 safety rod		
	1 regulating rod		
	composition	stainless steel and cadmuim	
	clad	Aluminum	
	individual worth	1.3% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$	

Moderator:	H ₂ O
Reflector:	Lead and diphenyl
Number of Operators:	SRO-3, RO-0
Utilization:	Operated 62 times, generating 103 watt-hours of energy in 1973.



L-77
Homogeneous Liquid Core Reactor (10 W)



L-77
Homogeneous Liquid Core Reactor (10 W)

The following reactors are identical to the Rockwell International L-77 reactor:

Name: University of California Santa Barbara L-77 Reactor

Location: Santa Barbara, California

Docket Number: 50-433

License Number : R-124

Date of Initial Criticality: 1975
transferred from Univ. of Nevada

Number of Operators: SRO-1, RO

Utilization: Operated approximately 13 hours in 1975

Name: Brigham Young University

Location: Provo, Utah

Docket Number: 50-262

License Number: R-109

Date of Initial Criticality: 1967

Number of Operators: SRO-2, RO-0

Utilization: Operated 19 times for approximately 15 hours in
1976

TRANS-CELL STEEL TANK
FILLED WITH POLYETHYLENE

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CONTROL & SAFETY ROD

FILL AND
DRAIN LINE

AL TANK, filled
with Alkylated paraffin

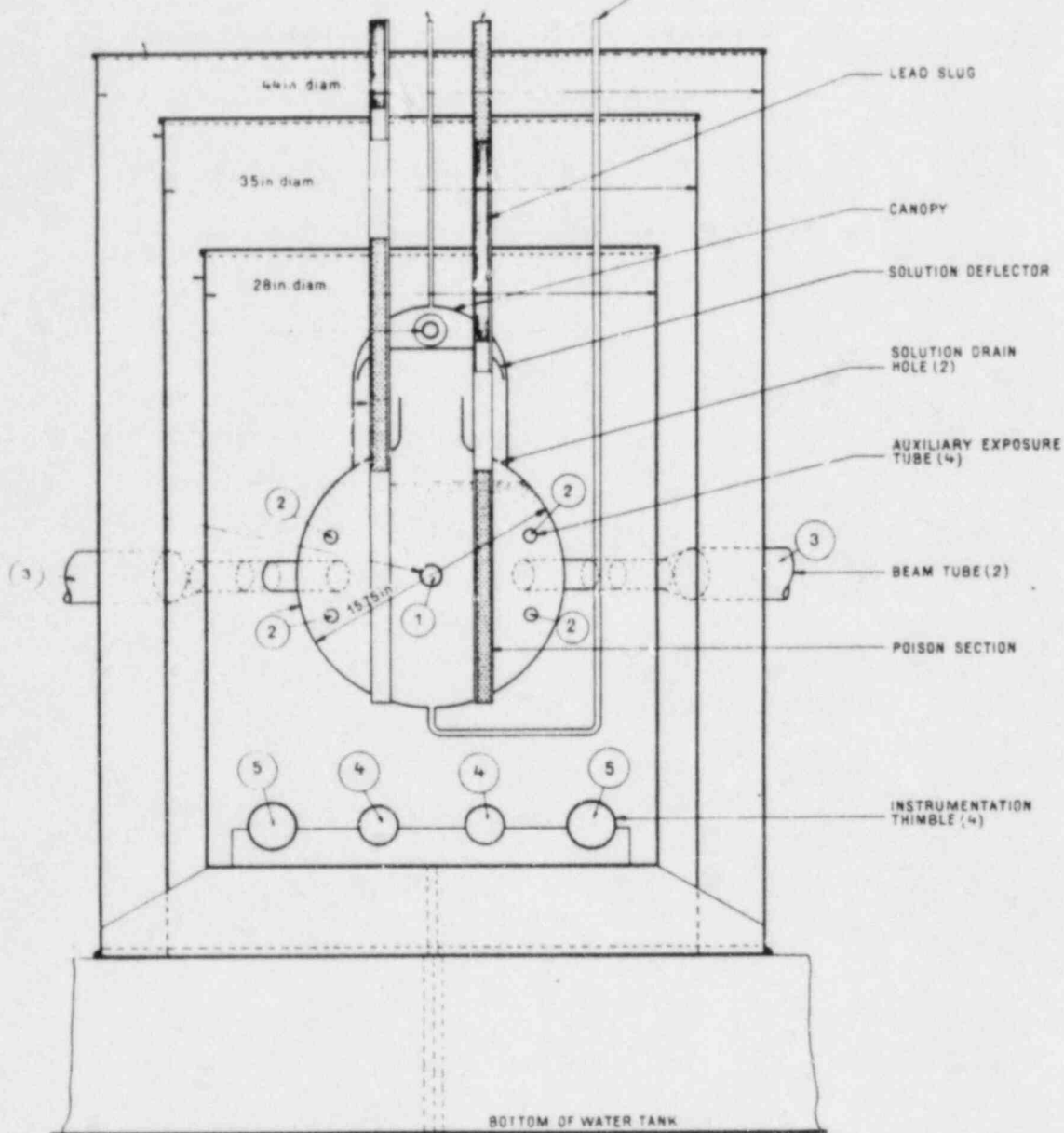
AL TANK, filled
with Pb+ Diphenyl

GAS RECOMBINER

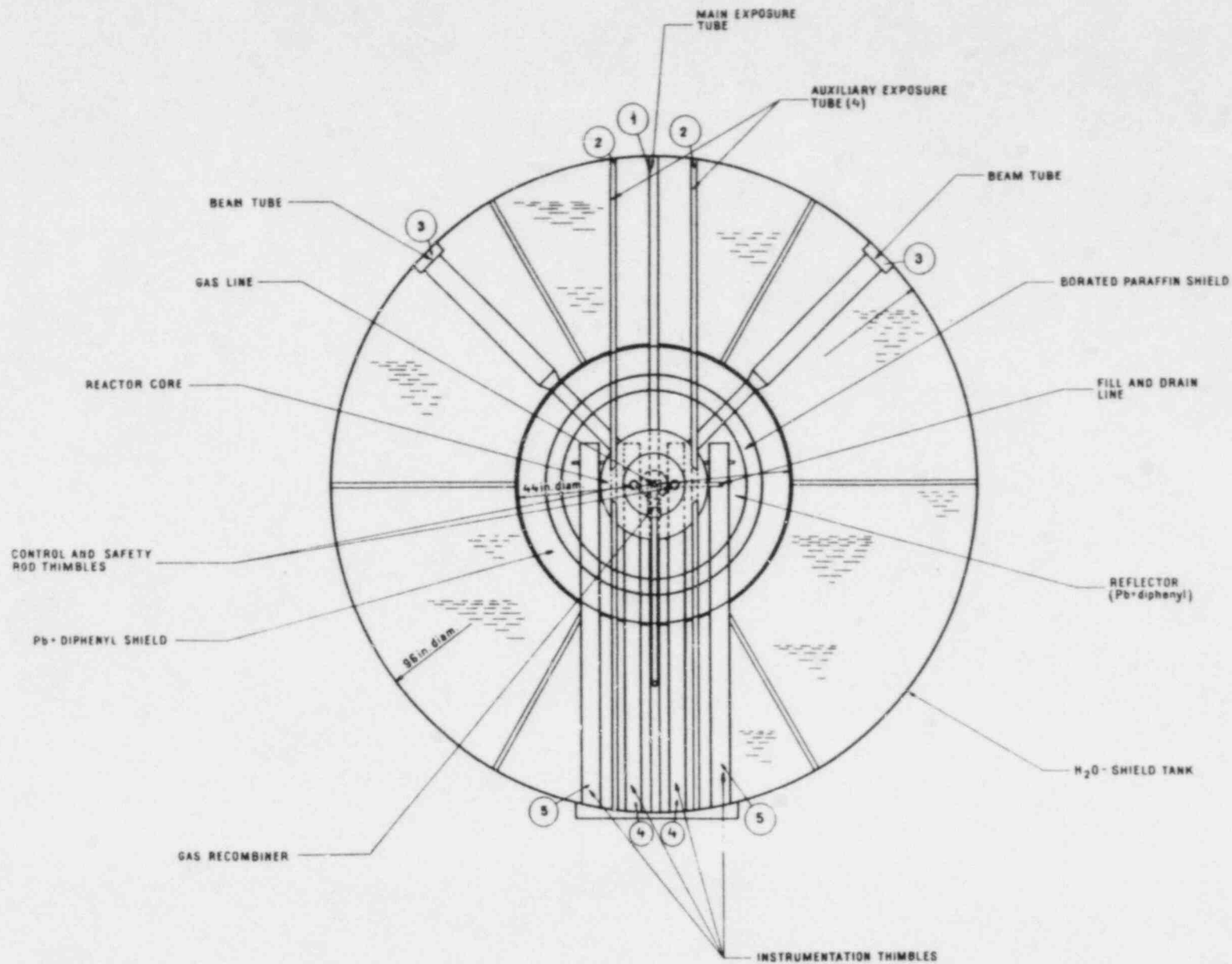
OVERFLOW
(volume 31)

MAIN EXPOSURE
TUBE

CORE VESSEL



VERTICAL SECTION REACTOR L-77



HORIZONTAL SECTION REACTOR L-77

Name:	<u>L-85</u>	
Owner:	Rockwell International Corp.	
Location:	Santa Susanna, California	
Docket Number:	50-375	
License Number:	R-118	
Date of Initial Criticality:	1972	
Rated Power:	3 kw	
Description:	Homogeneous liquid core	
Core:	1 foot diameter stainless steel core	
Fuel:	Uranyl Sulfate (UO_2SO_4)	
	Dissolved in .3 - .4 molar sulfuric acid	
	enrichment	90%
	core loading	800 grams
	max. excess reactivity	$0.8\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$
Max. Neutron Flux:	$4 \times 10^{10} \text{ n/cm}^2\text{-sec}$	
Control Rods (4):	2 safety rods	
	composition	Cadmium and Cadmium-Silver
	total worth	$2.3\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	2 control rods	
	composition	Cd and Cd-Ag

coarse control
rod worth $1.3\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$

fine control
rod worth $0.4\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$

Moderator: Heavy water (D_2O)
Coolant: D_2O
Max. Coolant Temp.: $160^{\circ}F$
Reflector: Graphite
Shield: Concrete
Utilization: Operated approximately 30 hours in 1977

HETEROGENEOUS CORE REACTORS

Argonaut

An Argonaut is a water and graphite moderated thermal heterogeneous reactor. The core lattice consists of a five foot cube of graphite containing MTR type fuel elements located in aluminum tanks containing water. An internal graphite reflector contains access holes for experimental purposes. The reactor is shielded by concrete and has an integral water tank and graphite thermal column for use in a variety of experiments.

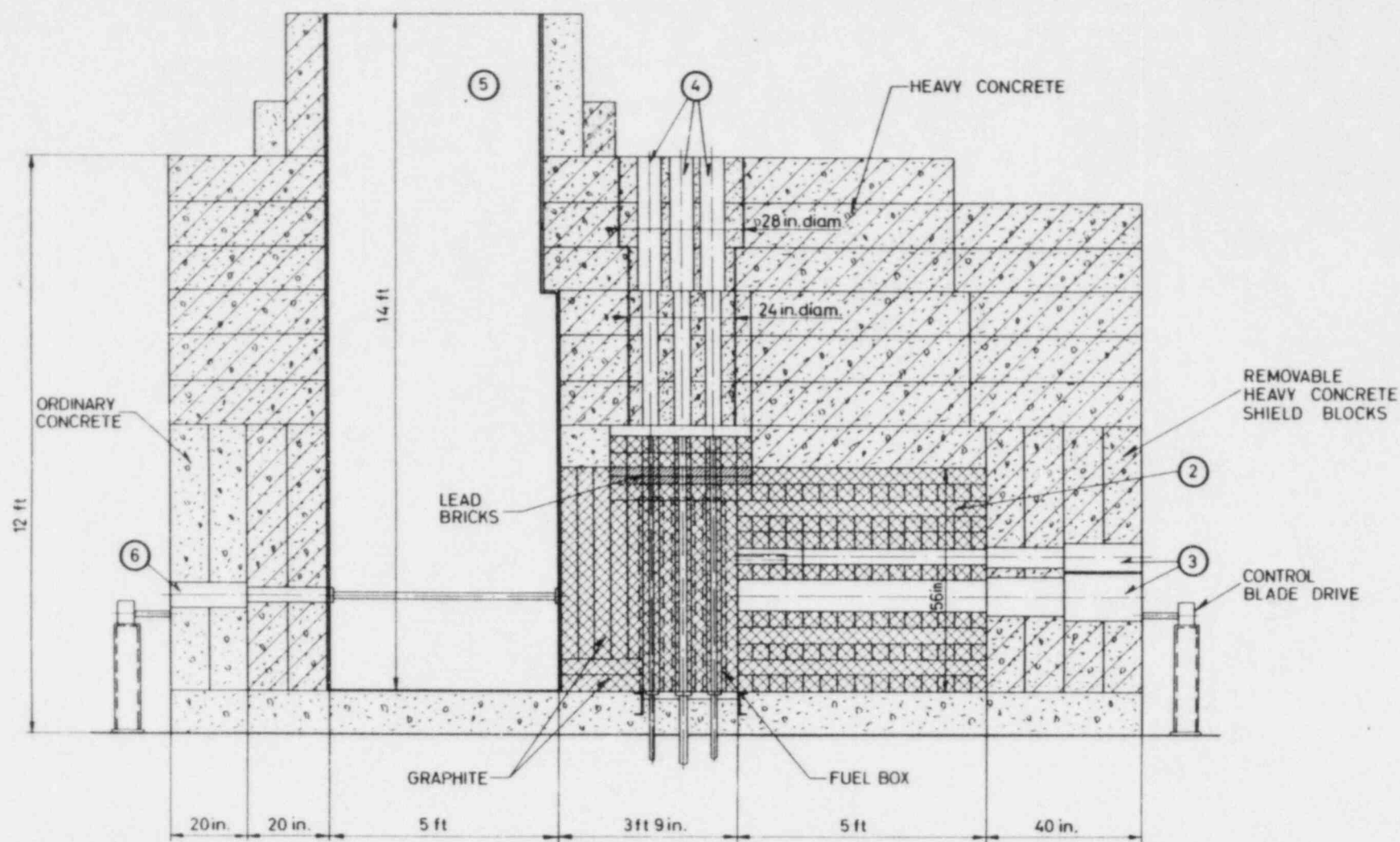
Name:	<u>UCLA Training Reactor</u>	
Location:	Los Angeles, California	
Docket Number:	50-142	
License Number:	R-71	
Date of Initial Criticality:	1960	
Rated Power:	100 kw Rated power increased from 10 kw to 100 kw in 1963	
Description:	Argonaut type, heterogeneous core research reactor	
Fuel:	U-Al alloy	
	enrichment	90%
	clad	Aluminum
	critical mass	3.2 kg
	max. excess reactivity	$2.3\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	description	24 elements, 11 MTR type plates per element
Max. Neutron Flux:	$1 \times 10^{11} \text{ n/cm}^2\text{-sec}$	
Control Rods (4):	Composition	Cadmium
	clad	Magnesium
	Swinging vane type	
	3 safety rods	
	Total worth	$4.5\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	1 regulating rod	
	worth	$0.6\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$

Moderator:	H ₂ O and graphite
Coolant:	H ₂ O
Max Coolant Temp.:	110°F
Reflector:	Graphite
Shield:	Concrete
Number of Operators:	SRO-4, RO-2
Utilization:	Generated approximately 13 Mw-hrs of energy in 1976

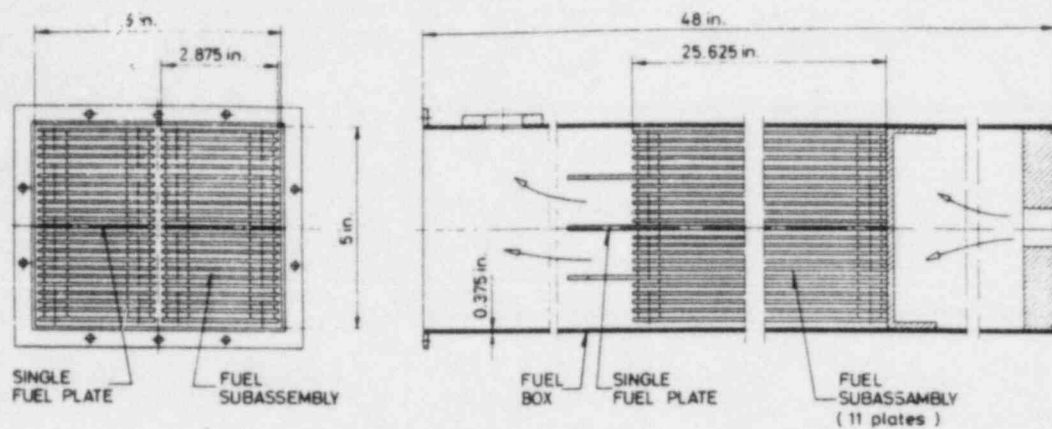
Name:	<u>University of Florida Training Reactor</u>		
Location:	Gainesville, Florida		
Docket Number:	50-83		
License Number:	R-56		
Date of Initial Criticality:	1956		
Rated Power:	100 kw		
Description:	Argonaut type, light water moderated research reactor		
Fuel:	U-Al		
	enrichment	20%	93%
	clad	Aluminum	
	critical mass	3.5 kg	3.1 kg
	core loading	3.6 kg	3.3 kg
	max. excess reactivity	$0.6\% \frac{\Delta K}{k}$	$2.3\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	description	11 rectangular parallel plates per fuel bundle	
Max. Neutron Flux:	$1.8 \times 10^{12} \text{ n/cm}^2\text{-sec}$		
	enrichment	20% *	93%
Control Rods (4):	3 shim safety blades		
	total worth	4.24%	4.11%
	1 regulating blade		
	worth	0.78%	1.02%
	composition	Cadmium	
	clad	Magnesium	
Moderator:	Light water (H ₂ O)		
Coolant:	H ₂ O		

*Licensee does not currently possess 20% enriched fuel.

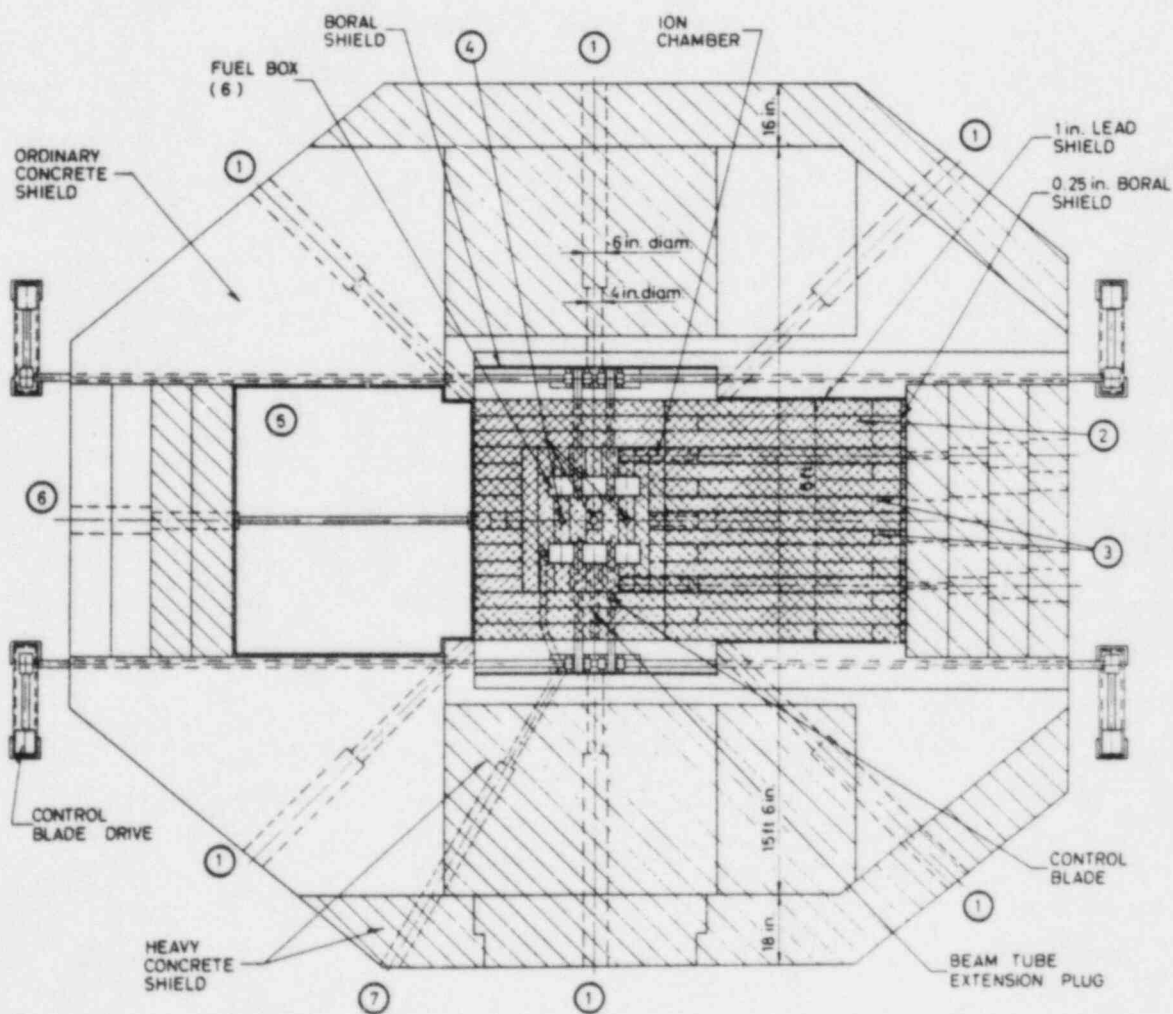
Reflector:	Graphite
Shield:	Concrete
Number of Operators:	SRO-6, RO-2



VERTICAL SECTION REACTOR UFTR



FUEL ELEMENT



HORIZONTAL SECTION REACTOR UFTR

Name:	<u>University of Washington Nuclear Reactor (UWNR)</u>	
Location:	Seattle, Washington	
Docket Number:	50-139	
License Number:	R-73	
Date of Initial Criticality:	1961	
Rated Power:	100 kw Increased rated power from 10 kw to 100 kw in 1966.	
Description:	Heterogeneous, Argonaut-type research reactor.	
Core:	Rectangular prism of graphite	
Fuel:	U-A1	
	enrichment	90%
	clad	Aluminum
	core loading	3.7 kg
	max. excess reactivity	$2.3\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	description	MTR-type plates 24 elements, 11 plates per element
Max. Neutron Flux:	$1 \times 10^{11} \text{ n/cm}^2\text{-sec}$	
Control Rods (4):	3 safety blades	
	composition	Cadmium
	clad	Magnesium
	individual worth	$1.5\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	1 regulating rod	
	similar composition and clad	
	worth	$0.6\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$

Moderator:	H ₂ O and graphite
Coolant:	H ₂ O
Max. Coolant Temp.:	160°F
Reflector:	Graphite
Shield:	Concrete
Number of Operators:	SR0-3, RO-1
Utilization:	Operated 107 times for approximately 180 hours in 1977

Name:	<u>University Training Reactor (UTR-10)</u>		
Owner:	Va. Polytechnic Institute and State University		
Location:	Blacksburg, Virginia		
Docket Number:	50-124		
License Number:	R-62		
Principle Contractor:	American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corp.		
Date of Initial Criticality:	1960		
Rated Power:	100 kw Increased power from 10 kw to 100 kw in 1965		
Description:	Argonaut type		
Fuel:	U-Al ₄		
	enrichment	93%	
	clad	Aluminum	
	critical mass	3 kg.	
	core loading	3.4 kg.	
	max. excess reactivity	allowed $0.6\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$	
		presently $0.3\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$	
Max. Neutron Flux:	$1 \times 10^{14} \text{ n/cm}^2\text{-sec}$		
Control Rods (4):	3 safety rods		
	windowshade type		
	composition	Cadmium	
	total worth	$0.8\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$	

	1 regulating rod	
	composition	Cadmium
	worth	$0.2\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$
Moderator:	Light water (H_2O)	
Coolant:	H_2O	
Max. Coolant Temp.:	170° F	
Reflector:	Graphite	
Shield:	Concrete	
Number of Operators:	SR0-5, R0-4	
Utilization:	Generated approximately 113,387 kw-hrs of energy in 1976. 235 start ups	

Name:	<u>Iowa State University Reactor</u>	
Location:	Ames, Iowa	
Docket Number:	50-116	
License Number:	R-59	
Date of Initial Criticality:	1959	
Rated Power:	10 kw	
Description:	Argonaut type, light water moderated research reactor	
	Similar to UTR reactor at VPISU except:	
Max. Neutron Flux:	$1.25 \times 10^{11} \text{ n/cm}^2\text{-sec}$	
Control Rods (4):	3 shim safety rods	
	composition	Cadmium
	individual worth	$1.86\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	1 regulating rod	
	composition	Cadmium
	worth	$0.12\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$
Operators:	SRO-3, RO-2	

TANK REACTORS

Name:	<u>Cornell Zero Power Reactor (ZPR)</u>		
Location:	Ithaca, New York		
Docket Number:	50-97		
License Number:	R-89		
Principal Contractor:	Vitro Engineering Co.		
Date of Initial Criticality:	1963		
Rated Power:	100 watts		
Description:	Low power, light water moderated tank type research reactor		
Fuel:	UO ₂ pellets		
	enrichment	2.1%	
	clad	Aluminum	
	max. excess reactivity	2.8% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$	
	description	228 fuel rods (0.6" diameter, 48" length)	
Max. Neutron Flux:	1.45 x 10 ⁹ n/cm ² -sec		
Control Rods(4):	4 control rods		
	each a cluster of three cylinders		
	composition	Boron-carbide	
	clad	Aluminum	
	total worth	6% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$	
Moderator:	Light water (H ₂ O)		
Coolant:	H ₂ O		

Reflector:	H ₂ O
Shield:	Concrete
Number of Operators:	SRO-2, RO-0
Note:	The ZPR is located in the same pool as the Cornell TRIGA reactor therefore neutron coupling occurs.

Name:	<u>Westinghouse Nuclear Training Reactor (NTR)</u>	
Location:	Zion, Illinois Transferred from Waltz Mill, Penn. in 1972	
Docket Number:	50-87	
License Number:	R-119	
Date of Initial Criticality:	1972	
Rated Power:	10 kw	
Fuel:	U-Al _x	
	enrichment	93%
	clad	Aluminum
	core loading	7.4 kg
	max. excess reactivity	4.1% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	description	28 elements, 3 tubes per element
Control Rods:	9 fuel follower control rods	
	composition	Cadmium
	clad	stainless steel
	total worth	9.4% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
Moderator:	H ₂ O	
Coolant:	H ₂ O	
Reflector:	H ₂ O	
Shield:	Concrete and H ₂ O	
Number of Operators:	SR0-12, RO-0	
Utilization:	Operated approximately 2000 hours in 1977.	

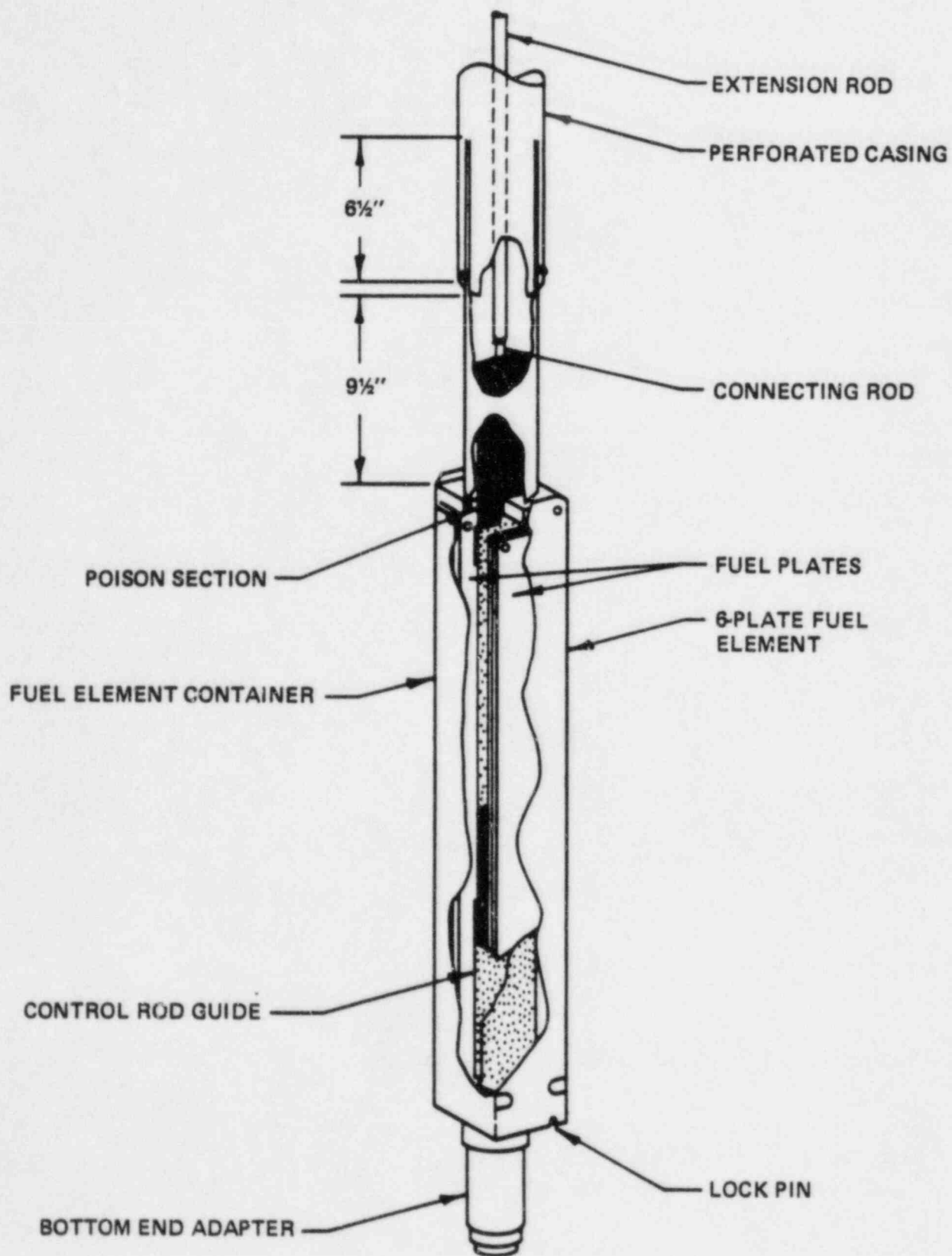
Name:	<u>General Electric Nuclear Test Reactor (NTR)</u>	
Location:	Alameda County, California	
Docket Number:	50-73	
License Number	R-33	
Date of Initial Criticality:	1957	
Rated Power:	100 kw Increased rated power from 30 kw to 100 kw in 1969	
Description:	Light water moderated research reactor	
Fuel:	U-Al alloy	
	enrichment	93%
	clad	Aluminum
	critical mass	3 kg.
	core loading	3.7 kg.
	max. excess reactivity	$0.75\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	description	16 fuel assemblies, 40 disks per assembly
Max. Neutron Flux:	$2.5 \times 10^{12} \text{ n/cm}^2\text{-sec}$	
Control Rods (11):	6 poison sheets	
	composition	Cadmium-Aluminum
	individual worth	$1\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	4 safety rods	
	composition	Boron carbide powder
	clad	Cadmium steel
	individual worth	$0.5\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$

1 fine control rod
worth

$$0.12\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$$

Moderator:	Graphite
Coolant:	H ₂ O
Max. Coolant Temp.:	126° F
Reflector:	Graphite
Shield:	Concrete
Number of Operators:	SRO-5, RO-1
Utilization:	Operated approximately 1820 hours in 1977 with 359 reactor start-ups.

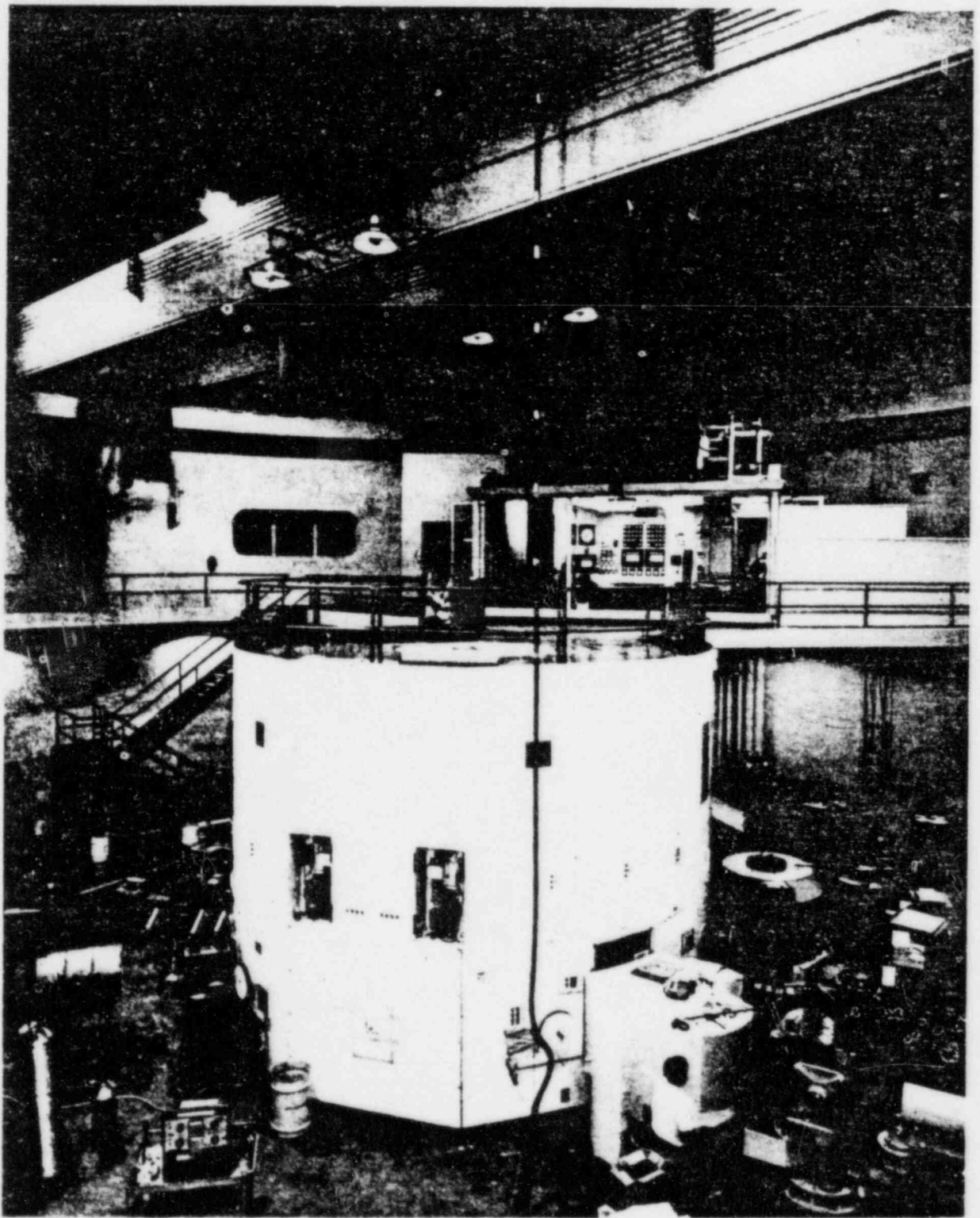
Name:	<u>General Electric Test Reactor (GETR)</u>	
Location:	Alameda County, California	
Docket Number:	50-70	
License Number:	TR-1	
Date of Initial Criticality:	1959	
Rated Power:	50 Mw increase in power in 1966	
Description:	low pressure, low temperature tank test reactor located in a pool.	
Fuel:	U-Al alloy, enrichment 93% or U-Al _x alloy, enrichment 89%	
	clad	Aluminum
	core loading	10.7 kg
	max. excess reactivity	11.5% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	description	standard 21 elements, 19 fuel plates per element
Max. Neutron Flux:	1.6×10^{14} n/cm ² -sec	
Control Rods (6):	6 fuel follower control rods	
	composition	Boron, steel
	total worth	17.5% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	This system contains a liquid emergency shutdown system.	
Moderator:	light water (H ₂ O)	
Coolant:	H ₂ O	
Max. Coolant Temp.:	135°F	
Shield:	Concrete	
Number of Operators:	SRO - 20, RO - 10	



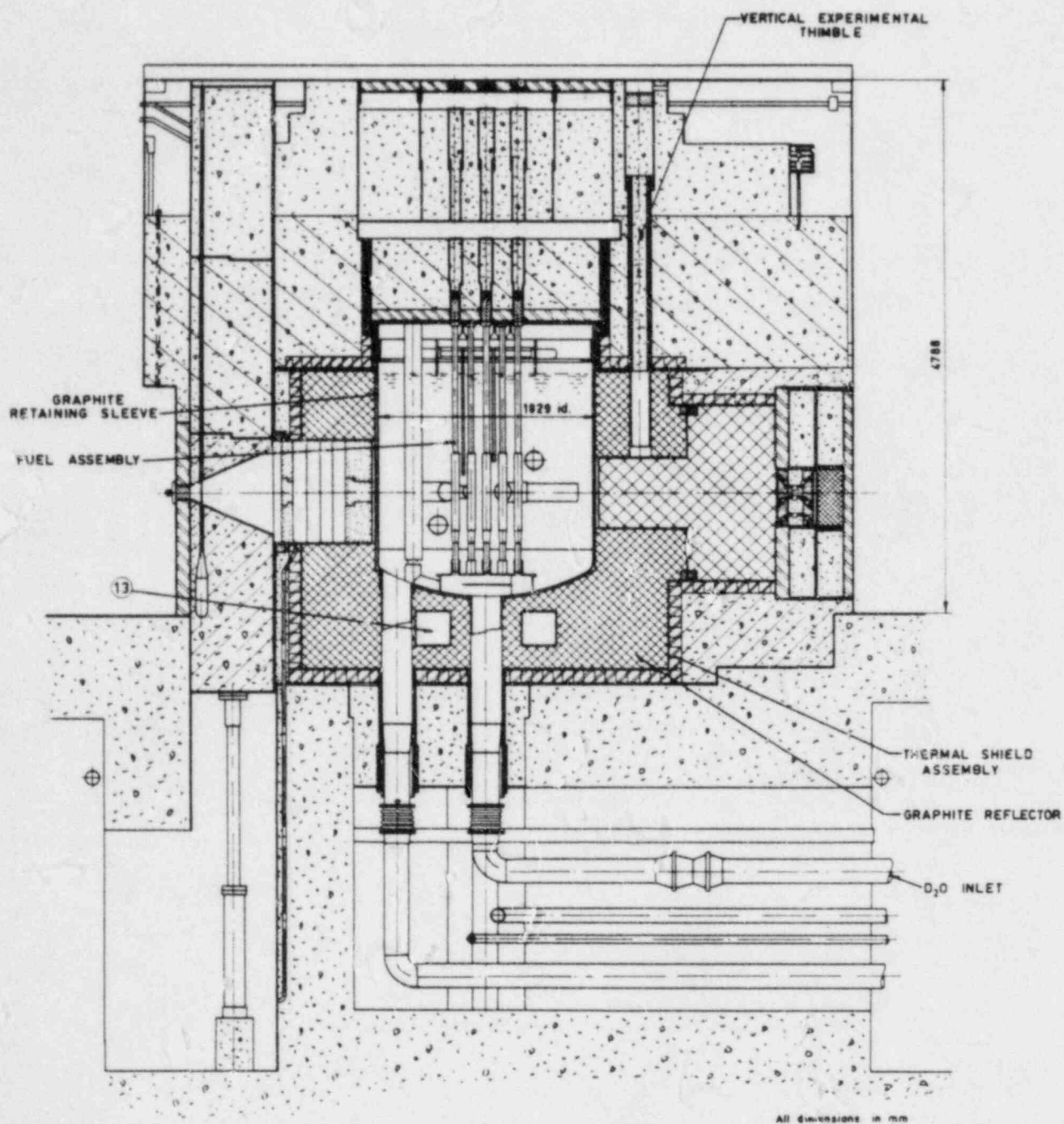
Fuel Follower Control Rods

Name:	<u>Georgia Tech Research Reactor (GTRR)</u>	
Location:	Atlanta, Georgia	
Docket Number:	50-160	
License Number:	R-97	
Date of Initial Criticality:	1964	
Rated Power:	5 Mw Increased rated power to 5 Mw in 1974	
Description:	Tank-type, heavy water moderated research reactor	
Fuel:	U-A1	
	enrichment	93%
	clad	Aluminum
	max. excess reactivity	$11.9\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	description	19 fuel assemblies, 16 plates per assembly triangle array
Max. Neutron Flux:	$1.5 \times 10^{14} \text{ n/cm}^2\text{-sec}$	
Control Rods (5):	4 shim safety blades	
	hollow blades	
	composition	Cadmium filled with Helium
	clad	Aluminum
	individual worth	$4\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	1 regulating rod	
	same composition and clad	
	worth	$4\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$

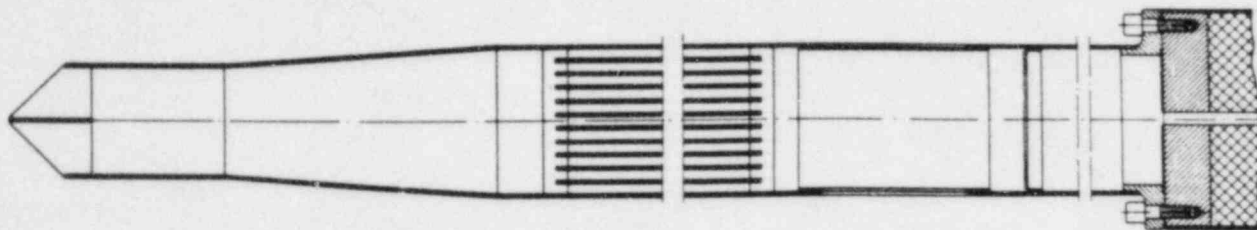
Moderator:	Heavy water (D_2O)
Primary Coolant:	D_2O
Secondary Coolant:	H_2O
Max. Coolant Temp.:	$123^{\circ}F$
Reflector:	D_2O and graphite
Shield:	Concrete
Number of Operators:	SR0-4, RO-6
Utilization:	Operated approximately 420 hours between 6/76 and 6/77



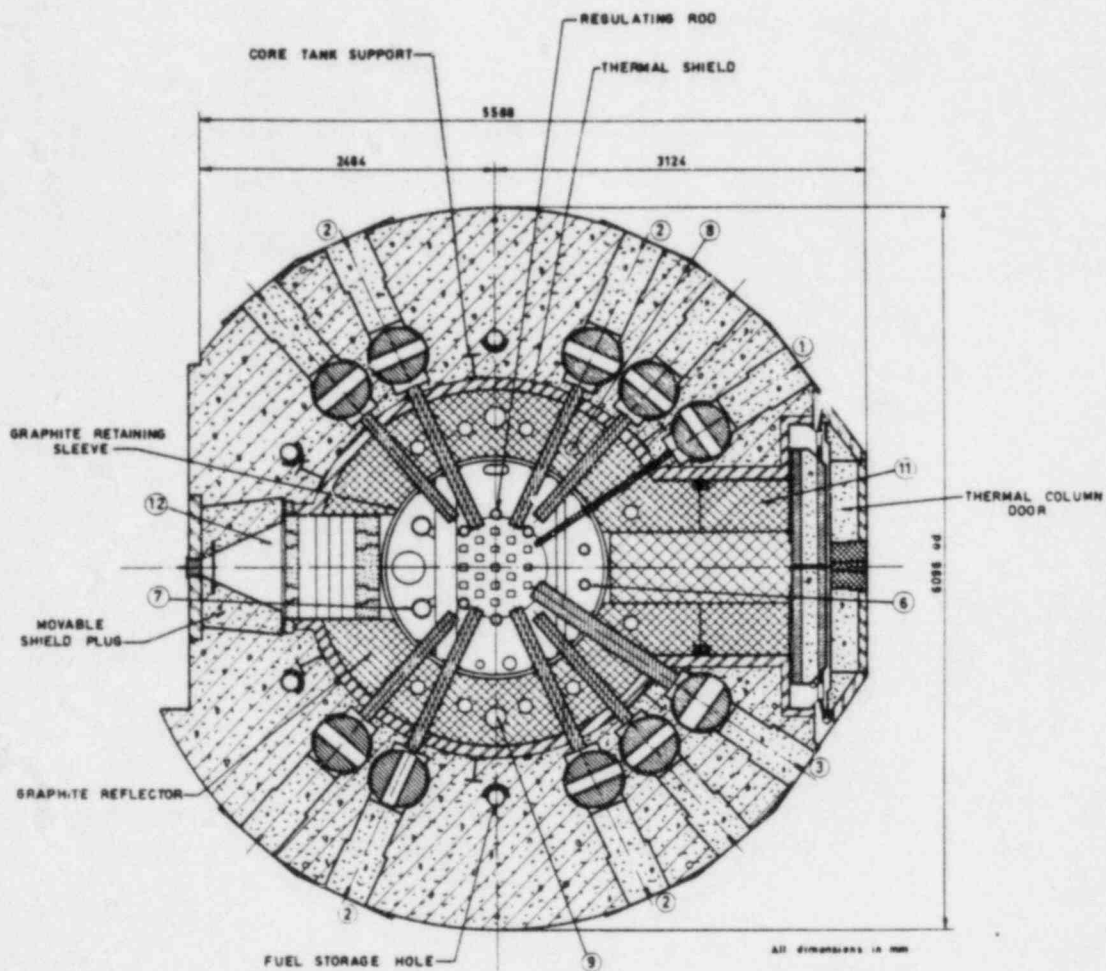
The Georgia Tech Research Reactor.



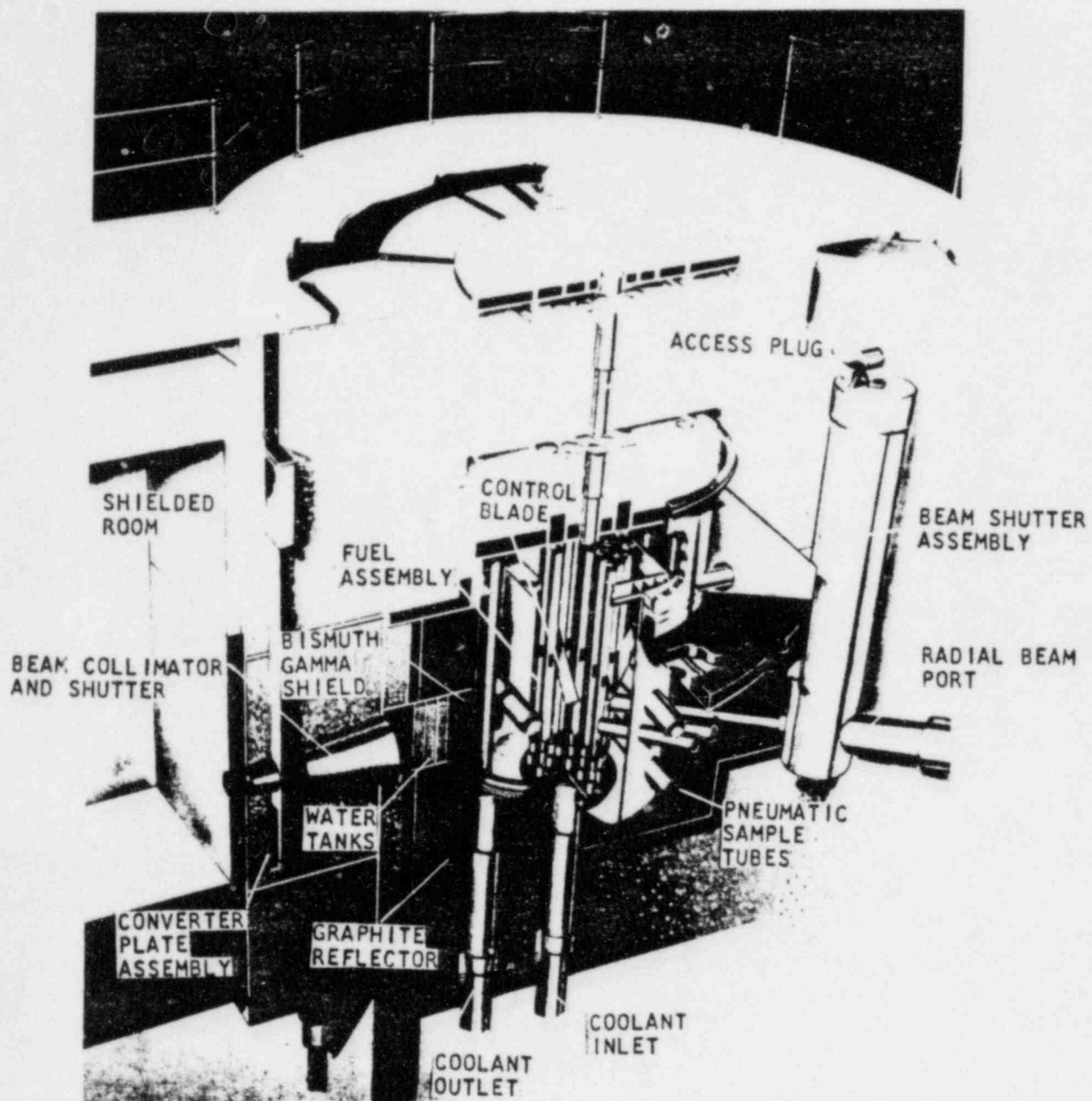
VERTICAL SECTION REACTOR GTRR



FUEL ELEMENT



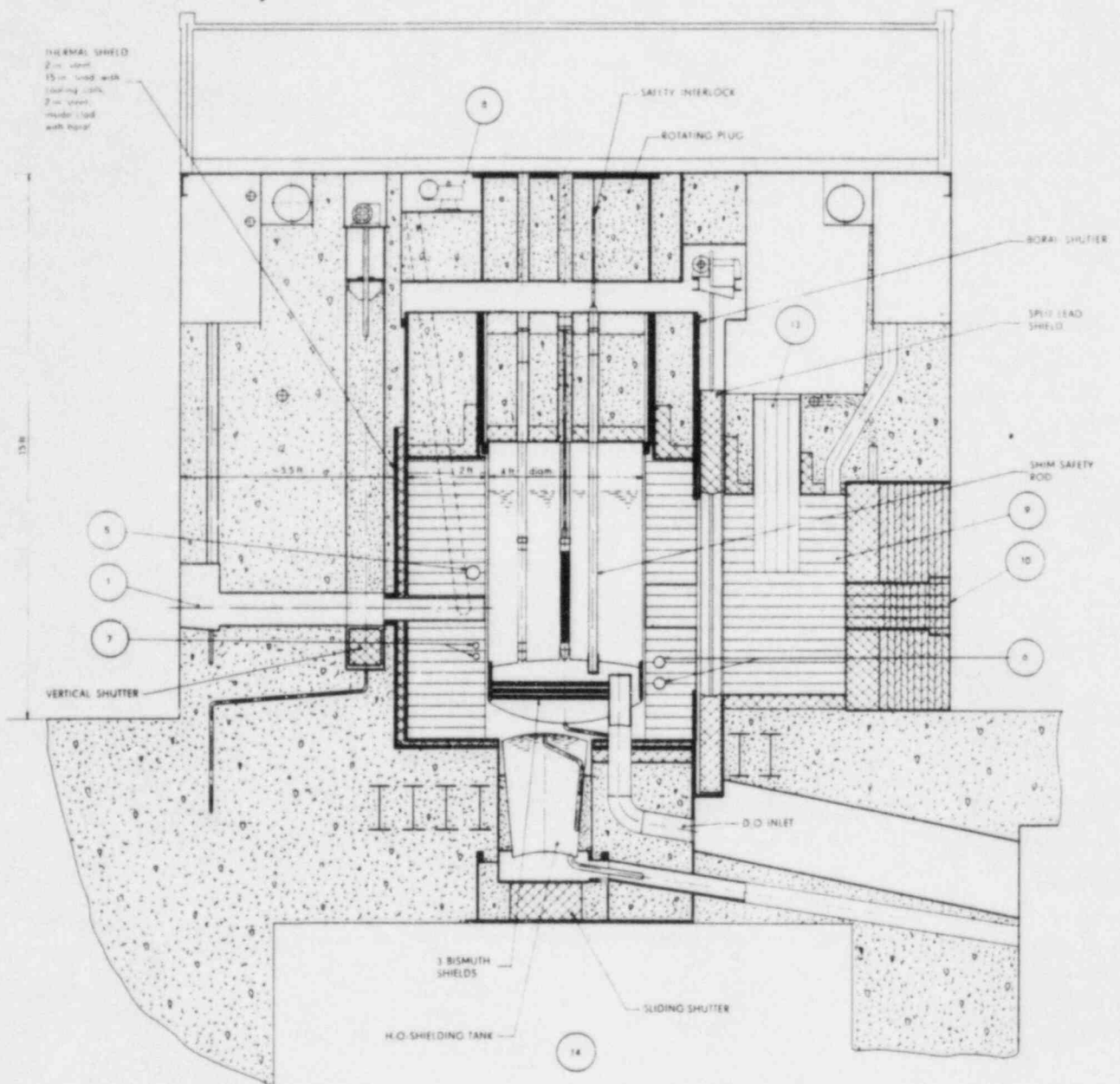
HORIZONTAL SECTION REACTOR GTRR



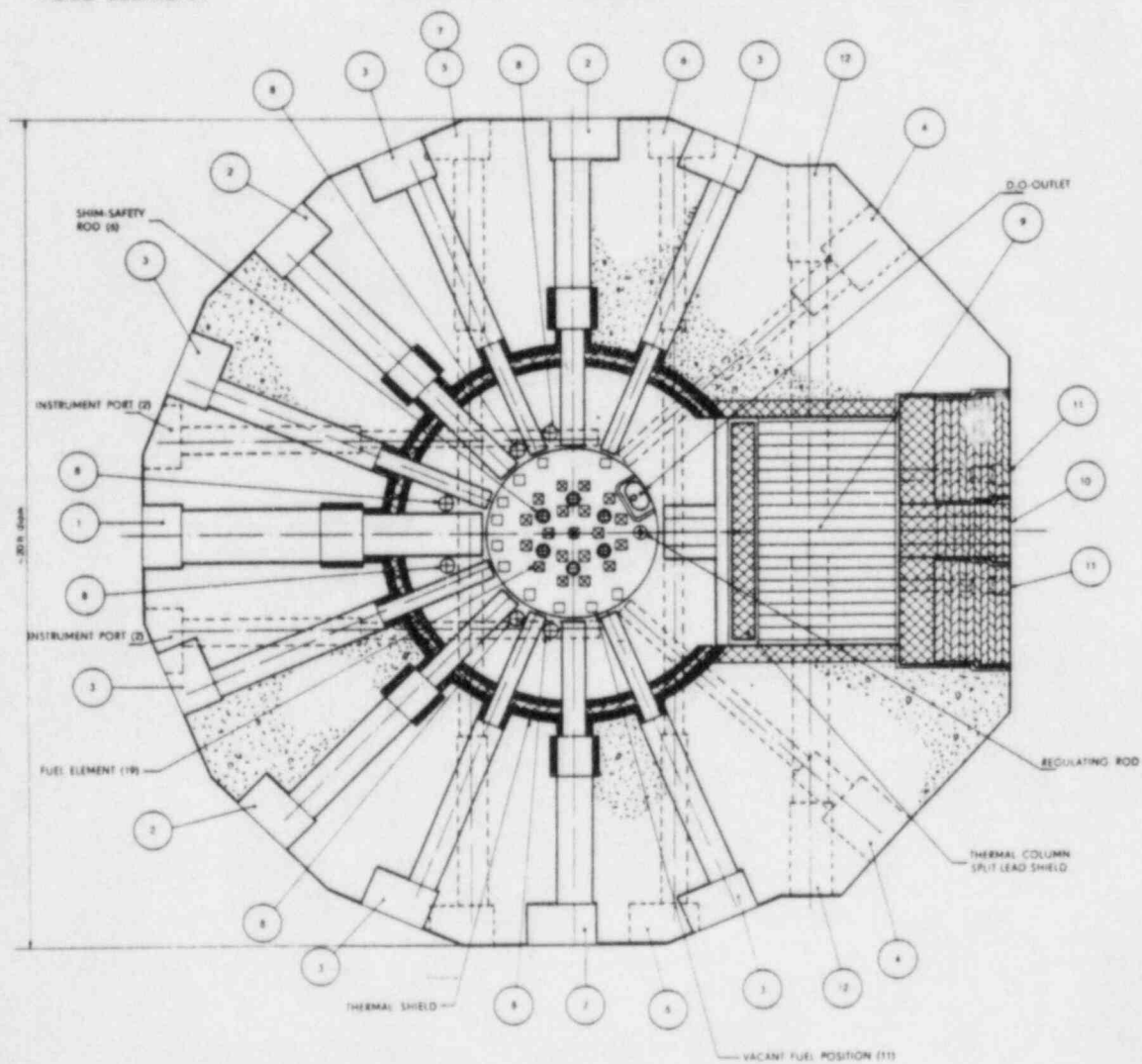
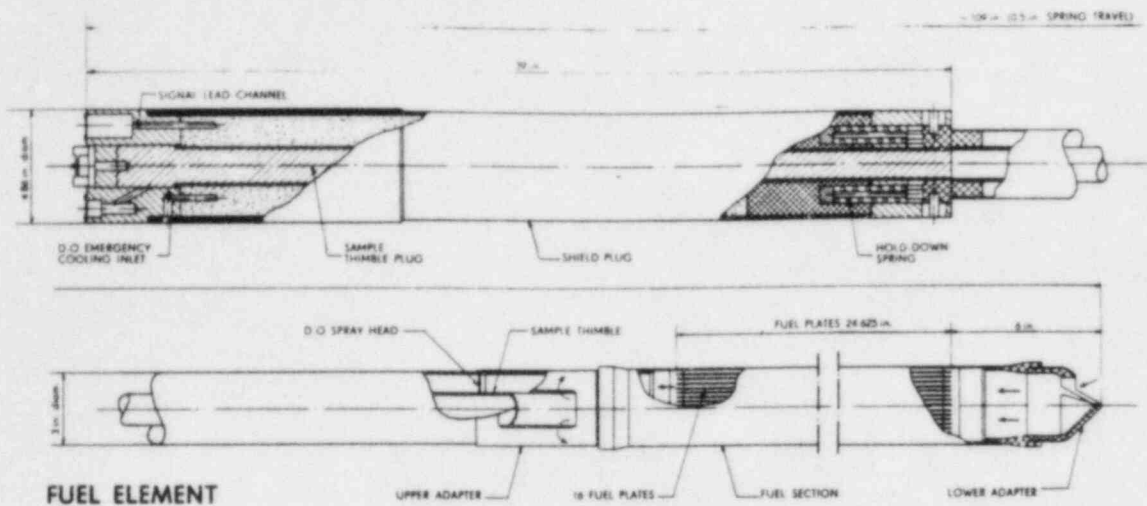
Cutaway Perspective View of the GTRR.

Name:	<u>Mass. Institute of Technology Reactor (MITR)</u>	
Location:	Cambridge, Mass.	
Docket Number:	50-20	
License Number:	R-37	
Principle Contractor:	ACF Industries	
Date of Initial Criticality:	1958	
Rated Power:	5 Mw	
Description:	Tank-type, heavy water reflected reactor	
Fuel:	U-Al _x	
	enrichment	93%
	clad	Aluminum
	core loading	11.6 kg
	max. excess reactivity	$1.8\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	description	Rhomboidal fuel elements, hexagonal distribution
Max. Neutron Flux:	$1 \times 10^{14} \text{ n/cm}^2\text{-sec}$	
Control Rods:	6 flat plates	
	composition	stainless steel with 1% boron
	total worth	$12.6\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$
Moderator:	H ₂ O	
Coolant:	Light water (H ₂ O)	
Absorbers:	Hafnium	

Reflector: Heavy water (D_2O) and graphite
Shield: Concrete
Number of Operators: SRO-11, RO-5
Utilization: Operated approximately 4500 hours in 1977
Note: Major change in the core in 1976. Light water replaced heavy water as the coolant and Moderator.



MITR VERTICAL SECTION



Name:	<u>National Bureau of Standards Reactor (NBSR)</u>	
Location:	Gaithersburg, Maryland	
Docket Number:	50-184	
License Number:	TR-5	
Principle Contractor:	Burns and Roe, Inc.	
Date of Initial Criticality:	1967	
Rated Power:	10 Mw	
Description:	Tank-type heavy water moderated test reactor	
Fuel:	U-A1	
	enrichment	93%
	clad	Aluminum
	core loading	6 kg
	max. excess reactivity	$10\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	description	24 fuel elements, 17 plates per element MTR-type curved plates, hexagonal distribution
Max. Neutron Flux:	$1 \times 10^{14} \text{ n/cm}^2\text{-sec}$	
Control Rods (5):	4 shim safety blades	
	semaphore type	
	composition	Cadmium
	clad	Aluminum
	total worth	$32\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$

	1 regulating rod	
	composition	Aluminum
	worth	$0.5\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$
Moderation:	Heavy water (D_2O)	
Coolant:	D_2O	
Reflector:	D_2O	
Shield:	Lead, iron and concrete	
Max. Coolant Temp.:	$50^{\circ}C$	
Number of Operators:	SR0-16, RO-1	
Utilization:	Operated approximately 6100 hours in 1977	

POOL REACTORS

Name:	<u>Manhattan College Zero Power Reactor (ZPR)</u>		
Location:	Riverdale, New York		
Docket Number:	50-199		
License Number:	R-94		
Principle Contractor:	AMF Atomics		
Date of Initial Criticality:	1964		
Rated Power:	.1 watt		
Description:	Low Power, pool-type reactor		
Fuel:	U-Al alloy		
	enrichment	90%	
	clad	Aluminum	
	critical mass	3.25 kg.	
	core loading	3.74 kg.	
	max. excess reactivity	$0.44\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$	
	description	16 fuel elements, 18 MTR-type plates per element	
Max. Neutron Flux:	$1.26 \times 10^9 \text{ n/cm}^2\text{-sec}$		
Control Rods (2):	Two Y-shaped control rods		
	1 safety rod		
	composition	cadmium and stainless steel	
	worth	$3.4\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$	
	1 regulating rod		
	composition	stainless steel	
	worth	$0.9\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$	

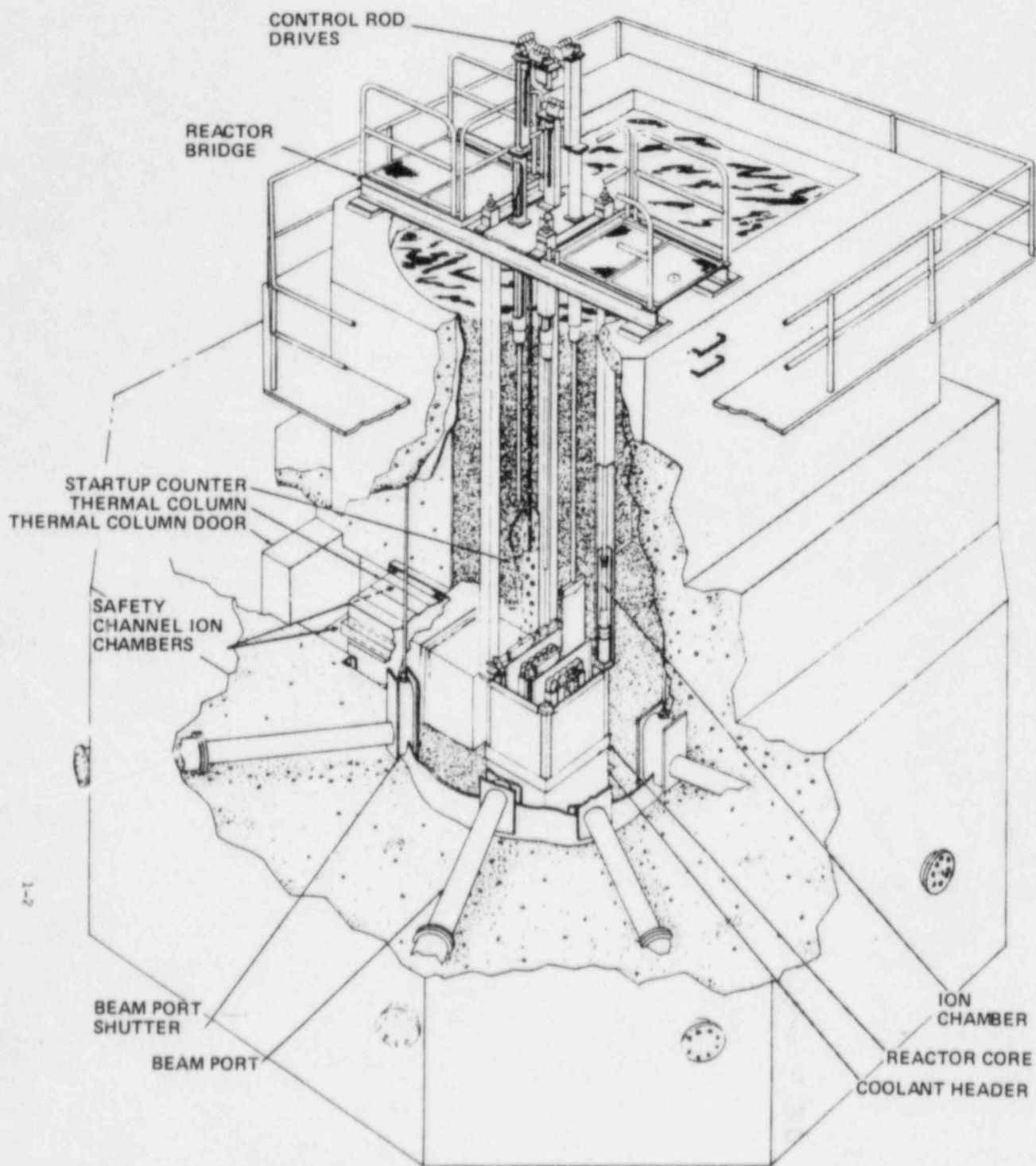
Moderator: light water (H_2O)
Coolant: H_2O
Reflector: graphite
Shield: concrete
Number of Operators: SRO - 3, RO - 0

Name:	<u>Cooperatively Assembled Virginia Low-Intensity Educational Reactor (CAVALIER)</u>		
Location:	Charlottesville, Virginia		
Docket Number:	50-396		
License Number:	R-123		
Date of Initial Criticality:	1974		
Rated Power:	100 watts		
Description:	Low power, pool-type training facility. Two types of reflectors are possible, graphite or light water.		
Fuel:	U-Al alloy		
	enrichment	93%	
	clad	Aluminum	
	max. excess reactivity	$1.6\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$	
	description	flat plate, curved MTR elements 12 plates per element	
		<u>light water (H₂O)</u>	<u>Graphite</u>
	core loading	2.31 kg.	2.97 kg.
	elements in core	16	12
Max. Neutron Flux:		$8.5 \times 10^7 \text{ n/cm}^2\text{-sec}$	$1.1 \times 10^8 \text{ n/cm}^2\text{-sec}$
Control Rods (4):	4 control blades		
	bayonet type, oval cross section		
	composition	boron stainless steel	
	individual worth	$3\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$	

Moderator:	Light water (H_2O)
Coolant:	H_2O
Reflector:	H_2O or graphite
Shield:	Concrete
Number of Operators:	SR0-1, R0-4
Utilization:	Operated approximately 400 hours in 1977

Name:	<u>Worcester Polytechnic Institute Reactor</u>	
Location:	Worcester, New York	
Docket Number:	50-134	
License Number:	R-61	
Principle Contractor:	General Electric	
Date of Initial Criticality:	1959	
Rated Power:	10 kw	
Description:	Increased rated power from 1 kw to 10 kw in 1967 Light water moderated open pool reactor	
Fuel:	U-Al alloy	
	enrichment	93%
	clad	Aluminum
	critical mass	3.6 kg.
	core loading	3.7 kg.
	max. excess reactivity	$0.5\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	description	MTR-type plates 27 elements, 10 plates per element
Max. Neutron Flux:	$9 \times 10^9 \text{ n/cm}^2\text{-sec}$	
Control Rods (4):	3 safety blades	
	composition	Boral
	individual worth	$3.5\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	1 regulating rod	
	composition	stainless steel
	worth	$0.7\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$

Moderator:	Light water (H_2O)
Coolant:	H_2O
Max. Coolant Temp.:	130° F
Reflector:	Graphite and H_2O
Shield:	Concrete and H_2O
Number of Operators:	SR0-3, R0-4



OPEN POOL REACTOR

Name:	<u>Missouri University Research Reactor (MURR)</u>	
Location:	Columbia, Missouri	
Docket Number:	50-186	
License Number:	R-103	
Principle Contractor:	Internuclear of St. Louis	
Date of Initial Criticality:	1966	
Rated Power:	10 Mw	
Description:	Increase in rated power from 5Mw to 10 Mw in 1974 Pool-type, light water moderated research reactor	
Fuel:	U-A1 or U-A1x curved plates	
	enrichment	93%
	clad	Aluminum
	critical mass	4 kg.
	core loading	6.2 kg.
	max. excess reactivity	9.8% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	description	8 fuel assemblies with 24 plates per assembly
Max. Nuetron Flux:	$1.6 \times 10^{12} \text{ n/cm}^2\text{-sec}$	
Control Rods(4):	3 safety shim blades	
	composition	Boron steel
	clad	Aluminum
	individual worth	3% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$

	1 regulating blade	
	composition	stainless steel
	worth	$0.7\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$
Moderator:	Light water (H ₂ O)	
Coolant:	H ₂ O	
Max. Coolant Temp.:	135° F	
Reflector:	Beryllium-Graphite and H ₂ O	
Shield:	Concrete and H ₂ O	
Number of Operators:	SR0-13, RO-11	
Utilization:	Operated approximately 5100 hours in 1977	

Name:	<u>Purdue University Reactor</u>	
Location:	West Lafayette, Indiana	
Docket Number:	50-182	
License Number:	R-87	
Principle Contractor:	Lockheed Nuclear Products	
Date of Initial Criticality:	1962	
Rated Power:	10 kw	
Description:	Pool-type, light water moderated and cooled research reactor	
Fuel:	U-A1	
	enrichment	93%
	clad	Aluminum
	core loading	2.44 kg.
	max. excess reactivity	$0.6\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	description	13 MTR-type elements, 10 plates per element
Max. Neutron Flux:	$2.1 \times 10^{10} \text{ n/cm}^2\text{-sec}$	
Control Rods (3):	2 shim safety rods	
	composition	boron stainless steel
	total worth	$5.8\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	1 regulating rod	
	composition	H ₂ O filled stainless steel tube
	worth	$0.47\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$

Moderator:	Light water (H_2O)
Coolant:	H_2O
Reflector:	Graphite waterproofed with a polyester resin
Shield:	Concrete, sand and H_2O
Number of Operators:	SR0-2, RO-3
Utilization:	Generated approximately 200 Mw-hrs of energy between 6/75 and 6/76

Name:	<u>Ohio State University Reactor</u>	
Location:	Columbus, Ohio	
Docket Number:	50-150	
License Number:	R-75	
Date of Initial Criticality:	1961	
Rated Power:	10 kw	
Description:	Light water moderated pool reactor	
Fuel:	U-Al alloy	
	enrichment	93%
	clad	Aluminum
	critical mass	2.84 kg.
	core loading	3.13 kg.
	max. excess reactivity	1.88% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	description	20 elements, 10 MTR-type plates per element
Max. Neutron Flux:	$2.2 \times 10^{11} \text{ n/cm}^2\text{-sec}$	
Control Rods(4):	3 shim safety rods	
	composition	boron stainless steel
	total worth	8.6% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	1 regulating rod	
	composition	stainless steel
	worth	0.6% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$

Moderator:	Light water (H_2O)
Coolant:	H_2O
Max. Coolant Temp.:	145° F
Reflector:	Graphite and H_2O
Shield:	Concrete and H_2O
Number of Operators:	SRO-2, RO-2

Name:	<u>University of Missouri Nuclear Reactor Facility</u>	
Location:	Rolla, Missouri	
Docket Number:	50-123	
License Number:	R-79	
Principle Contractor:	Curtiss Wright Corporation	
Date of Initial Criticality:	1962	
Rated Power:	200 kw	
Description:	Light water moderated pool type research reactor	
Fuel:	U ₃ O ₈ - Al	
	enrichment	90%
	clad	Aluminum
	core loading	2.9 kg.
	max. excess reactivity	3.3% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	description	MTR-type fuel elements
Max. Neutron Flux:	2.8 x 10 ¹² n/cm ² -sec	
Control Rods (4):	3 shim safety rods	
	composition	stainless steel and boron
	total worth	8.9%
	1 regulating rod	
	hollow tube	
	composition	stainless steel
	worth	0.65%

Moderator: H_2O
Coolant: H_2O
Max. Coolant Temp.: 113° F
Reflector: Graphite and H_2O
Shield: Concrete and H_2O
Number of Operators: SR0-1 , RO-1
Utilization: Generated approximately 11,800 kw-hrs of energy
between 4/77 and 4/78

Name:	<u>University of Kansas Training Reactor</u>	
Location:	Lawrence, Kansas	
Docket Number:	50-148	
License Number:	R-78	
Principle Contractor:	Bendix Aviation Corp.	
Date of Initial Criticality:	1961	
Rated Power:	250 kw, average level 10 kw Power increased from 10 kw to 250 kw in 1971	
Description:	Pool type, light water moderated reactor	
Fuel:	U-Al alloy	
	enrichment	93%
	clad	Aluminum
	critical mass	2.5 kg.
	core loading	2.8 kg.
	max. excess reactivity	$1.5\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	description	10 MTR-type plates
Max. Neutron Flux:	$3 \times 10^{11} \text{ n/cm}^2\text{-sec}$	
Control Rods (3):	3 control plates	
	composition	Boral
	clad	Aluminum
	individual worth	$2\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$
Moderator:	Light water (H_2O)	

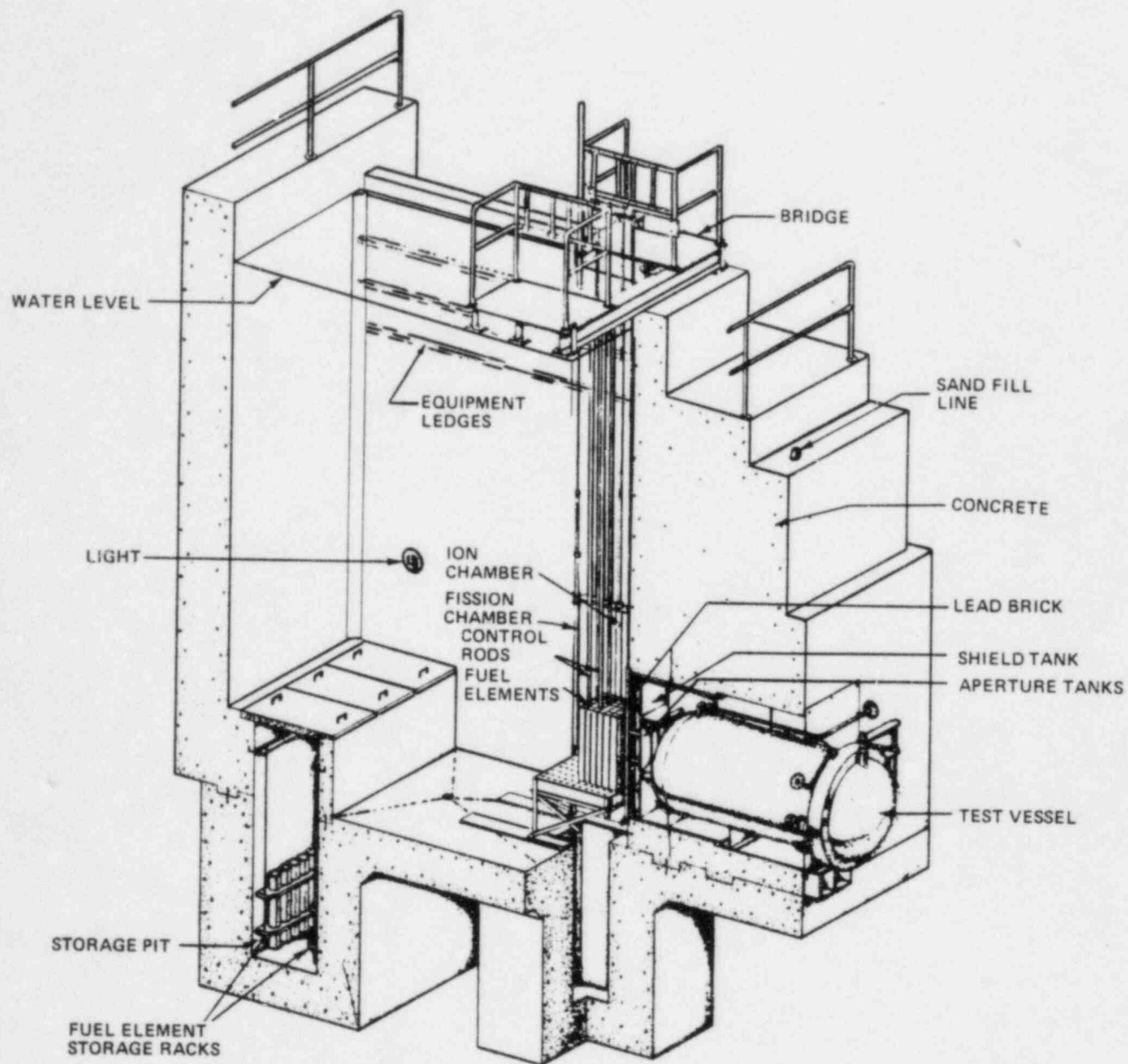
Coolant: H_2O
Max. Coolant Temp.: $120^{\circ} F$
Reflector: Graphite and H_2O
Shield: Concrete
Number of Operators: SRO-2, RO-2
Utilization: Generated approximately 2.46 Mw-hrs of energy
between 6/75 and 6/76.

Name:	<u>Lowell Technological Institute Reactor</u>	
Location:	Lowell, Massachusetts	
Docket Number:	50-223	
License Number:	R-125	
Date of Initial Criticality:	1975	
Rated Power:	1 Mw	
Description:	Light water moderated and cooled pool reactor	
Fuel:	U-Al alloy	
	enrichment	93%
	clad	Aluminum
	critical mass	2.8 kg.
	core loading	3.5 kg.
	max. excess reactivity	$4.5\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	description	26 elements, 18 plates per element
Max. Neutron Flux:	$8.6 \times 10^{12} \text{ n/cm}^2\text{-sec}$	
Control Rods(5):	4 safety rods	
	composition	Boral
	total worth	$15.5\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	1 regulating rod	
	composition	Boral
	worth	$0.7\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$
Moderator:	Light water (H ₂ O)	

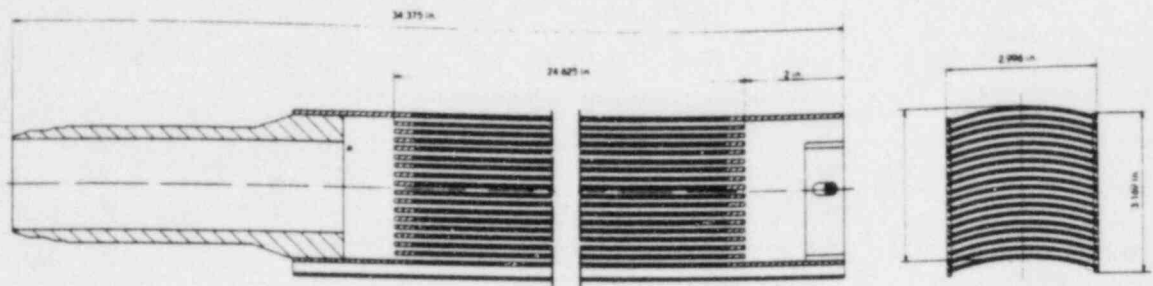
Coolant: H_2O
Max. Coolant Temp.: 124° F
Reflector: Graphite and H_2O
Shield: Concrete and H_2O
Number of Operators: SR0-5, RO-7
Utilization: Operated approximately 350 hours between 5/75
and 5/76

Name:	<u>Lynchburg Pool Reactor (LPR)</u>	
Owner:	Babcock and Wilcox	
Location:	Lynchburg, Virginia	
Docket Number:	50-99	
License Number:	R-47	
Date of Initial Criticality:	1959	
Rated Power:	1 Mw increase in rated power in 1962	
Description:	light water moderated pool reactor	
Fuel:	U-Al alloy	
	enrichment	93%
	clad	Aluminum
	core loading	4.1 kg.
	max. excess reactivity	$4\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	description	18 elements, 10 plates per element
Control Rods (4):	3 safety shim rods	
	composition	Boron, stainless steel
	individual worth	$2.4\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	1 regulating rod (hollow)	
	composition	stainless steel
	worth	$0.7\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$

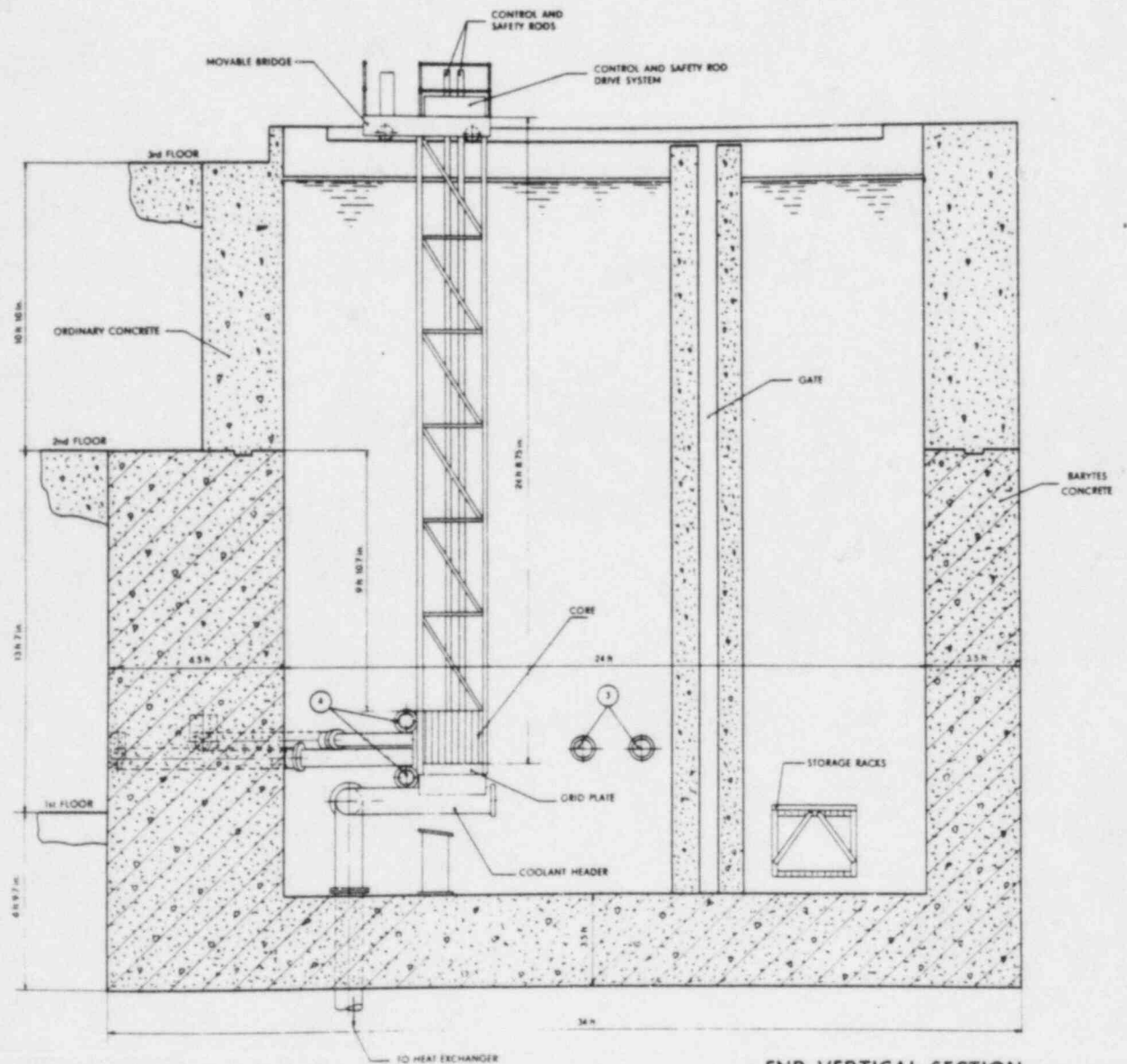
Moderator:	light water (H_2O)
Coolant:	H_2O
Max. Coolant Temp.:	120°F
Reflector:	Graphite
Shield:	Concrete and H_2O
Number of Operators:	SRO - 2, RO - 2
Utilization:	Reactor was operated approx. 300 hours in 1974



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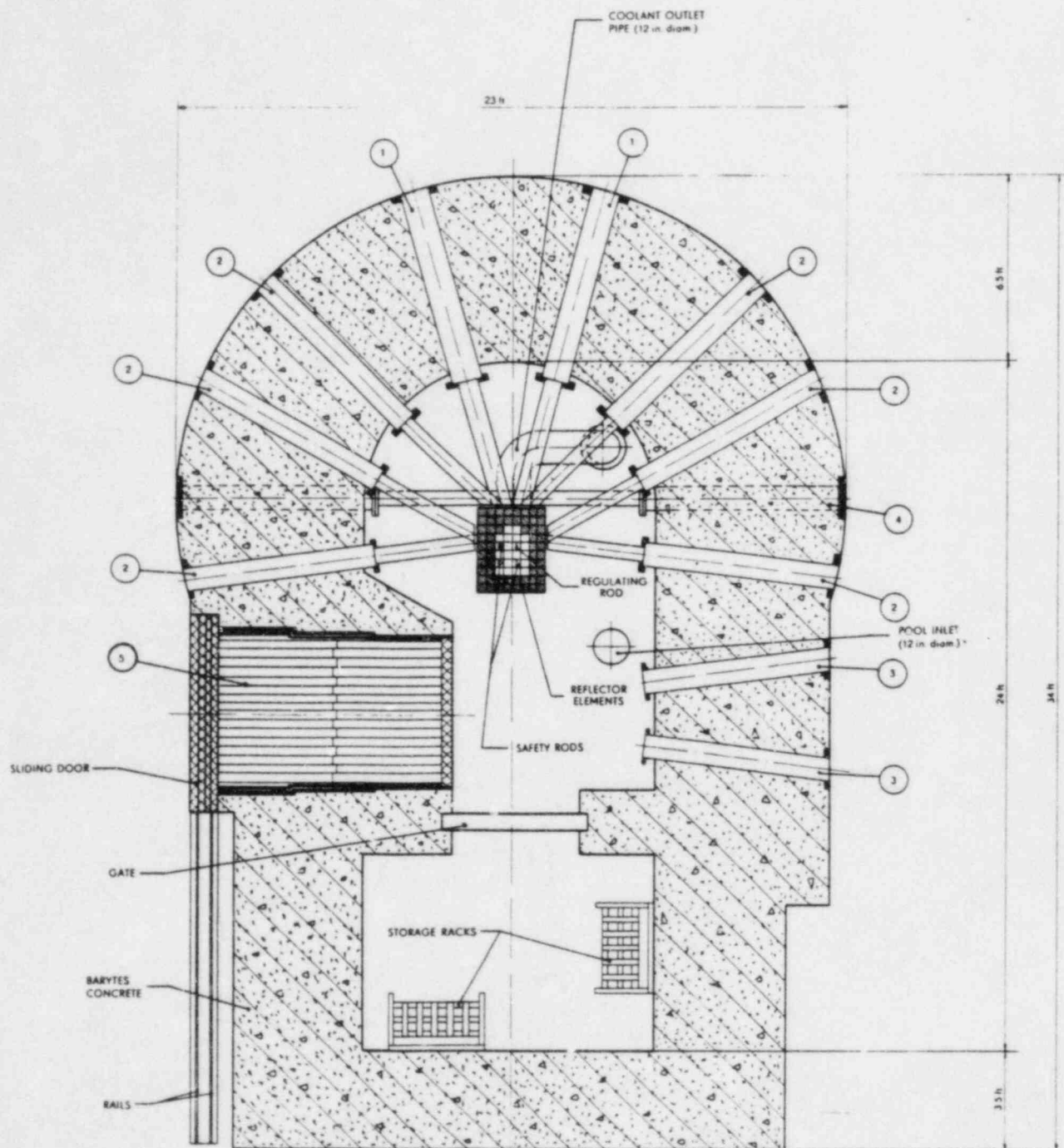
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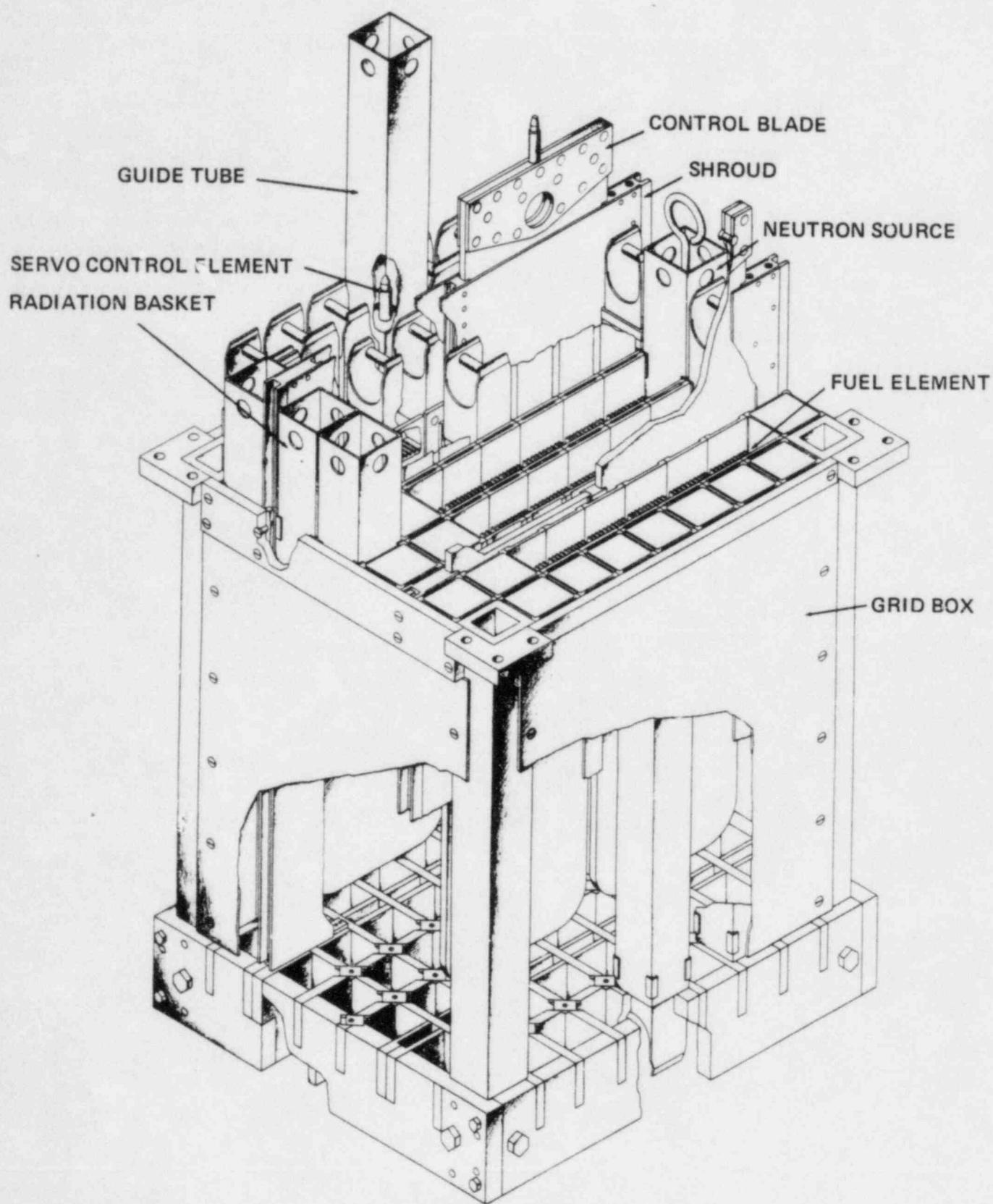
FNR VERTICAL SECTION

Name:	<u>Ford Nuclear Reactor</u>	
Location:	University of Michigan Ann Arbor, Michigan	
Docket Number:	50-2	
License Number:	R-28	
Principle Contractor:	Babcock and Wilcox	
Date of Initial Criticality:	1957	
Rated Power:	2 Mw Increased rated power to 2 Mw in 1963	
Description:	Light water moderated, pool type reactor	
Fuel:	U-Al _x	
	enrichment	93%
	clad	Aluminum
	core loading	4.2 kg.
	max. excess reactivity	3.5% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	description	25 elements, 10 MTR-curved plates per element
Max. Neutron Flux:	$1.4 \times 10^{13} \text{ n/cm}^2\text{-sec}$	
Control Rods (4):	3 shim safety rods	
	composition	Boron, stainless steel
	individual worth	3% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	1 control rod	
	composition	stainless steel
	worth	0.3% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$

Moderator:	H ₂ O
Coolant:	H ₂ O
Max. Coolant Temp.:	116 ⁰ F
Reflector:	D ₂ O and graphite D ₂ O reflector is contained in a tank on one side of the pool.
Shield:	Concrete and H ₂ O
Number of Operators:	SRO - 11, RO - 5
Utilization:	Generated approx. 12,300 Mw-hrs of energy in 1975.



FNR HORIZONTAL SECTION



Rhode Island Open Pool Reactor
Reactor Core

Name:	<u>Rhode Island Open Pool Reactor</u>	
Owner:	Rhode Island Nuclear Science Center	
Location:	Ft. Kearney, Rhode Island	
Docket Number:	50-193	
License Number:	R-95	
Principle Contractor:	General Electric	
Date of Initial Criticality:	1964	
Rated Power:	2 Mw increased the rated power from 1 Mw to 2 Mw in 1970	
Description:	pool type research reactor	
Fuel:	U - Al	
	enrichment	93%
	clad	Aluminum
	core loading	3.7 kg
	max. excess reactivity	$4.5\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	description	flat plate MTR-type elements 30 elements, 18 plates per element
Max. Neutron Flux:	$5.6 \times 10^{12} \text{ n/cm}^2\text{-sec}$	
Control Rods (5):	4 safety blades	
	composition	Boron carbide
	clad	Aluminum
	Total worth	$26\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	1 regulating rod	
	square shape	
	composition	Stainless steel

	clad	Aluminum
	worth	$4\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$
Moderator:	light water (H ₂ O)	
Coolant:	H ₂ O	
Max. Coolant Temp.:	125°F	
Reflector:	Graphite	
Shield:	Concrete	
Number of Operators:	SRO - 2, RO - 4	
Utilization:	Operated approx. 1300 hours between 6/76 and 7/77	

Name:	<u>University of Virginia Reactor (UVAR)</u>	
Location:	Charlottesville, Virginia	
Docket Number:	50-62	
License Number:	R-66	
Date of Initial Criticality:	1960	
Rated Power:	2 Mw power increased to 2 Mw in 1971	
Description:	pool type research reactor capable of either graphite or water reflector	
Fuel:	U - Al alloy	
	enrichment	93%
	clad	Aluminum
	critical mass	2.97 kg (H ₂ O reflector) 2.31 kg (graphite reflector)
	description	16 MTR type fuel elements, 12 plates per element
Max. Neutron Flux:	2.2 x 10 ¹³ n/cm ² -sec (H ₂ O reflector) 1.7 x 10 ¹³ n/cm ² -sec (graphite reflector)	
Control Rods (4):	3 control rod fuel elements	
	bayonet type	
	composition	boron - stainless steel
	individual worth	3% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	1 regulating rod	
	composition	stainless steel
	worth	0.5% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
Moderator:	H ₂ O	

Coolant: H_2O
Max. Coolant Temp.: $110^{\circ}F$
Reflector: H_2O or graphite

Number of Operators: SRO - 5, RO - 14
Utilization: Operated for approximately 408 hours in 1975.

Name:	<u>Union Carbide Nuclear Company Research Reactor (UCNC)</u>	
Location:	Sterling Forest, New York	
Docket Number:	50-54	
License Number:	R-81	
Principle Contractor:	AMF Atomics Inc.	
Date of Initial Criticality:	1961	
Rated Power:	5 Mw	
Description:	Pool type research reactor	
Fuel:	U-Al, U_3O_8 -Al or U-Alx	
	enrichment	93%
	clad	Aluminum
	critical mass	3.8 kg.
	core loading	5.5 kg.
	max. excess reactivity	10.2%
	description	curved MTR fuel plates standard 21 fuel elements
Max. Neutron Flux:	$3.1 \times 10^{13} \text{ n/cm}^2\text{-sec}$	
Control Rods (6):	5 safety rods	
	thin plates similar to fuel elements	
	composition	Ag-In-Cd
	total worth	16.4%

	1 regulating rod	
	composition	Ag-In-Cd
	worth	0.6%
Moderator:	Light water (H_2O)	
Coolant:	H_2O	
Max. Coolant Temp.:	116° F	
Reflector:	Graphite and H_2O	
Shield:	Lead, concrete and H_2O	
Number of Operators:	SR0-7, RO-12	
Utilization:	Operated approximately 6600 hours in 1977	

Name:	<u>State University of New York PULSTAR Reactor</u>	
Location:	Buffalo, New York	
Docket Number:	50-57	
License Number:	R-77	
Principle Contractor:	AMF Atomics	
Date of Initial Criticality:	1964	
Rated Power:	2 Mw steady state 3000 Mw peak pulse	
Description:	Pulsing research reactor	
Fuel:	UO ₂	
	enrichment	6%
	clad	zircaloy
	critical mass	26.65 kg.
	core loading	30 kg.
	max. excess reactivity	allowed $9.3\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$
		presently $5.55\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	description	25 fuel pins
Max. Neutron Flux:	$8 \times 10^{12} \text{ n/cm}^2\text{-sec}$	
Control Rods (5):	4 shim safety rods	
	rectangular shape	
	composition	Ag-In-Cd
	individual worth	$3\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$

	1 regulating rod	
	composition	Ag-In-Cd
	worth	$0.6\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$
Moderator:	Light water (H ₂ O)	
Coolant:	H ₂ O	
Reflector:	H ₂ O	
Shield:	Concrete	
Number of Operators:	SR0-4, RO-12	
Utilization:	Operated approximately 4200 hours in 1977	

Name:	<u>PULSTAR</u>		
Owner:	North Carolina State University		
Location:	Raleigh, North Carolina		
Docket Number:	50-297		
License Number:	R-120		
Date of Initial Criticality:	1972		
Rated Power:	1 Mw steady state 2200 Mw peak power		
Description:	Pool type, light water moderated, pulsing research reactor		
Fuel:	U - O ₂ pellets		
	enrichment	4%	
	clad	zircaloy	
	core loading	12.6 kg.	
	max. excess reactivity	1.035% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$	
	description	25 elements, 25 pins per element	
Max. Neutron Flux:	$6.42 \times 10^{14} \text{ n/cm}^2\text{-sec}$		
Control Rods(4):	3 shim safety rods		
	rectangular shape		
	composition	Ag-In-Cd	
	total worth	7.14% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$	

	1 pulse rod	
	composition	Ag-In-Cd
	worth	$1.72\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$
Moderator:	Light water (H_2O)	
Coolant:	H_2O	
Max. Coolant Temp.:	120° F	
Reflector:	H_2O	
Shield:	Concrete	
Number of Operators:	SR0-2, RO-2	
Utilization:	Operated approximately 1600 hours in 1977	

TRIGA REACTORS

A defining feature of the TRIGA reactors is their inherent safety, which results from the large prompt negative temperature coefficient of reactivity of its fuel moderator system. A sudden large increase of reactivity results in an instantaneous increase of the reactor power level to several thousand times the steady state power level. The temperature of the fuel rises with the power level, and as a result of the negative temperature coefficient, the power level returns immediately and automatically to the normal steady state operating range. This large negative temperature effect is a unique feature of Uranium-Zirconium hydride (U-ZrH) fuel. The primary negative effect (90%) is due to the "cell effect" where the neutron scattering, with the bound hydrogen, is temperature dependent. The other 10% is due to doppler broadening.

With a $2.1\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$ reactivity addition, the resulting power pulse would reach a peak power of approximately 2000 Mw within 2.8 msec and result in a total energy release of approximately 24 Mw-sec. The peak fuel temperatures in this instance approach 450°C. The maximum allowable temperatures for TRIGA and TRIGA-FLIP fuel are 1000°C and 1150°C respectively.

TRIGA reactors are designed by General Atomic.

Name:	University of Illinois Low Power Reactor <u>Assembly (LOPRA)</u>	
Location:	Urbana, Illinois	
Docket Number:	50-356	
License Number:	R-117	
Date of Initial Criticality:	1972	
Rated Power:	10 kw	
Fuel:	U-ZrH	
	enrichment	20%
	clad	stainless steel
	core loading	≈ 2.0 kg
	max. excess reactivity	\$0.06
	max. fuel temp.	550°C
	description	TRIGA type fuel; three types of fuel:
		standard U-ZrH _{1.7}
		low hydride U-ZrH _{1.0}
		Sandia
Control Rods (3):	2 safety rods	
	composition	cadmium
	clad	aluminum
	total worth	\$10.00
	poison rod	
	same composition and clad	
	worth	\$1.35

Moderator: Zirconium hydride and H₂O

Coolant: Light Water (H₂O)

Reflector: Graphite and H₂O

Shield: Concrete and H₂O

Number of Operators: SR0-1, R0-0

Utilization: Operated approximately 25 hours between 6/76 and 6/77

Note: The LOPRA is located in the bulk shielding tank of the Illinois Advanced TRIGA reactor and therefore neutron coupling occurs.

TRIGA CONVERSION

Name:	<u>Aerojet-General Nuclear Industrial Reactor (AGNIR)</u>		
Location:	San Ramon, California		
Docket Number:	50-228		
License Number:	R-98		
Date of Initial Criticality:	1965		
Rated Power:	250 kw steady state TRIGA conversion with no pulsing capability		
Description:	Pool reactor with TRIGA-type fuel		
Fuel:	U-ZrH _{1.0}		
	enrichment	20%	
	clad	Aluminum	
	critical mass	2265 grams	
	core loading	2.3 kg.	
	max. excess reactivity	2.25% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$	
	description	TRIGA-type	fuel elements
Max. Neutron Flux:	$6.7 \times 10^{12} \text{ n/cm}^2\text{-sec}$		
Control Rods (3):	composition	boron carbide powder	
	clad	Aluminum	
	worth - shim rod	2.6% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$	
	safety rod	2.6% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$	
	regulating rod	0.75% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$	
Moderator:	Zirconium-Hydride and H ₂ O		

Coolant:	H ₂ O
Max. Coolant Temp.:	130° F
Reflector:	Graphite and H ₂ O
Shield:	Concrete and H ₂ O
Number of Operators:	SRO-4, RO-0
Utilization:	Operated for approximately 880 hours between 6/74 and 6/75

Name:	<u>Maryland University TRIGA Reactor (MUTR)</u>	
Location:	College Park, Maryland	
Docket Number:	50-166	
License Number:	R-70	
Date of Initial Criticality:	1960 converted to TRIGA fuel in 1973	
Rated Power:	250 kw steady state no pulsing capability	
Description:	Pool-type, TRIGA conversion research reactor	
Fuel:	U-ZrH	
	enrichment	20%
	clad	stainless steel
	core loading	3.4 kg
	max. fuel temp.	1000°C
	max. excess reactivity	2.5% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	description	20 standard clusters, 4 fuel rods per cluster
Max. Neutron Flux:	1.2×10^{13} n/cm ² -sec	
Control Rods (3):	3 rod clusters	
	1 poison rod per cluster	
	composition	borated graphite
	total worth	8.27% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
Moderator:	Zirconium-Hydride and H ₂ O	
Coolant:	H ₂ O	
Max. Coolant Temp.:	110°F	

Reflector:	Graphite and H ₂ O
Shield:	Concrete and H ₂ O
Number of Operators:	SRO - 7, RO - 2
Utilization:	Operated 101 times generating 2.93 Mw-hrs of energy between 6/76 and 6/77.

Name:	<u>Texas A&M Nuclear Science Center Reactor (NSCR)</u>		
Location:	College Station, Texas		
Docket Number:	50-128		
License Number:	R-83		
Date of Initial Criticality:	1968		
Rated Power:	converted to TRIGA fuel in 1968 added TRIGA-FLIP fuel in 1973		
Rated Power:	1 Mw steady state 2000 Mw peak pulse		
Description:	Pool-type TRIGA conversion		
Fuel:	combination of TRIGA and TRIGA-FLIP fuel		
	enrichment	20%	70%
	clad	stainless steel	
	critical mass	3.3 kg	
	core loading	3.8 kg	
	max. fuel temp.	525°C	
	max. excess reactivity	4.9% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$	
	step insertion	\$2.70 (1.89% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$)	
Max. Neutron Flux:	3 x 10 ¹³ n/cm ² -sec (steady state)		
	6 x 10 ¹⁶ n/cm ² -sec (pulse mode)		
Control Rods (5):	3 shim safety rods		
	1 regulating rod		
	composition	boron carbide	
	clad	Aluminum	
	total worth	6.9% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$	
	1 transient rod		
	composition	borated graphite	
	clad	Aluminum	
	worth	2.9% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$	

Moderator:	Zirconium-Hydride and H_2O
Coolant:	H_2O
Reflector:	Graphite
Shield:	Concrete and H_2O
Number of Operators:	SRO - 6, RO - 3
Utilization:	Operated approximately 2000 hours in 1973

Name:	<u>Washington State University TRIGA Reactor</u>	
Location:	Pullman, Wash.	
Docket Number:	50-27	
License Number:	R-76	
Date of Initial Criticality:	1962	
Rated Power:	1 Mw steady state 2000 Mw peak pulse	
Description:	TRIGA Conversion in 1967	
Fuel:	Combination	TRIGA and TRIGA-FLIP U-ZrH _{1.7} U-ZrH _{1.6}
	enrichment	20% 70%
	clad	stainless steel
	core loading	3.7 kg.
	max. fuel temp.	861°C
	max. excess reactivity	4.9% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	step insertion	1.75% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	description	modified TRIGA Mark III elements
Max Neutron Flux:		
Control Rods (5):	3 control blades	
	composition	Boral
	clad	Aluminum
	total worth	6.1% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	1 regulating blade	
	composition	stainless steel
	worth	0.3% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$

1 transient rod
worth

borated graphite
 $2.1\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$

Moderator:	Zirconium-Hydride and H ₂ O
Coolant:	H ₂ O
Max. Coolant Temp:	110°F
Reflector:	Graphite and H ₂ O
Shield:	Concrete and H ₂ O
Number of Operators:	SRO-2, RO-4
Utilization:	Generated approx. 1000 Mw-hrs. of energy between 6/76 and 6/77

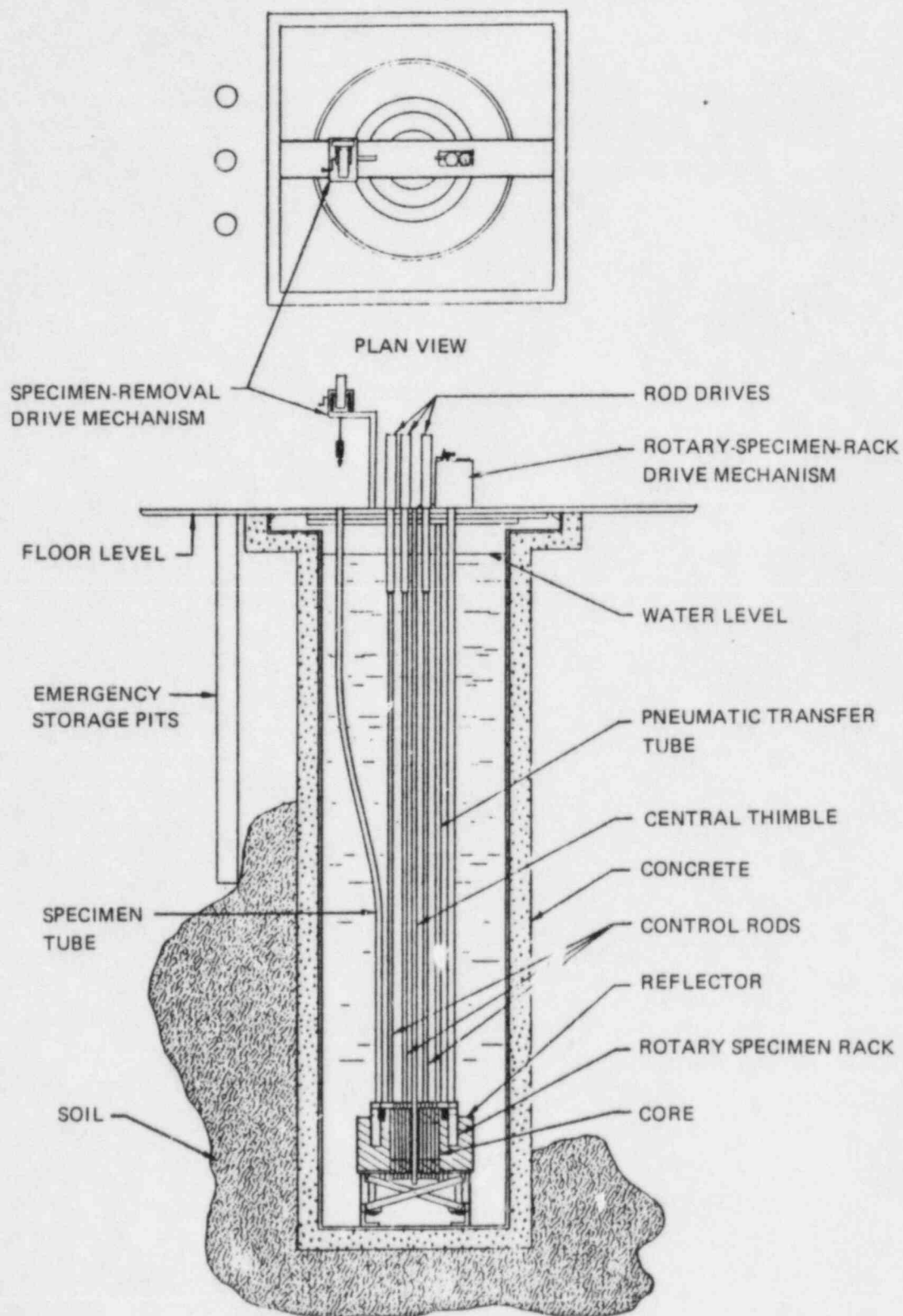
Name:	<u>University of Wisconsin Nuclear Reactor</u>	
Location:	Madison, Wisconsin	
Docket Number:	50-156	
License Number:	R-74	
Date of Initial Criticality:	1967	
Rated power:	1 Mw steady state 2000 Mw peak pulse square-wave operation	
Description:	Converted in 1967 to a TRIGA Reactor with pulsing capability	
Fuel:	Combination of TRIGA and TRIGA-FLIP	
	enrichment	20% 70%
	clad	stainless steel
	core loading	6.4 kg.
	max. excess reactivity	$4.9\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	description	TRIGA, TRIGA-FLIP or a combination. Four element clusters. 25 clusters in core
Max. Neutron Flux:	$3.2 \times 10^{13} \text{ n/cm}^2\text{-sec}$	steady state
	$6.5 \times 10^{16} \text{ n/cm}^2\text{-sec}$	peak pulse
Control Rods (5):	3 safety blades	
	composition	Boral and stainless steel
	1 regulating blade	
	composition	stainless steel
	Total worth	$11\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	1 Transient rod	
	composition	Borated graphite
	worth	$2.9\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$

Moderator: Zirconium-Hydride and H₂O
Coolant: H₂O
Max. Coolant Temp: 130^UF
Reflector: Graphite and H₂O
Shield: Concrete and H₂O
Number of Operators:
Utilization: Operated 121 times for approx. 470 hours and
pulsed 59 times between 6/76 and 6/77

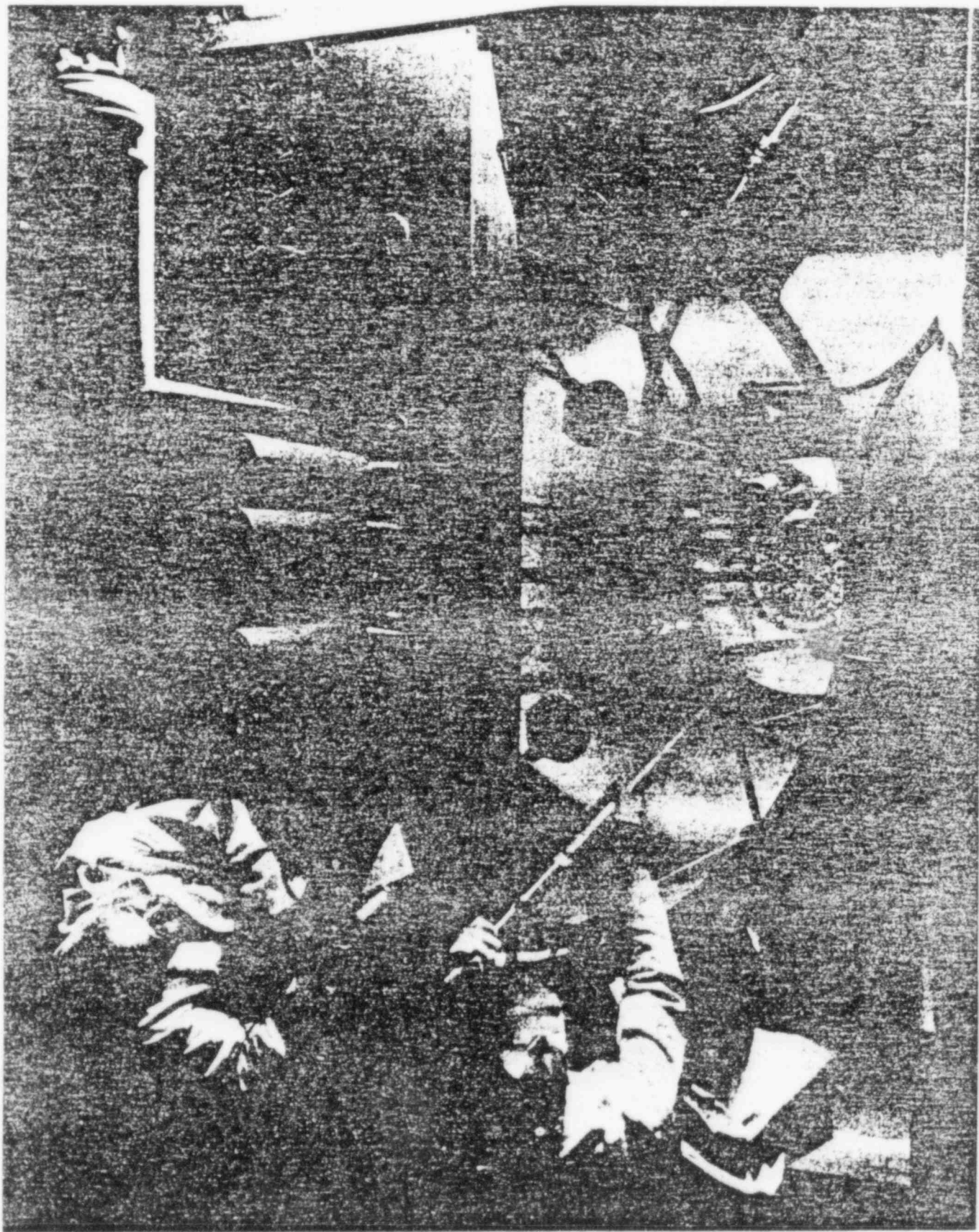
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Name:	<u>V. A. Hospital TRIGA Reactor</u>	
Location:	Omaha, Nebraska	
Docket Number:	50-131	
License Number:	R-57	
Date of Initial Criticality:	1959	
Rated power:	18 kw steady state no pulsing ability increase in rated power from 10 kw to 18 kw in 1963	
Description:	Tank type reactor TRIGA fuel	
Fuel:	U-ZrH _{1.0}	
	enrichment	20%
	clad	Aluminum
	critical mass	1.9 kg.
	core loading	2 kg.
	max. excess reactivity	0.7% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
Max. Neutron Flux:	4 x 10 ¹¹ n/cm ² -sec	
Control Rods (3):	composition	boron carbide powder
	clad	Aluminum
	worth - safety rod	2% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	shim rod	2% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	regulating rod	0.4% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$

Moderator:	Zirconium-Hydride and H_2O
Coolant:	H_2O
Max. Coolant Temp.:	$35^{\circ}C$
Reflector:	Graphite encased in Aluminum
Shield:	Concrete and H_2O
Number of Operators:	SRO-2, RO-0



TRIGA MARK I Reactor and pit
Va. Hospital (18 kw)



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View into TRIGA Mark I reactor - Veterans Administration Hospital (Omaha, Nebraska)

Name:	<u>Dow Chemical Co. TRIGA MARK I Nuclear Reactor</u>	
Location:	Midland, Michigan	
Docket Number:	50-264	
License Number:	R-108	
Date of Initial Criticality:	1967	
Rated Power:	100 kw steady state no pulsing capability	
Description:	TRIGA MARK I Research Reactor	
Fuel:	U-ZrH _{1.0}	
	enrichment	20%
	clad	Aluminum and/or Stainless Steel
	critical mass	1.9 kg
	core loading	2.3 kg
	max. excess reactivity	1.5% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
Max. Neutron Flux:	4 x 10 ¹² n/cm ² -sec	
Control Rods (3):	2 safety rods	
	composition	boron-carbide
	clad	Aluminum
	individual worth	2.6% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	1 regulating rod	
	composition	boron carbide
	clad	Aluminum
	worth	0.8% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$

Moderator:	Zirconium-Hydride and H ₂ O
Coolant:	H ₂ O
Reflector:	Graphite
Shield:	Concrete
Number of Operators:	SRO-6, RO-0

Name:	<u>Dow Chemical Co. TRIGA MARK I Nuclear Reactor</u>	
Location:	Midland, Michigan	
Docket Number:	50-264	
License Number:	R-108	
Date of Initial Criticality:	1967	
Rated Power:	100 kw steady state no pulsing capability	
Description:	TRIGA MARK I Research Reactor	
Fuel:	U-ZrH _{1.0}	
	enrichment	20%
	clad	Aluminum and/or Stainless Steel
	critical mass	1.9 kg
	core loading	2.3 kg
	max. excess reactivity	1.5% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
Max. Neutron Flux:	$4 \times 10^{12} \text{ n/cm}^2\text{-sec}$	
Control Rods (3):	2 safety rods	
	composition	boron-carbide
	clad	Aluminum
	individual worth	2.6% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	1 regulating rod	
	composition	boron carbide
	clad	Aluminum
	worth	0.8% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$

Moderator:	Zirconium-Hydride and H_2O
Coolant:	H_2O
Reflector:	Graphite
Shield:	Concrete
Number of Operators:	SRO-6, RO-0

Name:	<u>University of Utah TRIGA Reactor</u>	
Location:	Salt Lake City, Utah	
Docket Number:	50-407	
License Number:	R-126	
Date of Initial Criticality:	1975	
Rated Power:	100 kw steady state No pulsing capabilities	
Description:	TRIGA MARK I Below ground	
Fuel:	U-ZrH _{1.0} or U-ZrH _{1.7}	
	enrichment	20%
	clad	Aluminum and/or stainless steel
	critical mass	2.4 kg.
	core loading	2.8 kg.
	max. fuel temp.	530° C
	max. excess reactivity	2.25% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	description	TRIGA MARK I fuel elements

Control Rods (3):	composition	boron carbide
	clad	Aluminum
	worth - shim	2% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	safety	2% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	regulating	0.5% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$

Moderator:	Zirconium-Hydride and H_2O
Coolant:	H_2O
Max. Coolant Temp.:	110° F
Reflector:	H_2O and/or graphite elements and/or D_2O
Shield:	Concrete, sand, and H_2O
Number of Operators:	SR0-1, R0-3
Utilization:	Operated for 40 hours during first year of operation

Name:	The Reed College Reactor Facility	
Location:	Portland, Oregon	
Docket Number:	50-288	
License Number:	R-112	
Date of Initial Criticality:	1968	
Rated Power:	250 kw steady state no pulsing capability	
Description:		
Fuel:	U-ZrH _{1.0} enrichment 20% clad Aluminum and/or stainless steel critical mass ≈ 2.1 kg max. excess reactivity 2.25% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$ description TRIGA MARK I Fuel-Moderator elements	
Max. Neutron Flux:	1 x 10 ¹³ n/cm ² -sec	
Control Rods (3):	2 safety rods composition boron carbide clad Aluminum individual worth 2.8% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$ 1 regulating rod composition boron carbide clad Aluminum worth 1.0% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$	

Moderator: Zirconium-Hydride and H_2O

Coolant: H_2O

Reflector: graphite

Shield: H_2O and Concrete

Number of Operators: SRO - 15, RO - 10

Name: University of California, Irvine
Nuclear Reactor Facility

Location: Irvine, California

Docket Number: 50-326

License Number: R-116

Date of Initial Criticality: 1969

Rated Power: 250 kw steady state
 250 Mw peak pulse

Description: TRIGA MARK I Nuclear Reactor

Fuel: U-ZrH_{1.7}
 enrichment 20%
 clad stainless steel
 critical mass 2.3 kg
 core loading 2.7 kg
 max. excess reactivity $2.1\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$
 step insertion $2.1\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$

Max. Neutron Flux: 1×10^{13} n/cm²-sec (steady state)
 1×10^{16} n/cm²-sec (peak pulse)

Control Rods (4): 2 fuel follower rods
 composition borated graphite
 clad stainless steel
 individual worth \$3.40

2 transient rods
 composition borated graphite
 clad Aluminum
 worth - adjustable rod - \$2.30
 fast rod - \$0.50

Moderator:	Zirconium-Hydride and H_2O
Coolant:	H_2O
Reflector:	Graphite
Shield:	Concrete and H_2O
Number of Operators:	SRO - 5, RO - 2
Utilization:	Operated approximately 663 hours between 6/76 and 6/77.

Name:	<u>University of Texas TRIGA Reactor</u>	
Location:	Austin, Texas	
Docket Number:	50-192	
License Number:	R-92	
Date of Initial Criticality:	1963	
Rated Power:	250 kw steady state 250 Mw peak pulse increase in rated power from 10 kw to 250 kw (steady state) in 1968.	
Description:	TRIGA MARK I type	
Fuel:	U-ZrH	
	enrichment	20%
	clad	Aluminum
	core loading	2.3 kg
	max. fuel temp.	450°C
	max. excess reactivity	$2.25\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$
Max. Neutron Flux:	1.3×10^{13} n/cm ² -sec	
Control Rods (3):	2 safety rods	
	composition	boron carbide powder
	clad	Aluminum
	total worth	$3.5\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	1 transient rod	
	composition	borated graphite
	clad	Aluminum
	worth	$1.5\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$

Moderator:	Zirconium-Hydride and H_2O
Coolant:	H_2O
Max. Coolant Temp.:	$120^{\circ}F$
Reflector:	Graphite and H_2O
Shield:	Concrete and H_2O
Number of Operators:	SRO - 2, RO - 2
Utilization:	Operated approximately 140 hours in 1977.

Name:	<u>University of Arizona TRIGA Reactor</u>	
Location:	Tucson, Arizona	
Docket Number:	50-113	
License Number:	R-52	
Date of Initial Criticality:	1958	
Rated Power:	250 kw steady state 300 Mw peak pulse	
Description:	TRIGA MARK I Reactor	
Fuel:	U-ZrH _{1.0}	
	enrichment	20%
	clad	stainless steel
	critical mass	1.9 kg.
	max. fuel temp.	700° C
	step insertion	1.5% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
Max. Neutron Flux:	1×10^{13} n/cm ² -sec (steady state) 1×10^{16} n/cm ² -sec (peak pulse)	
Control Rods (3):	composition	boron carbide
	worth: safety rod	3% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	shim rod	2% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	transient	2.5% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
Moderator:	Zirconium Hydride and H ₂ O	

Coolant: H_2O
Max. Coolant Temp,: 70° F
Reflector: Graphite
Shield: H_2O , graphite, concrete and soil
Number of Operators: *SR0-5, R0-5
Utilization: Operated approximately 294 hours and generated
17,000 kw-hrs of energy between 6/76 and 6/77

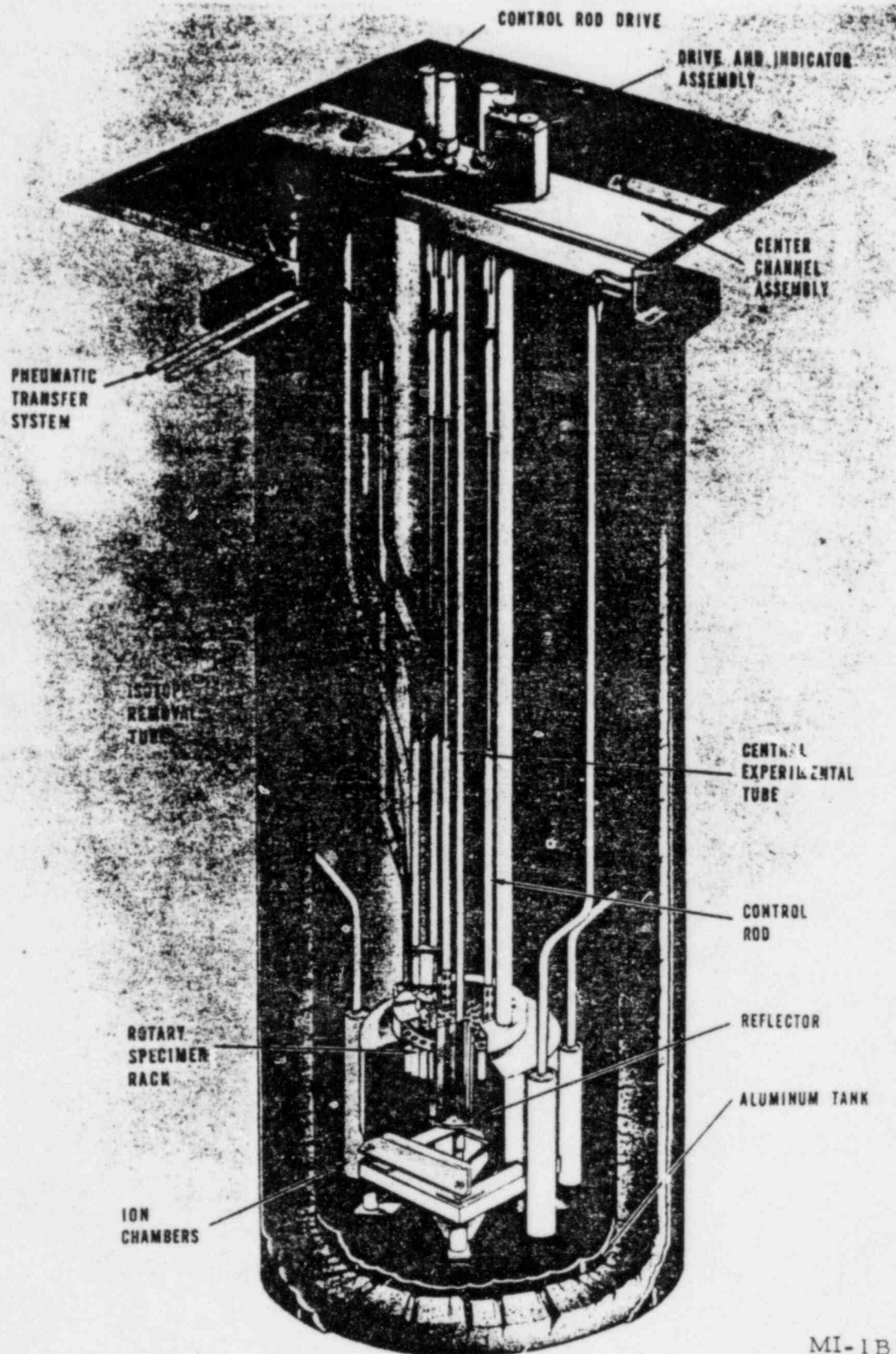
Name:	<u>Torrey Pines TRIGA MARK I Reactor</u>	
Location:	San Diego, California	
Docket Number:	50-89	
License Number:	R-38	
Date of Initial Criticality:	1958	
Rated Power:	250 kw steady state 800 Mw peak pulse	
Description:	Below ground, TRIGA MARK I Reactor	
Fuel:	U-ZrH _x	
	enrichment	20%
	clad	Hastaloy-X or Incaloy-80
	core loading	≈ 2.3 kg
	max. fuel temp.	530°C
	max. excess reactivity	2.25% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	step insertion	1.6% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	description	64 fuel elements
Max. Neutron Flux:	1.2 x 10 ¹³ n/cm ² -sec (steady state) 1.2 x 10 ¹⁶ n/cm ² -sec (peak pulse)	
Control Rods (4):	3 control rods 1 transient rod	
	composition	borated graphite
	total worth	\$10.73
Moderator:	Zirconium-Hydride and H ₂ O	
Coolant:	H ₂ O	
Max. Coolant Temp.:	65°C	

Reflector:	Graphite clad in Aluminum
Shield:	Concrete and H ₂ O
Number of Operators:	SRO - 2, RO - 2
Utilization:	Generated approximately 28 Mw-hrs. of energy in 1977.

Name: U. S. Geological Survey TRIGA Reactor
 Location: Jefferson County, Colorado
 Docket Number: 50-274
 License Number: R-113
 Date of Initial Criticality: 1969
 Rated Power: 1 Mw steady state
 1200 Mw peak pulse
 square-wave operation
 Description: TRIGA MARK I Nuclear Research Reactor
 Fuel: U-ZrH_{1.7}
 enrichment 20%
 clad stainless steel
 critical mass 2.86 kg
 max. excess reactivity 4.9% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
 reactivity insertion 2.1% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
 description TRIGA MARK III fuel-moderator elements
 Max. Neutron Flux: 3×10^{13} n/cm²-sec (steady state)
 6×10^{16} n/cm²-sec (peak pulse)
 Control Rods (7): 3 fuel follower rods
 composition borated graphite
 clad stainless steel
 2 safety rods
 individual worth 1.8% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
 1 regulating rod
 worth 2.7% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$

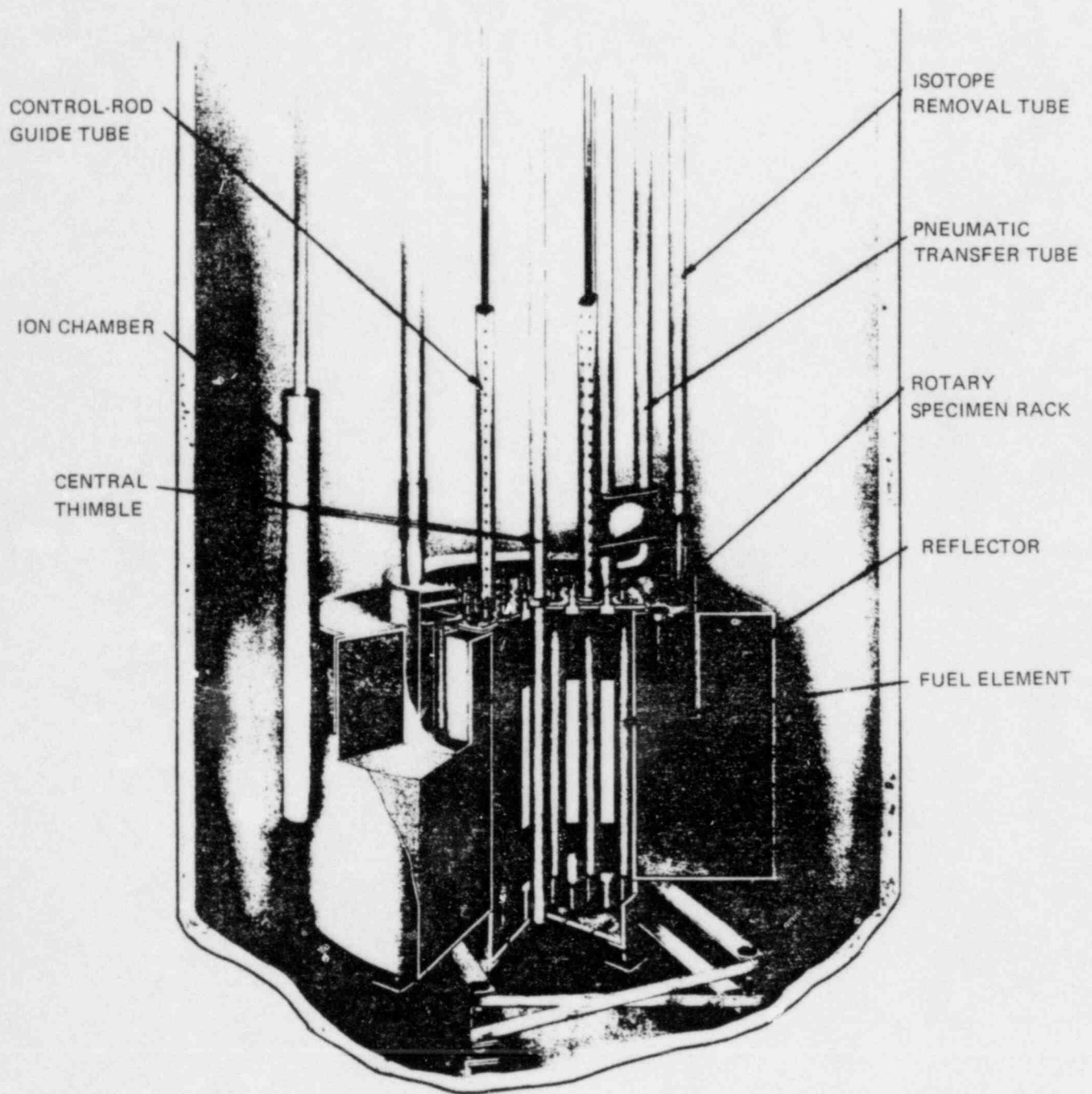
Control Rods (continued):	1 transient rod
	composition borated graphite
	clad Aluminum
	worth $2.1\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$
Moderator:	Zirconium-Hydride and H ₂ O
Coolant:	H ₂ O
Max. Coolant Temp:	60°C
Reflector:	H ₂ O and graphite
Shield:	H ₂ O and concrete
Number of Operators:	SRO - 3, RO - 0
Utilization:	Operated for approximately 1300 hours in 1976.

MARK II

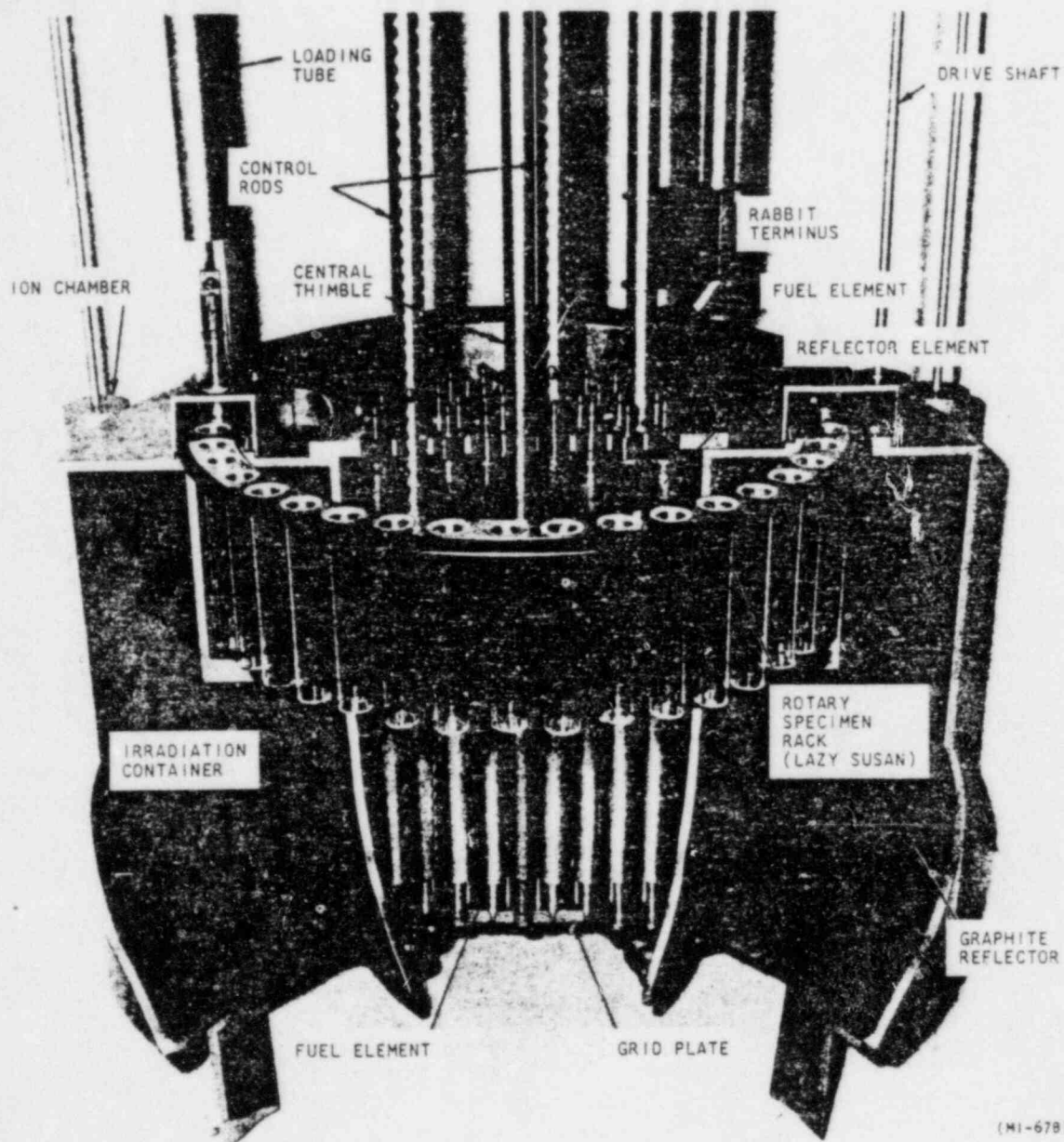


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Cutaway of TRIGA Mark I reactor installation

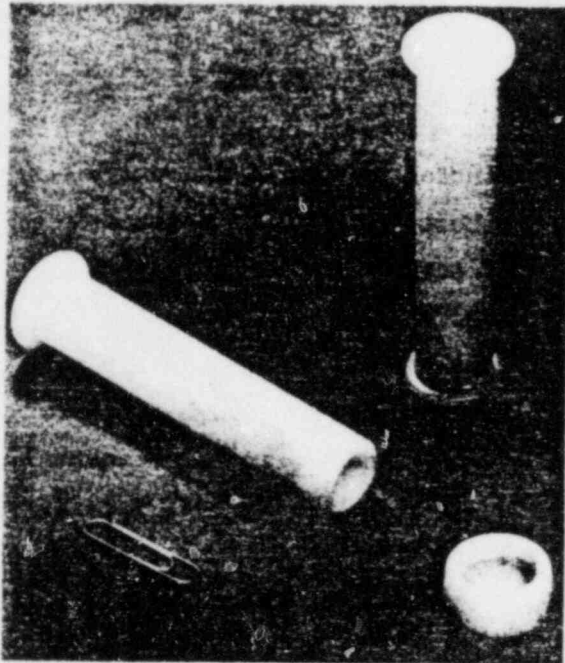


TRIGA MARK I Core and Reflector Assembly

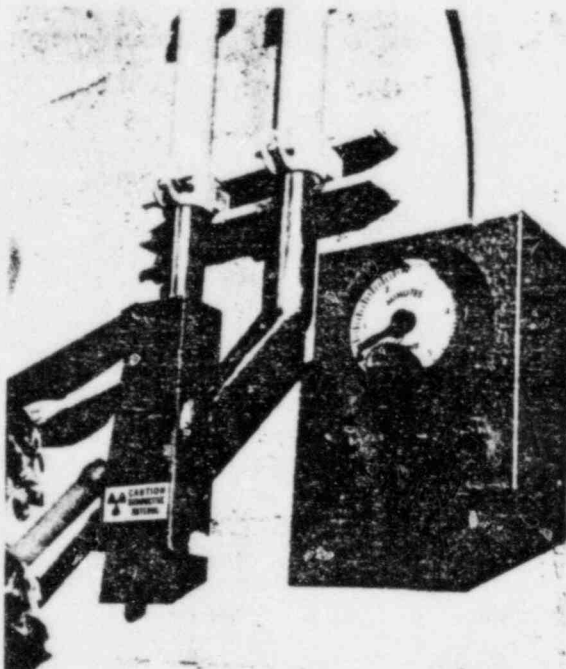


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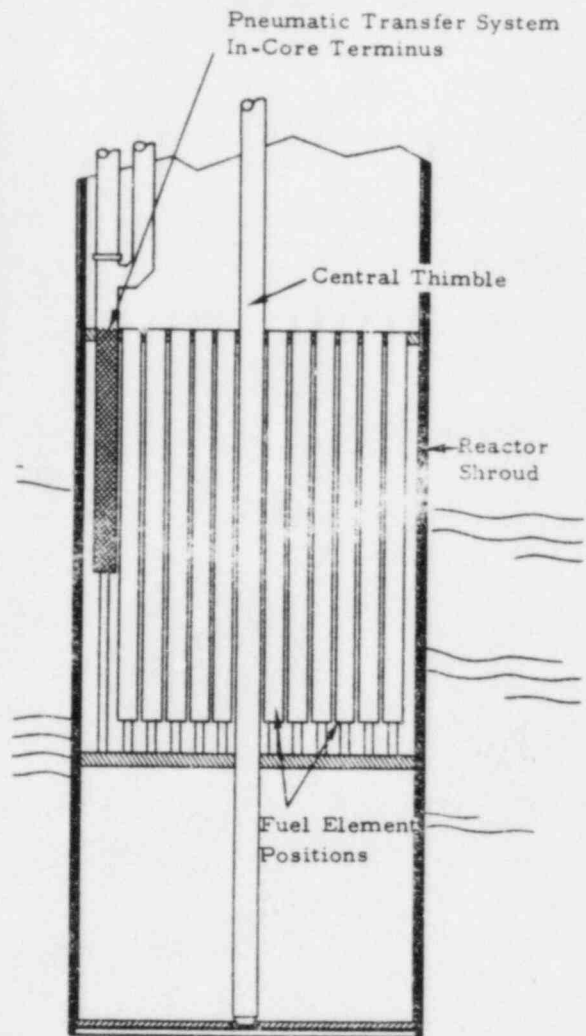
Cutaway view of reflector and rotary specimen rack surrounding TRIGA Mark I or Mark II core



"Rabbit" can accommodate samples up to 3.8 in. and 0.5 in. in diameter



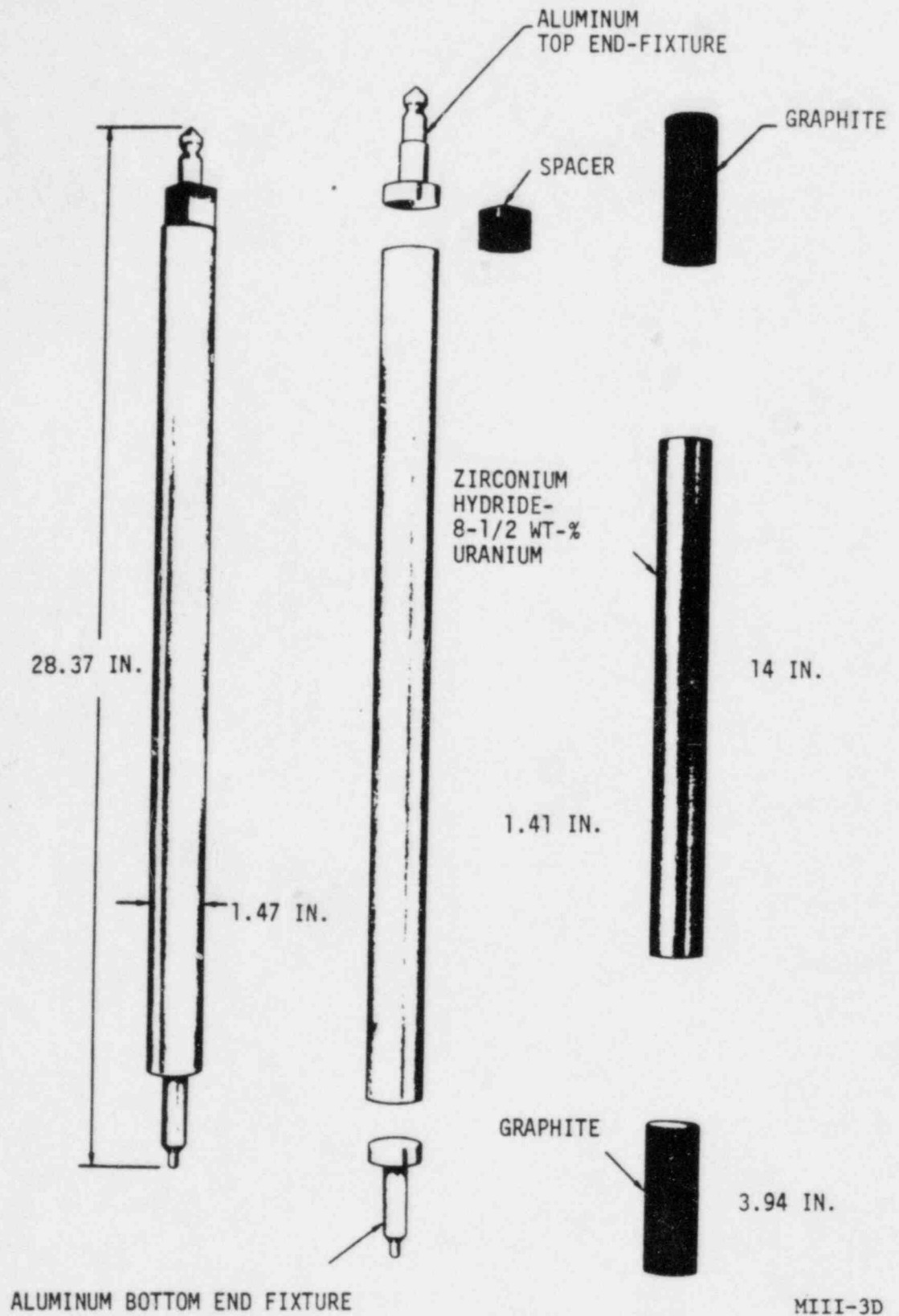
Wall-mounted laboratory terminus and convenient control assembly



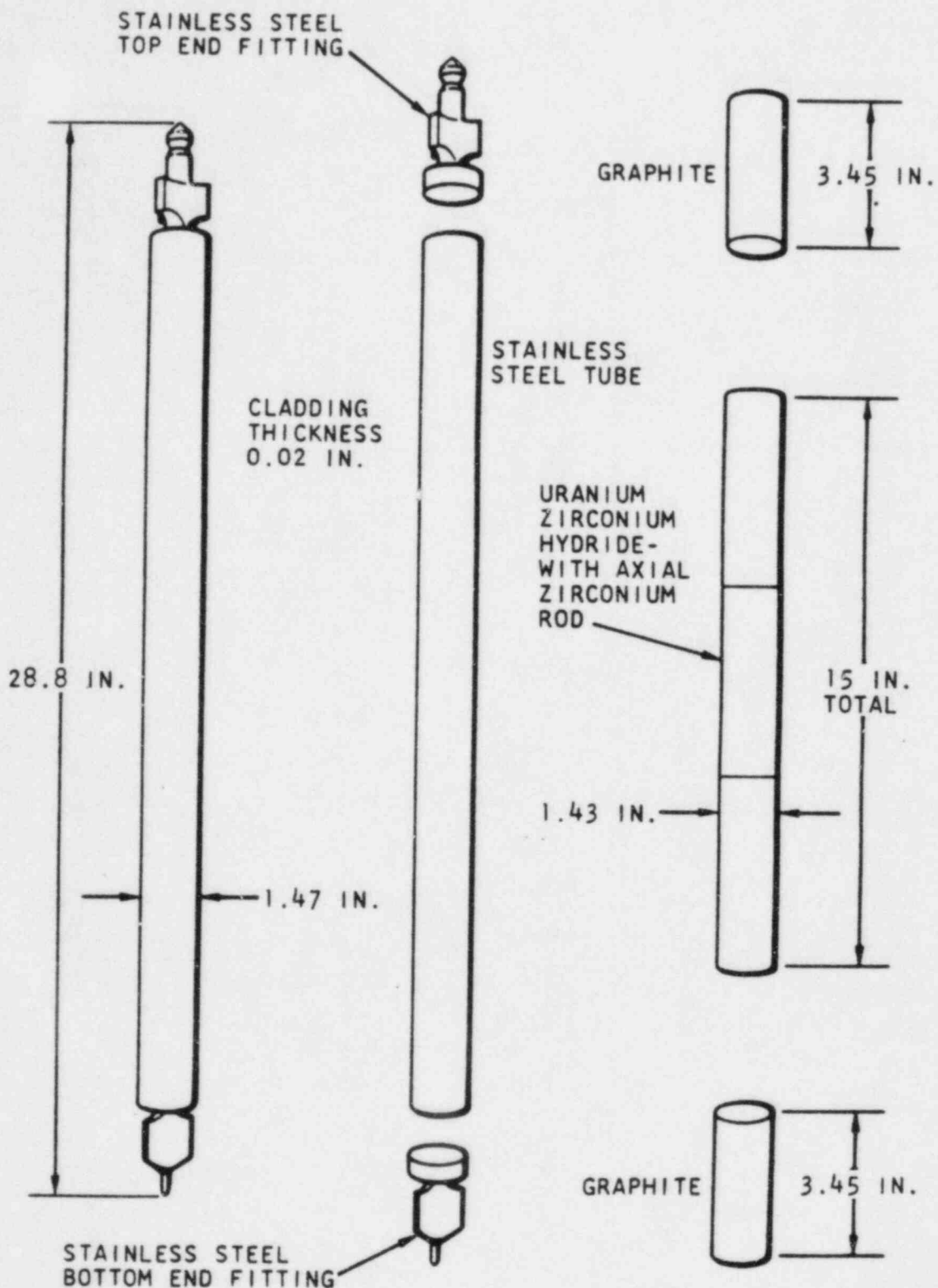
Reactor core and shroud showing in-core terminus

Pneumatic Transfer System

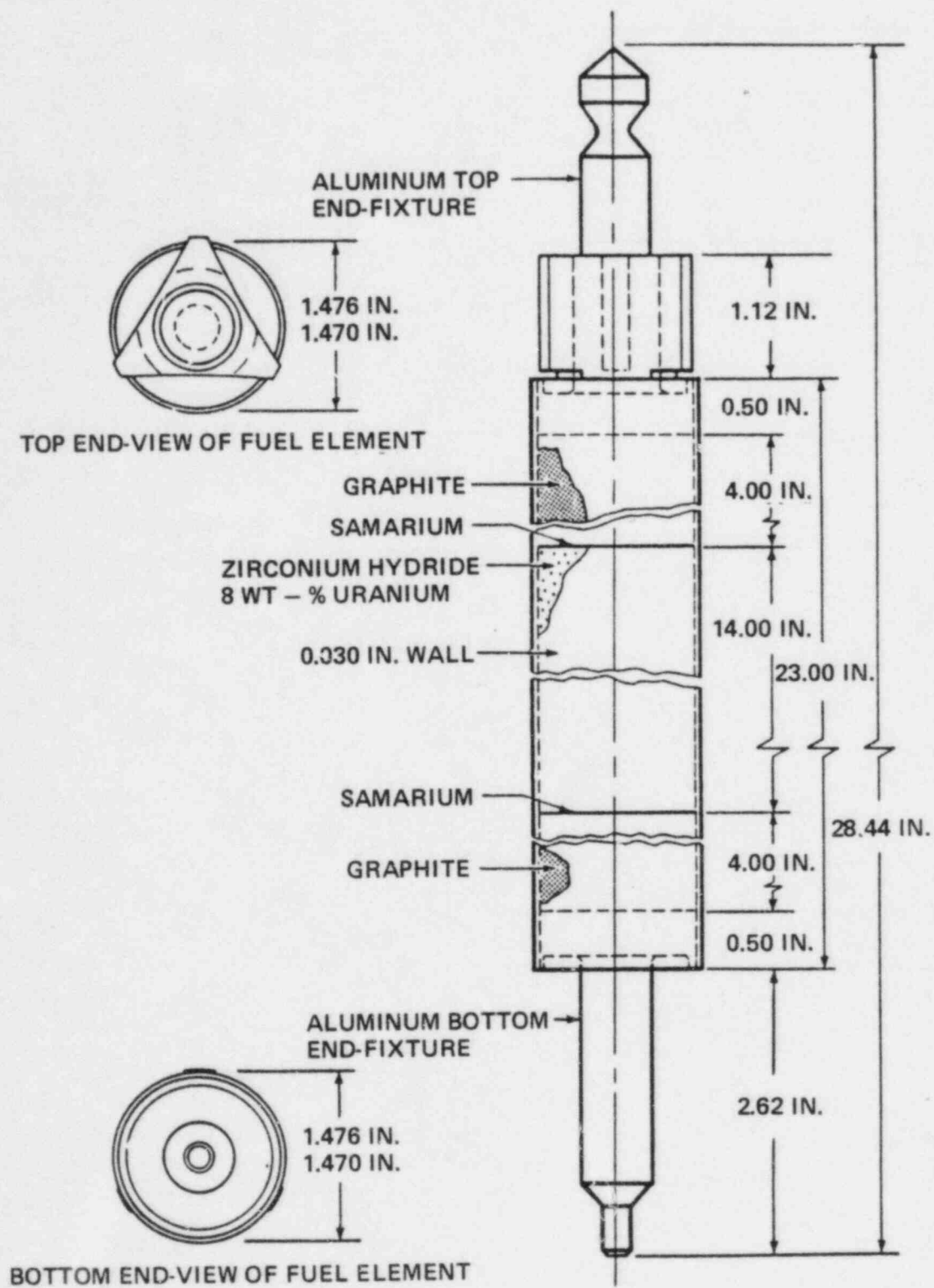
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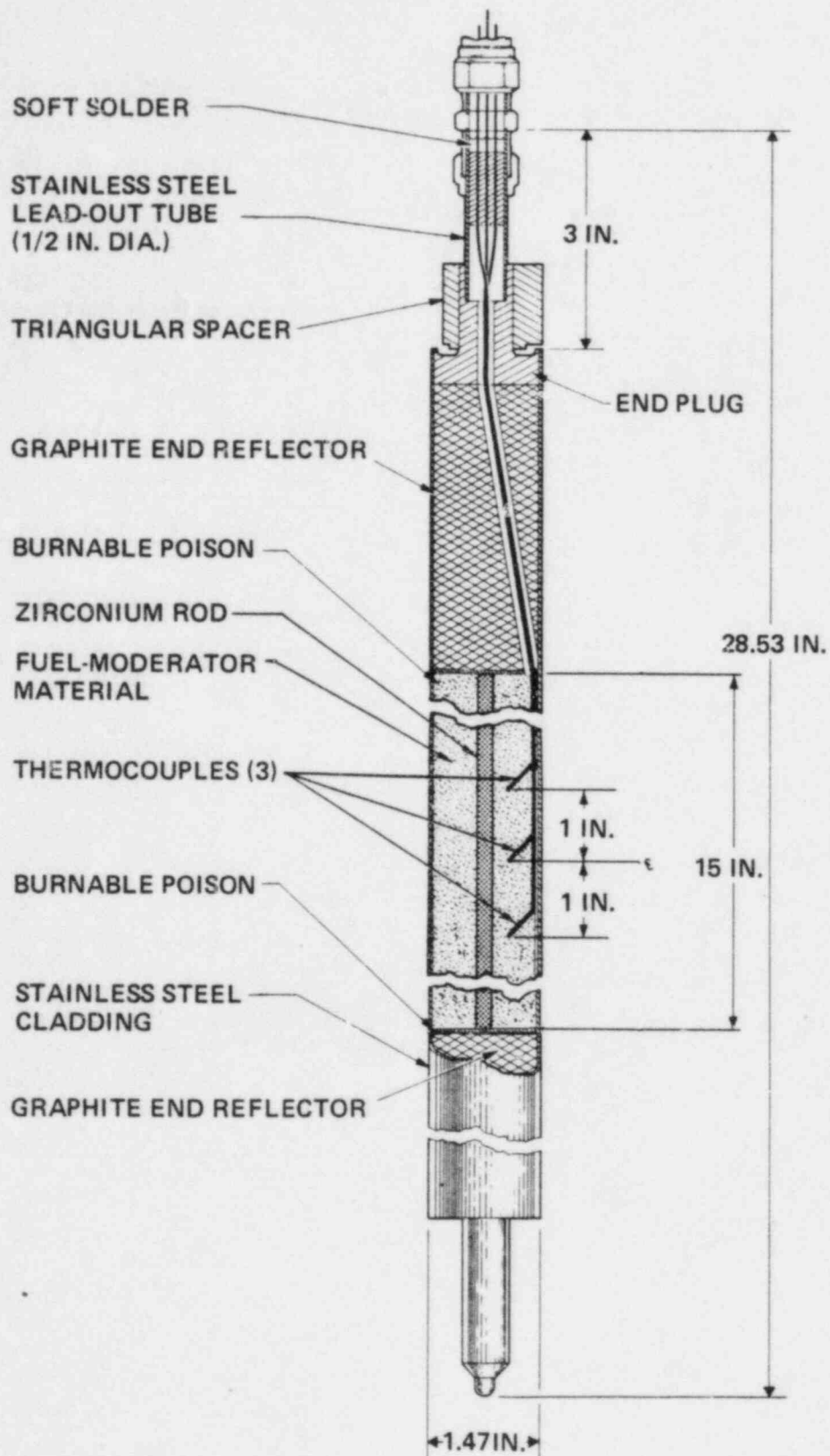


U-ZrH_{1.0} fuel element. Can be used up to 250 kW steady state

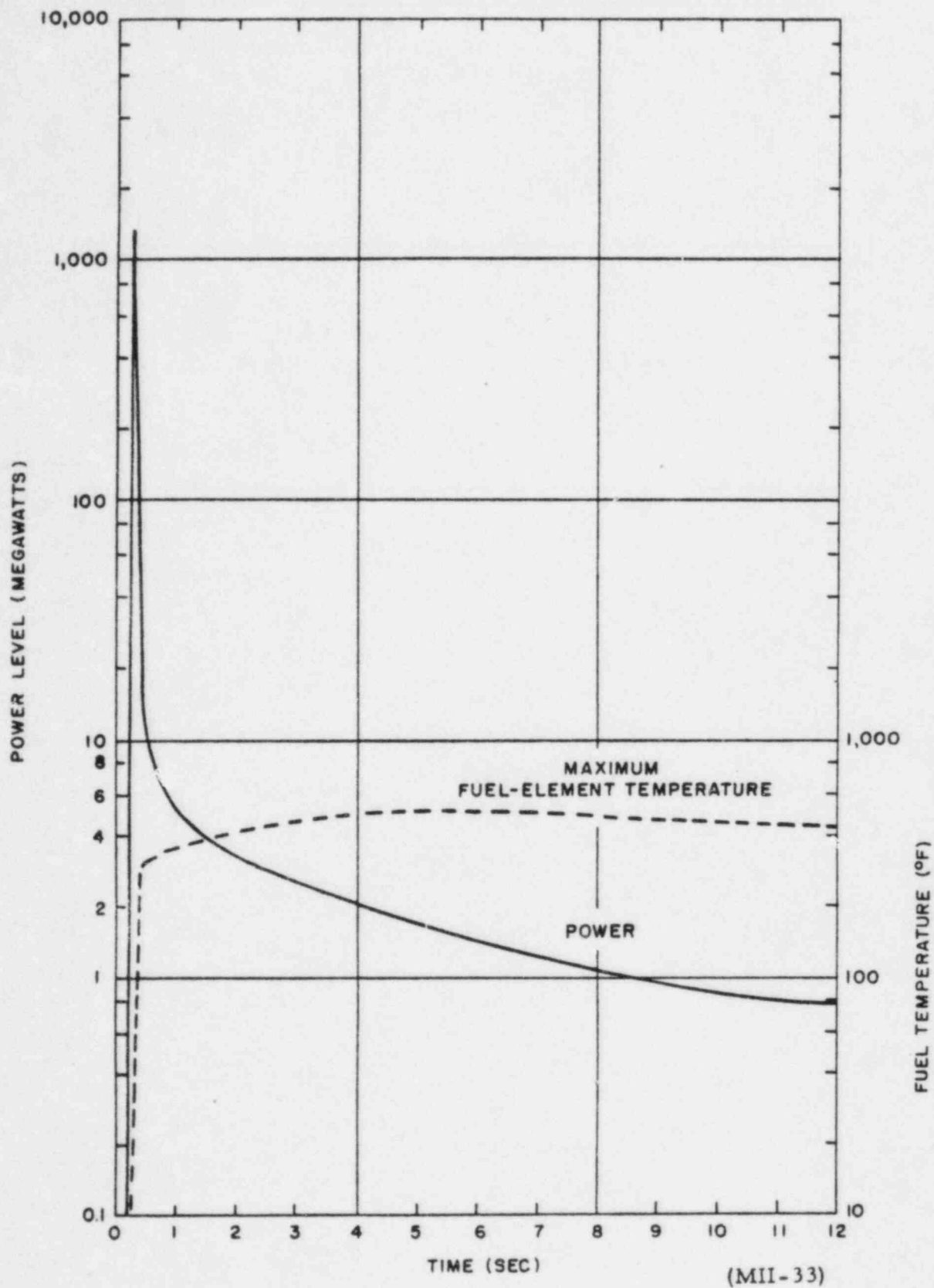


U-ZrH_{1.6} fuel element. Can be used up to 2000 kW steady state and pulsing up to 2,000,000 kW (natural convection cooling); higher pulsing is optional. With forced convection cooling-steady state operation can be increased to 3000 kW with pulsing





Instrumented TRIGA Fuel Element



Transient power and fuel temperature as functions of time after 2.25% $\delta k/k$ (\$3.00) reactivity insertion

Name:	<u>Cornell TRIGA Reactor</u>		
Location:	Ithaca, New York		
Docket Number:	50-157		
License Number:	R-80		
Date of Initial Criticality:	1962		
Rated Power:	100 kw steady state 250 Mw peak pulse		
Description:	TRIGA MARK II Reactor, above ground		
Fuel:	U-ZrH _{1.0}	U-ZrH _{1.7}	
enrichment	20%	20%	
clad	Aluminum	stainless steel	
critical mass	1.9 kg.		
core loading	2.9 kg.		
max. fuel temp.	550°C	1000°C	
max. excess reactivity	2.6% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$		
step insertion	1.5% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$		
Max Neutron Flux:	5 x 10 ¹² steady state 1 x 10 ¹⁶ peak pulse		
Control Rods (4):	3 safety rods		
	composition	boron carbide	
	clad	aluminum	
	worth - shim rod	1.7% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$	
	safety	1.7% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$	
	regulating	0.9% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$	

1 transient rod

same composition and clad

worth

$$1.7\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$$

Moderator: Zirconium-Hydride and H₂O

Coolant: H₂O

Max. Coolant Temp.: 130°F

Reflector: Graphite

Shield: Concrete and H₂O

Number of Operators: SR0-3, RO-0

Name:	<u>Columbia University Research Reactor</u>	
Location:	New York, New York	
Docket Number:	50-208	
License Number:	R-128	
Date of Initial Criticality:	License issued in 1977. Reactor operation is currently suspended pending the outcome of court cases.	
Rated power:	250 kw steady state 250 Mw peak pulse	
Description:	TRIGA MARK II research reactor	
Fuel:	U-ZrH _{1.7}	
	enrichment	20%
	clad	stainless steel
	core loading	2.3 kg.
	max. fuel temp.	500°C
	max. excess reactivity	2.45% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	step insertion	1.5% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	description	TRIGA MARK III elements
Max Neutron Flux:	4.0 x 10 ¹² n/cm ² -sec steady state	
Control Rods (3):	2 safety rods	
	composition	borated graphite
	clad	stainless steel
	total worth	3.5% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	1 pulse rod	
	similar composition and clad	
	worth	1.8% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$

Moderator:	Zirconium-Hydride and H_2O
Coolant:	H_2O
Max. Coolant Temp.:	$41^{\circ}C$
Reflector:	Graphite and H_2O
Shield:	Concrete and H_2O
Number of Operators:	SR0-2, R0-0

Name: Kansas State University TRIGA MARK II Reactor
(KSUTM II)

Location: Manhattan, Kansas

Docket Number: 50-188

License Number: R-88

Date of Initial
Criticality: 1962

Rated Power: 250 kw steady state
250 Mw peak pulse
Increase in rated power from 10 kw to 250 kw
(steady state) in 1968

Description: TRIGA MARK II Reactor with pulsing abilities

Fuel: U-ZrH

enrichment 20%

clad stainless steel

core loading 2.1 kg.

max. fuel temp. 450° C

max. excess
reactivity $\$1.92 \left(1.3\% \frac{\Delta k}{k} \right)$

Max. Neutron
Flux: $4 \times 10^{12} \text{ n/cm}^2\text{-sec}$

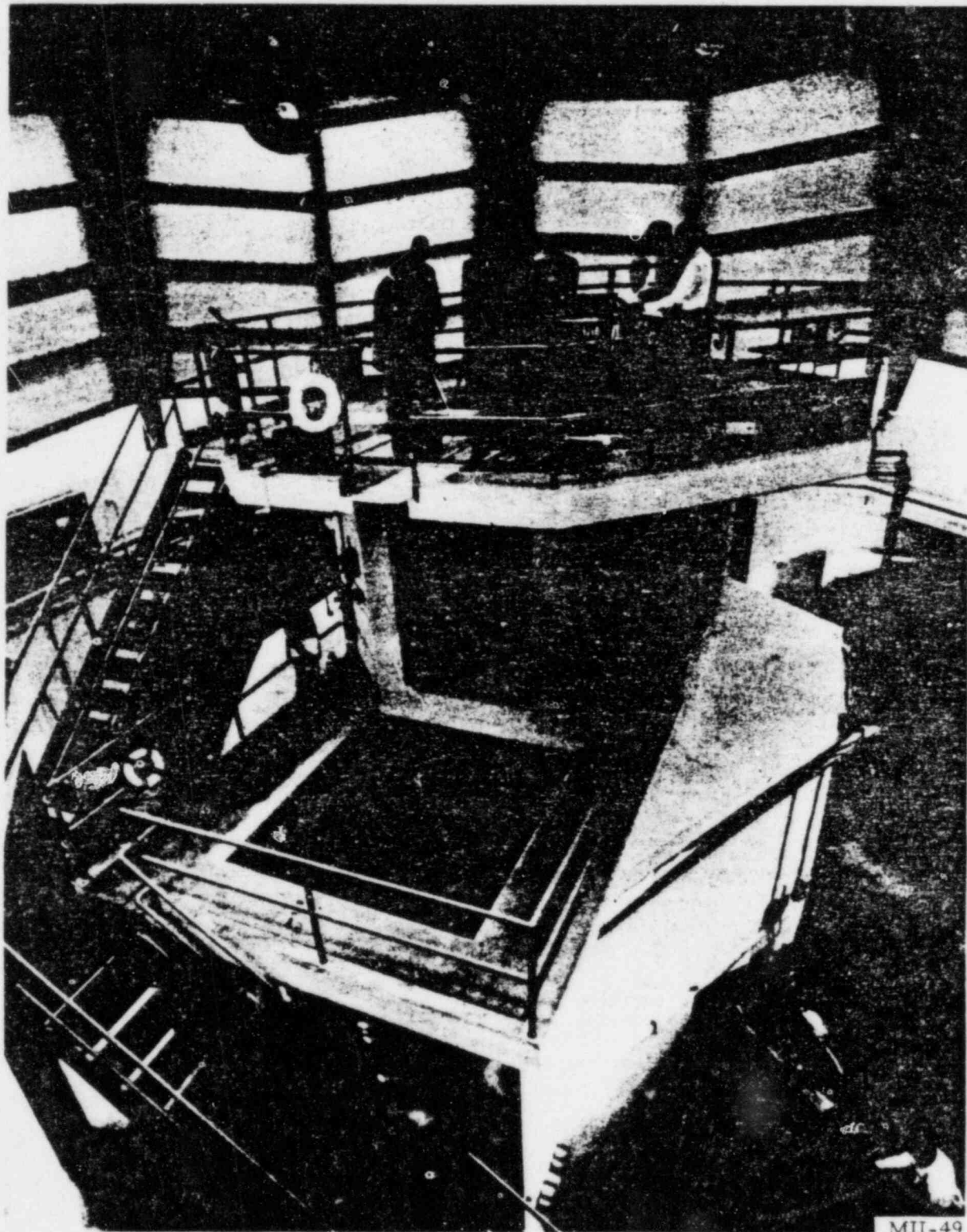
Control Rods (3): 2 safety rods

composition boron carbide

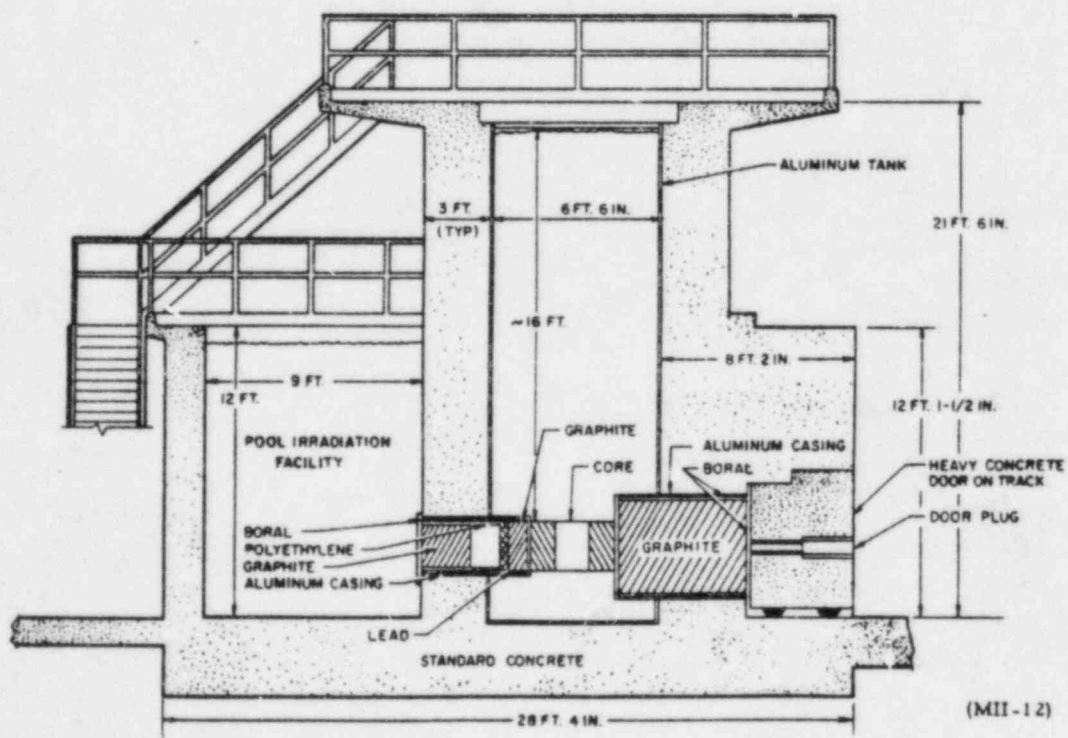
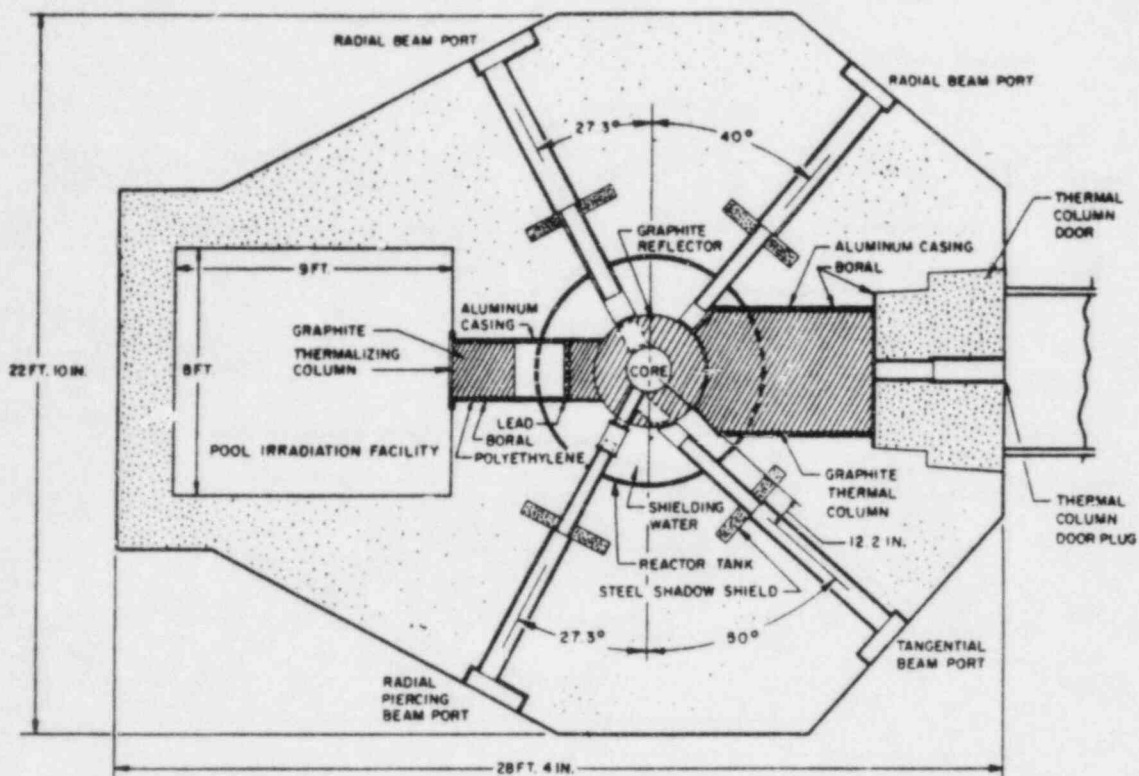
clad Aluminum

total worth \$6.00

	1 regulating rod	
	composition	Cadmium
	clad	Aluminum
	worth	\$1.60
Moderator:	Zirconium-Hydride and H ₂ O	
Coolant:	H ₂ O	
Max. Coolant Temp.:	60° C	
Reflector:	Graphite	
Shield:	Concrete	
Number of Operators:	SRO-3, RO-4	



Kansas State University TRIGA Mark II reactor



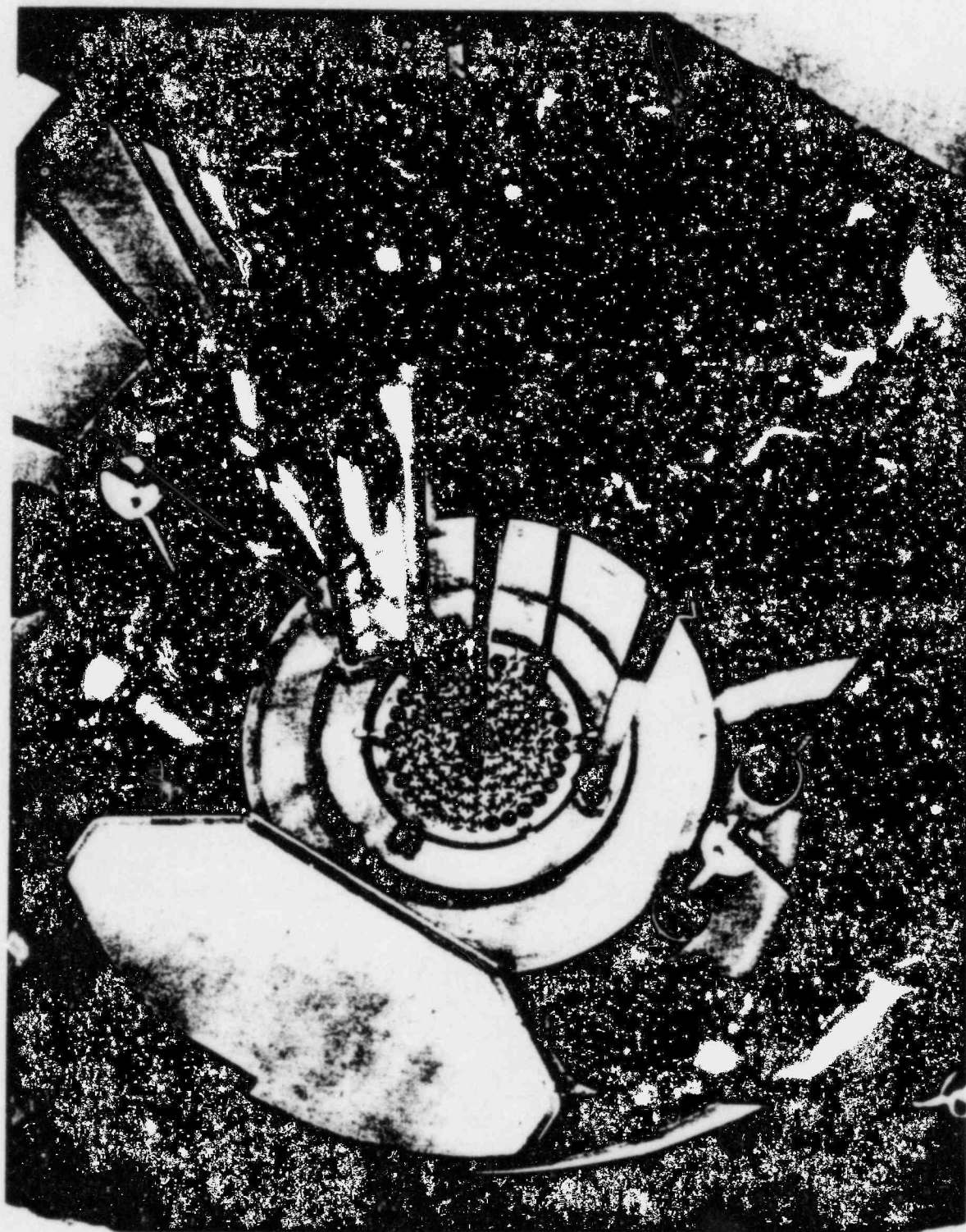
250 kW TRIGA Mark II with pool irradiation facility, thermal column, and three radial and one tangential beam ports

Name:	<u>Michigan State University TRIGA Reactor</u>	
Location:	East Lansing, Michigan	
Docket Number:	50-294	
License Number:	R-114	
Rated Power:	250 kw steady state 250 Mw peak pulse	
Description:	TRIGA MARK II Reactor. Transferred from University of Illinois in 1969	
Fuel:	U-ZrH _{1.0}	
	enrichment	20%
	clad	stainless steel
	core loading	2.3 kg.
	max. fuel temp.	500° C
	max. excess reactivity	1.9% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	step insertion	1.5% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
Max. Neutron Flux:	8×10^{12} n/cm ² -sec	
Control Rods (3):	2 safety rods	
	composition	boron carbide
	clad	Aluminum
	total worth	3.8% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	1 transient rod	
	composition	solid boron carbide
	clad	Aluminum
	worth	1.5% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$

Moderator:	Zirconium-Hydride and H ₂ O
Coolant:	H ₂ O
Max. Coolant Temp.:	100° F
Reflector:	Graphite and H ₂ O
Shield:	Concrete and H ₂ O
Number of Operators:	SR0-3, R0-3

Name: Oregon State TRIGA Reactor (OSTR)
 Location: Corvallis, Oregon
 Docket Number: 50-243
 License Number: R-106
 Date of Initial Criticality: 1967
 Rated Power: 1 Mw steady state
 3200 Mw peak pulse
 square wave mode
 Description: TRIGA MARK II Research Reactor, above ground
 Fuel: combination of TRIGA and TRIGA-FLIP fuel
 U-ZrH_{1.7} U-ZrH_{1.6}
 enrichment 20% 70%
 clad stainless steel
 max. excess reactivity 4.9% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
 step insertion 2.1%
 description TRIGA-FLIP fuel was added in 1976. Core may be completely TRIGA or TRIGA-FLIP or a combination.
 Control Rods (4): 3 FLIP fuel follower rods
 composition graphite and boron carbide
 clad stainless steel
 total worth 7.0% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
 1 safety-transient rod
 similar composition and clad worth 2.45% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$

Moderator:	Zirconium-Hydride and H_2O
Coolant:	H_2O
Reflector:	Graphite
Shield:	Concrete and H_2O
Number of Operators:	SRO - 8, RO - 4



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Core view of the TRIGA Mark II pulsing reactor, F1R-I,
at Institute of Technology, Otaniemi

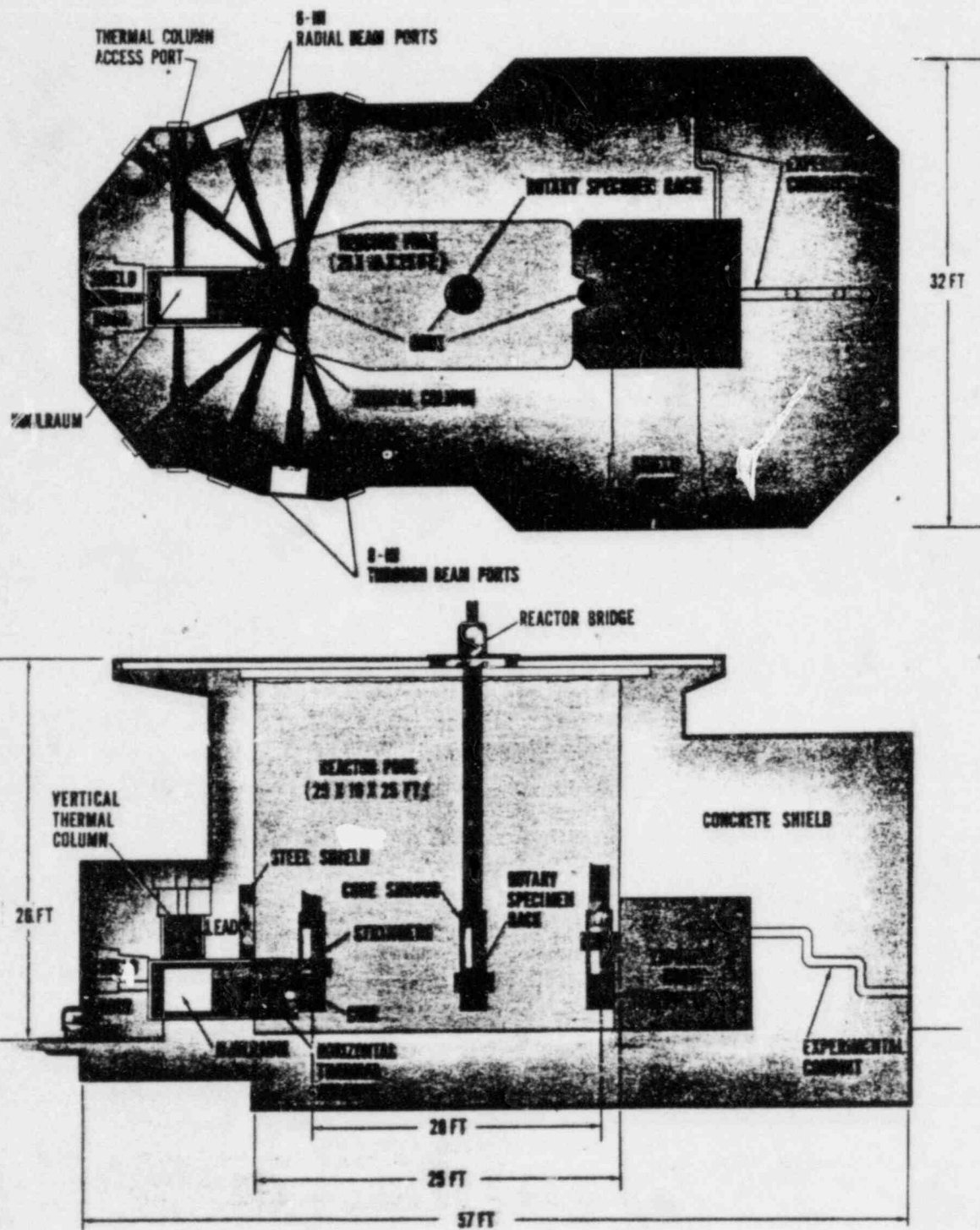
MARK III

Name:	Penn State Reactor (PSR)	
Location:	University Park, Pennsylvania	
Docket Number:	50-5	
License Number:	R-2	
Date of Initial Criticality:	1955, converted to TRIGA MARK III in 1965	
Rated Power:	1 Mw steady state 2 Mw peak pulse	
Description:	TRIGA MARK III conversion, below ground	
Fuel:	U-ZrH _{1.7} enrichment 20% clad stainless steel core loading 3.2 kg max. excess reactivity $4.9\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$ step insertion $2.38\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$ description TRIGA MARK III fuel elements	
Max. Neutron Flux:	3.26×10^{13} n/cm ² -sec (steady state) 6.52×10^{16} n/cm ² -sec (peak pulse)	
Control Rods (4):	3 fuel follower rods composition Silver - Indium - Cadmium total worth $6.3\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$ 1 transient rod composition Ag - In - Cd worth $2.1\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$	
Moderator:	Zirconium-Hydride and H ₂ O	
Coolant:	H ₂ O	

Max. Coolant Temp.:	110°F
Reflector:	H ₂ O
Shield:	Concrete and H ₂ O
Number of Operators:	SRO - 8, RO - 3

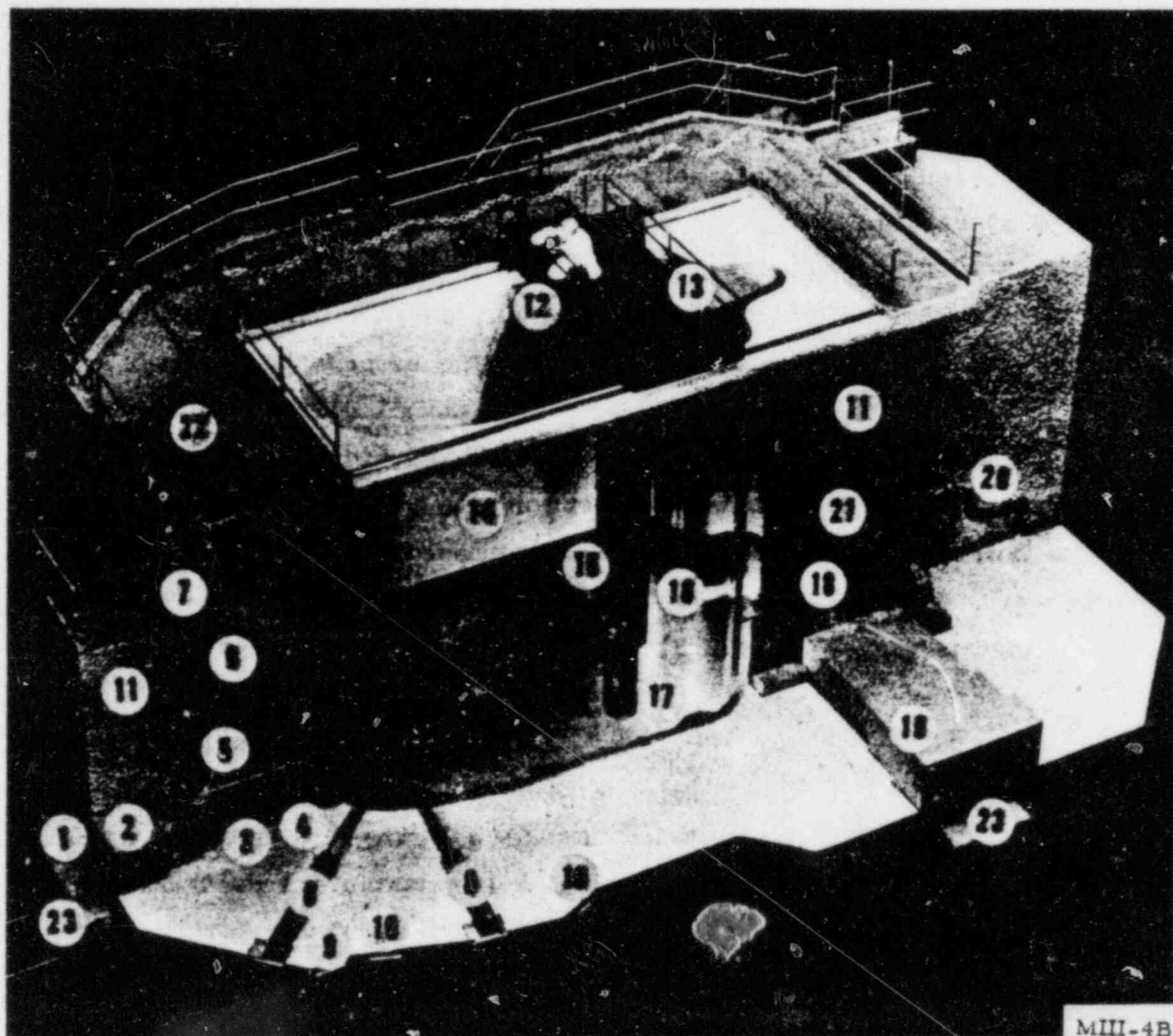
Name:	<u>Berkeley Research Reactor</u>	
Location:	University of California Berkeley, California	
Docket Number:	50-224	
License Number:	R-101	
Date of Initial Criticality:	1966	
Rated Power:	1 Mw steady state 2000 Mw peak pulse	
Description:	movable-core TRIGA MARK III Reactor, above ground	
Fuel:	U-ZrH _{1.7}	
	enrichment	20%
	clad	stainless steel
	critical mass	2.86 kg
	max. excess reactivity	4.9% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	step insertion	2.1% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
Max. Neutron Flux:	3.3 x 10 ¹³ n/cm ² -sec (steady state) 6.5 x 10 ¹⁶ n/cm ² -sec (peak pulse)	
Control Rods (4):	3 fuel follower control rods	
	composition	borated graphite
	clad	stainless steel
	total worth	4.5% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	1 transient rod	
	composition	borated graphite
	worth	2.1%
Moderator:	Zirconium-Hydride and H ₂ O	

Coolant:	H ₂ O
Reflector:	H ₂ O
Shield:	Concrete and H ₂ O
Number of Operators:	SRO - 8, RO - 3



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Plan view and side elevation of Mark III reactor



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| 1. Stringer Access Port | 13. Control Rod Drives |
| 2. Thermal Column Shield Door | 14. Full Height Aluminum Reactor Tank |
| 3. Hohlraum | 15. Pneumatic Transfer System (Rabbit) |
| 4. Horizontal Thermal Column | 16. Isotope-Production Facility (Lazy Susan) |
| 5. Vertical Thermal Column | 17. Reactor Core |
| 6. Vertical Thermal Column Shield Plug | 18. Exposure Room |
| 7. Vertical Access Port | 19. Exposure Room Shield Door |
| 8. Radial Beam Ports | 20. Experimental Access Conduits |
| 9. Thermal Column Access Port | 21. Borated Concrete Exposure Room Liner |
| 10. Intersecting Through Ports | 22. Removable Plate for Access to Vertical Thermal Column |
| 11. Concrete Shielding | 23. Enclosed Door Drive |
| 12. Movable Bridge | |

MARK F

Name:	Defense Nuclear Agency - TRIGA MARK F		
Owner:	Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute (AFRRI)		
Docket Number:	50-170		
License Number:	R-84		
Date of Initial Criticality:	1962		
Rated Power	1 Mw steady state 2000 Mw peak pulse increased rated power from 100 kw to 1 Mw in 1968		
Description:	TRIGA MARK F, tank in a pool reactor		
Fuel:	U-ZrH _{1.7}		
	enrichment	20%	
	clad	stainless steel	
	core loading	≈ 3.5 kg	
	max. fuel temp.	600°C	
	max. excess reactivity	3.5% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$	
	step insertion	2.3% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$	
	description	TRIGA MARK F fuel elements	
Max. Neutron Flux:	1.1 x 10 ¹² n/cm ² -sec (at 100 kw)		
Control Rods (4):	3 control rods		
	composition	boron carbide	
	clad	stainless steel	
	total worth	5.9% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$	

	1 transient rod
	composition borated graphite
	clad stainless steel
	worth $2.1\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$
Moderator:	Zirconium-Hydride and H ₂ O
Coolant:	H ₂ O
Max. Coolant Temp.:	60°C
Reflector:	lead and/or water
Shield:	concrete and H ₂ O
Number of Operators:	SRO - 4, RO - 3
Utilization:	generated approximately 9,800 kw-hrs of energy between 10/75 and 10/76

Name:	<u>Northrop Reactor (NOR)</u>	
Location:	Hawthorne, California	
Docket Number:	50-187	
License Number:	R-90	
Date of Initial Criticality:	1963	
Rated Power:	1 Mw steady state 2000 Mw peak pulse	
Description:	below ground, moveable core TRIGA MARK F Reactor	
Fuel:	U-ZrH _{1.7}	
	enrichment	20%
	clad	stainless steel
	core loading	3.6 kg
	max. fuel temp.	600°C
	max. excess reactivity	3.8% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	description	87 fuel elements
Max. Neutron Flux:	1.1 x 10 ¹² n/cm ² -sec	
Control Rods (4):	3 safety rods	
	composition	borated graphite
	individual worth	1.4% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	1 pulse rod	
	composition	borated graphite
	worth	3.4% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
Moderator:	Zirconium-Hydride and H ₂ O	
Coolant:	H ₂ O	

Max. Coolant Temp.:	90°C
Reflector:	Graphite and H ₂ O
Shield:	Concrete and H ₂ O
Number of Operators:	SRO - 4, RO - 1

Name:	<u>General Atomics TRIGA MARK F Reactor</u>	
Location:	San Diego, California	
Docket Number:	50-163	
License Number:	R-67	
Date of Initial Criticality:	1960	
Rated Power:	1.5 Mw steady state 8400 Mw peak pulse	
Description:	TRIGA MARK F	
Fuel:	U-ZrH _{1.0} or U-ZrH _{1.7} and special test fuel elements	
	enrichment	20%
	clad	Hastalloy X or Incalloy 800
	critical mass	≈ 2.5 kg
	core loading	≈ 2.9 kg
	max. fuel temp.	570°C
	max. excess reactivity	3.5% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	step insertion	2.8% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	description	TRIGA fuel elements
Max. Neutron Flux:		
Control Rods (4):	3 fuel follower control tubes	
	composition	boron carbide
	clad	Aluminum
	individual worth	1.8% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$
	1 transient rod	
	same composition and clad	
	worth	2.6% $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$

Moderator:	Zirconium-Hydride and H_2O
Coolant:	H_2O
Max. Coolant Temp.:	$90^{\circ}C$
Reflector:	H_2O , lead or graphite Reflector can be modified for any of these materials.
Shield:	Concrete and H_2O
Number of Operators:	SRO - 2, RO - 2
Utilization:	Generated approximately 530 Mw-hrs of energy in 1977.

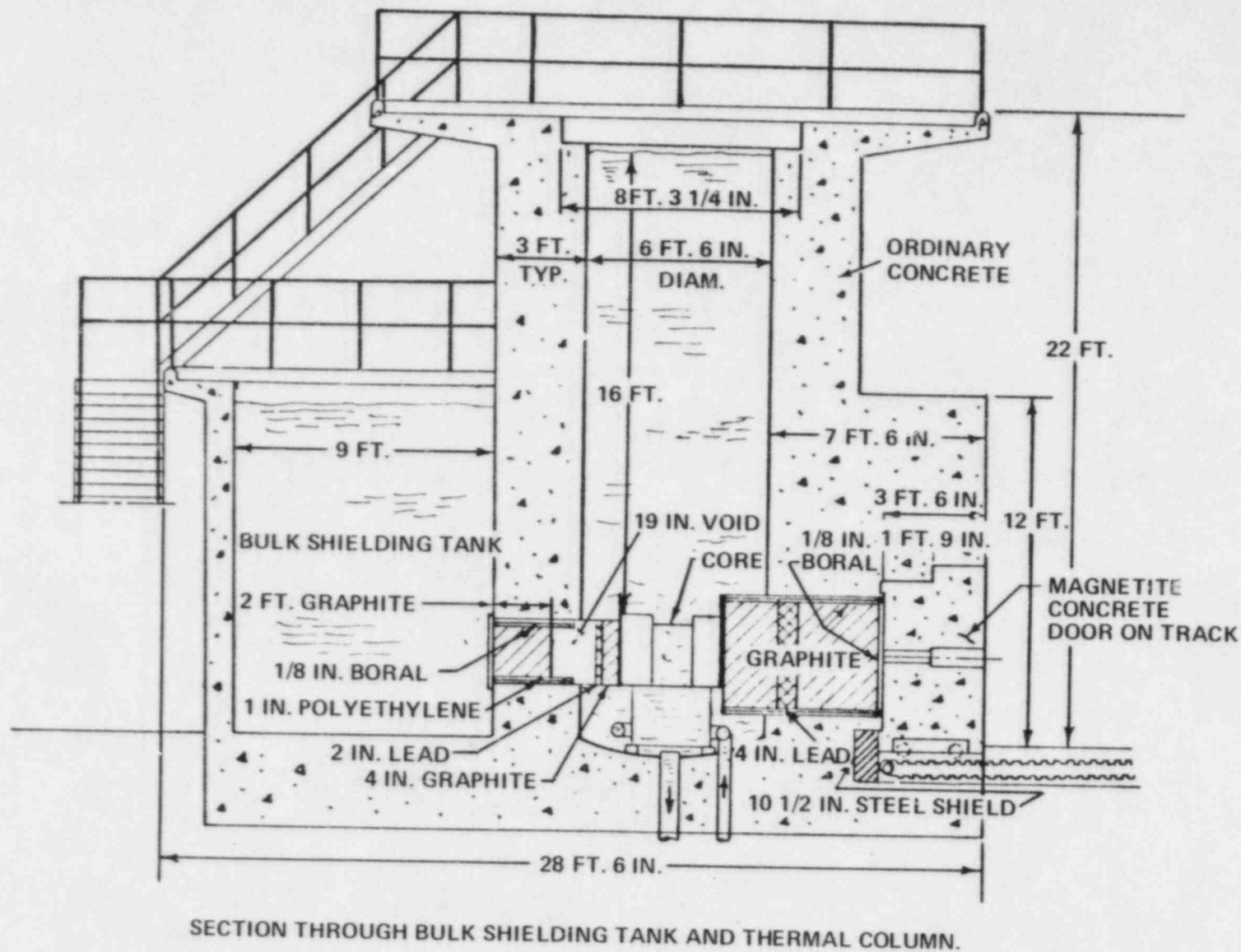
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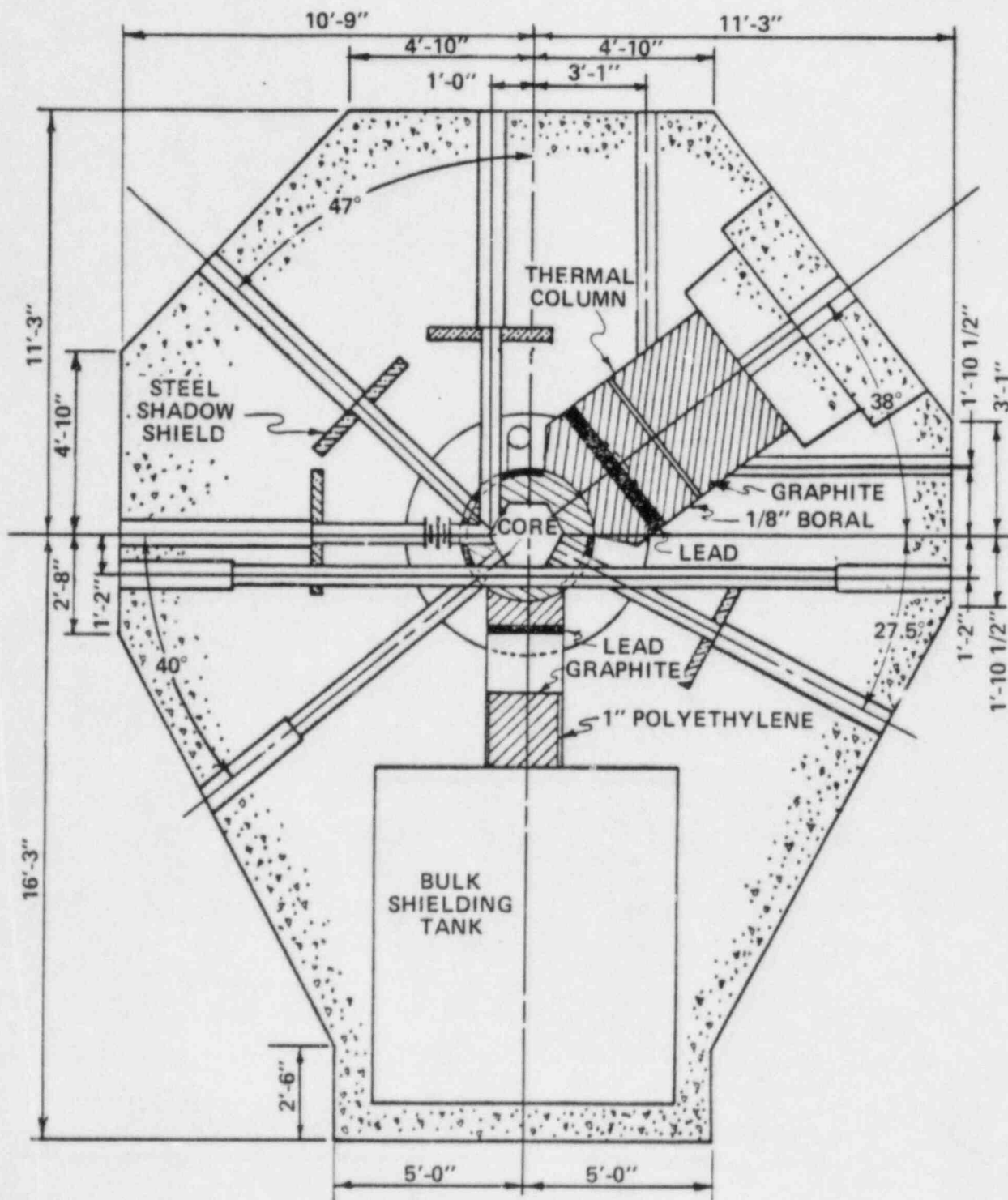
ADVANCED

Name:	<u>Illinois Advanced TRIGA Reactor</u>	
Location:	Urbana, Illinois	
Docket Number:	50-151	
License Number:	R-115	
Date of Initial Criticality:	1969 Originally a TRIGA MARK II but changed in 1969 to an advanced TRIGA	
Rated Power:	1.5 Mw steady state 6500 Mw peak pulse Square wave operation	
Description:	Advanced TRIGA	
Fuel:	U-ZrH _{1.6} or U-ZrH _{1.7}	
	enrichment	20%
	clad	stainless steel
	critical mass	2.6 kg.
	core loading	3.8 kg.
	max. fuel temp.	850° C
	max. excess reactivity	\$8.08
	step insertion	\$4.60
	description	fuel elements in hexagonal array
Control Rods (5):	composition	borated graphite
	3 fuel follower rods	
	individual worth	\$3.00
	1 adjustable transient rod	
	worth	\$2.30
	1 fast transient rod	
	worth	\$2.30

Moderator:	Zirconium-Hydride and H ₂ O
Coolant:	H ₂ O
Max. Coolant Temp.:	50° C
Reflector:	Lead and graphite
Shield:	Concrete and H ₂ O
Number of Operators:	SR0-2, RO-2
Utilization:	Reactor was operated approximately 1000 hours and pulsed 436 times between 6/76 and 6/77

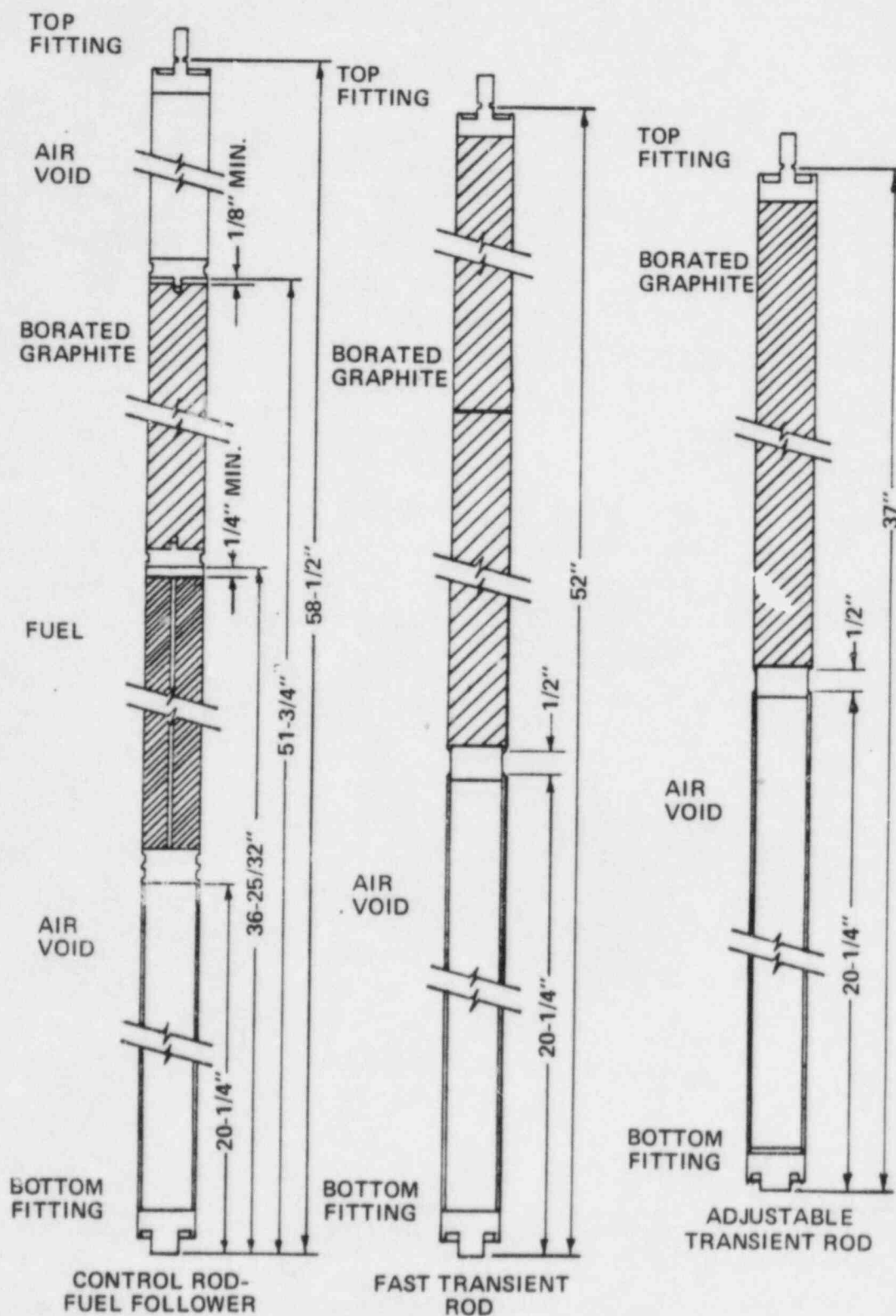
VERTICAL SECTION
ILLINOIS ADVANCED TRIGA





SECTION AT BEAM PORT LEVEL.

ILLINOIS ADVANCED TRIGA



CONTROL RODS ILLINOIS ADVANCED TRIGA



INSTALLATIONS AND CONVERSIONS

GENERAL ATOMIC

GEN 10
Jan 1977

		LOCATION	TYPE	MAXIMUM RATING		INITIAL CRITICALITY
				STEADY STATE	PULSING	
Arizona	1	University of Arizona Tucson	TRIGA Mark I	250 kW	300,000 kW	12-7-58
California	2	General Atomic San Diego	TRIGA Mark I	250 kW	800,000 kW	5-3-58
	3	General Atomic San Diego	TRIGA Mark F	1,500 kW	8,400,000 kW	7-2-60
	4	General Atomic San Diego	TRIGA Mark III	Decommissioned		1-17-66
	5	Norair Division of Northrop Corporation Hawthorne	TRIGA Mark F	1,000 kW	1,500,000 kW	3-5-63
	6	University of California Berkeley	TRIGA Mark III	1,000 kW	2,000,000 kW	8-10-66
	7	University of California Irvine	TRIGA Mark I	250 kW	250,000 kW	11-25-69
	8	Aerofest Operations San Ramon	TRIGA Conversion	250 kW		7-9-65
Colorado	9	U. S. Geological Survey Denver	TRIGA Mark I	1,000 kW	1,200,000 kW	2-26-69
Illinois	10	University of Illinois Urbana	TRIGA Mark II	1,500 kW	6,500,000 kW	8-16-60
Kansas	11	Kansas State University Manhattan	TRIGA Mark II	250 kW	250,000 kW	10-16-62
Maryland	12	Harry Diamond Laboratories (U. S. Army) Forest Glen	TRIGA Mark F	250 kW	2,000,000 kW	9-18-61
	13	Nuclear Agency (AFRR) Bethesda	TRIGA Mark F	1,000 kW	2,000,000 kW	6-28-62
	14	University of Maryland College Park	TRIGA Conversion	250 kW		6-13-74
	15	The Dow Chemical Company Midland	TRIGA Mark I	100 kW		7-6-67
Michigan	16	Michigan State University East Lansing	TRIGA Mark I	250 kW	250,000 kW	3-21-69
	17	University of Missouri Rolla	TRIGA Conversion	200 kW		Under Construction
Nebraska	18	Veterans Administration Hospital Omaha	TRIGA Mark I	18 kW		6-26-59
New Mexico	19	Sandia Corporation (USAEC) Albuquerque	TRIGA-ACPR	600 kW	12,000,000 kW	6-2-67
New York	20	Columbia University New York	TRIGA Mark II	250 kW	250,000 kW	Licensed
	21	Cornell University Ithaca	TRIGA Mark II	100 kW	250,000 kW	1-12-62
Oregon	22	Oregon State University Corvallis	TRIGA Mark II	1,000 kW	3,200,000 kW	3-8-67
	23	Reed College Portland	TRIGA Mark I	250 kW		7-2-68
Pennsylvania	24	Pennsylvania State University University Park	TRIGA Mark III Conversion	1,000 kW	2,000,000 kW	12-31-65
Puerto Rico	25	Puerto Rico Nuclear Center Mayaguez	TRIGA Conversion	Decommissioned		1-19-72
Texas	26	Texas A & M University College Station	TRIGA Conversion	1,000 kW	2,000,000 kW	8-1-68
	27	University of Texas Austin	TRIGA Mark I	250 kW	250,000 kW	8-2-63
Utah	28	University of Utah Salt Lake City	TRIGA Mark I	250 kW		10-23-75
Wisconsin	29	University of Wisconsin Madison	TRIGA Conversion	1,000 kW	2,000,000 kW	11-14-67
Washington	30	Washington State University Pullman	TRIGA Conversion	1,000 kW	2,000,000 kW	7-14-67
	31	Westinghouse-Hanford Richland	TRIGA Mark I	250 kW		Under Construction

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Austria	50	Federal Ministry of Education Vienna	TRIGA Mark II	250 kW	250,000 kW	3.7-62
Bangladesh	51	Institute of Nuclear Technology Dacca	TRIGA Mark II	1,000 kW	1,250,000 kW	Under Construction
Brazil	54	University of Minas Gerais, Belo Horizonte	TRIGA Mark I	250 kW		11.6-60
England	55	Imperial Chemical Industries, Billingham, Teesside	TRIGA Mark I	250 kW		8.14-71
Finland	56	The State Institute for Technical Research Helsinki	TRIGA Mark II	250 kW	250,000 kW	3.27-62
Germany	57	German Cancer Research Center, Heidelberg	TRIGA Mark I	250 kW		8.25-66
	58	Maximilians-Gutenberg University, Mainz	TRIGA Mark II	100 kW	250,000 kW	8.3-65
	59	Association for Radiation Research, Witten	TRIGA Mark III	1,000 kW	2,000,000 kW	8.23-72
	60	Medical College of Hannover, Hannover	TRIGA Mark I	250 kW		1.31-73
	61	University of Frankfurt, Frankfurt	TRIGA Conversion	1,000 kW		Under Construction
Tunisia	62	Institute of Atomic Energy, Radburg	TRIGA Mark II	1,000 kW		10.16-64
U.S.A.	63	Nuclear Research Center, Durham	TRIGA Conversion	5,000/10,000 kW		Under Construction
Taiwan	64	National Committee for Nuclear Energy, Taipei	TRIGA Mark II	1,000 kW		6-10-60
	65	University of Pavia, Pavia	TRIGA Mark I	250 kW	250,000	11.15-65
Japan	66	Japan Atomic Energy Research Institute, Tokai-Mura	TRIGA ACPR	300 kW	22,000,000	6-30-75
	67	Mitsubishi College of Technology, Tokyo	TRIGA Mark II	100 kW		1.29-63
	68	Rikkyo University, Tokyo	TRIGA Mark II	100 kW		2-8-61
China	69	National Atomic Energy Institute, Beijing	TRIGA Mark II	250 kW		3.19-62
	70	Peoples Atomic Energy Institute, Seohai	TRIGA Mark III	2,000 kW	2,000,000 kW	4-10-72
Malaysia	71	Tun Hussein Atomic Research Centre, Kuala Lumpur	TRIGA Mark II	1,000 kW	1,250,000 kW	Under Construction
Mexico	72	National Commission for Nuclear Energy, Mexico City	TRIGA Mark III	1,000 kW	2,000,000 kW	1.18-68
Romania	73	Institute for Nuclear Technologies, Bucharest	TRIGA-ACPR	500 kW	15,000,000 kW	Under Construction
	74	Institute for Nuclear Technologies, Bucharest	TRIGA	14,000 kW		Under Construction
Thailand	75	Office of Atomic Energy for Peace, Bangkok	TRIGA Mark III Conversion	2,000 kW	2,000,000 kW	Under Construction
Turkey	76	Technical University of Istanbul, Istanbul	TRIGA Mark II	250 kW	250,000 kW	Under Construction
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Yugoslavia	78	Jozef Stefan Nuclear Institute, Ljubljana	TRIGA Mark II	250 kW		5.31-66
Zaire (Congo)	79	Nuclear Science Commission, Kinshasa, Zaire	TRIGA Mark II	1,000 kW	1,000,000 kW	5.27-59

REACTOR TERMS

Reactor Terms

fission	The splitting of an atom. The opposite process is fusion, which is combining two smaller atoms to make a larger one. Both processes release neutrons, gamma rays and heat.
fissile material	Fissionable nuclear fuel such as Uranium-235, Uranium-233 or Plutonium-239. Uranium-235 is the most common fuel. Plutonium-239 and Uranium-233 generally are not used in research reactors. Due to low power levels very little U-238 is converted to PU-239. (50 megawatt days produce about 6 grams of PU-239).
fertile material	Material that may be made fissile by absorbing a neutron and decaying, such as Uranium-238, which can be made into Plutonium-239 and Thorium-232 which can be converted to Uranium-233.
critical	That combination of fuel and poison where the chain reaction is constant. That is the number of neutrons available for fission is constant and the power level is not changing. A term called K-effective is 1 in this condition. Keff is also called the neutron balance equation.
nuclear reactor	A combination of fuel and control systems capable of attaining a self-sustaining chain reaction.
critical facility	A type of nuclear reactor that generally operates at very low power levels such as 0.1 watts, which is below the point where heat is generated. Compare, for example, to the heat generated by a 100 watt bulb.

fast reactor	A reactor capable of sustaining a chain reaction using high energy neutrons. There are very few of this type; none regulated by NRC. They require about 10X more fuel than a so-called thermal reactor. These reactors do not use a moderator.
thermal reactor	The chain reaction is maintained by thermalized (low energy) neutrons. These reactors require much less fuel than fast reactors because the fuel more readily absorbs thermal neutrons.
core	The fuel area of the reactor.
reflector	Material placed around a core to reflect some of the escaping neutrons back into the core.
moderator	Material in a reactor used to slow down (thermalize) neutrons. Usually water or graphite or polyethylene.
poison	Anything that absorbs neutrons such as boron, hafnium, cadmium, xenon, etc.
barn	Unit of measure originated in manhattan project that describes how readily a neutron is absorbed in a material.
control rods	Usually a poison used to control the chain reaction. In the case of the AGN reactors, fuel rods are used for control in a manner similar to but inverse to the manner poison rods are used.
excess reactivity	Nuclear term that is related to the amount of fuel in the core in excess of that needed to achieve a critical mass. Excess reactivity is increased by adding fuel and is normally expressed as $\frac{\Delta k}{k}$.

shutdown margins	A measure of the ability of the control rods to compensate for excess reactivity. Usually the term is a measure of how much a reactor is below being critical assuming one rod is stuck in the out position.
scram	Term used to describe the automatic rapid insertion of control rods in the core to shutdown the reactor. PWRs generally use the word trip, which means the same thing.
prompt critical	A condition created by rapidly adding positive reactivity to the core (sudden movement of a control rod) such that power rises in a rapid and uncontrolled manner. Enough positive reactivity must be added to overcome the time delay effect on power rise of the delayed neutrons. This is usually about $.7\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$. An example of prompt criticality is a pulse where power rises from 1 watt to 4000 megawatts in a fraction of a second. Prompt criticality can occur any time and in any location where sufficient fuel is concentrated in a small area under optimum conditions of moderation.
delayed neutrons	99.3% of the neutrons that result from fission occur immediately (within 10^{-14} sec). The other 0.7% of the neutrons (delayed neutrons) appear over the next minute or two. These neutrons are very important to the safety of a nuclear reactor because they slow down the chain reaction. Normal changes to power level are controlled to a maximum of one power of 10 (e.g., going from 1 watt to 10 watts to 100 watts) per minute. If the delayed neutrons were not present to slow down the chain reaction, the power level would change several thousand powers of ten per minute. This is a prompt critical condition.

reactivity ($\Delta k/k$)

Term used to describe the ability of the reactor to respond. Changes in reactivity are normally made by changing the position of control rods; however, changing to position of an experiment or the amount of fuel will also cause changes in reactivity.

Reactivity is frequently expressed in \$ and ¢ of reactivity where a \$1 addition of reactivity to a critical reactor would cause the reactor to go prompt critical.

K-effective (Keff)

This term represents the neutron balance equation. When the reactor is critical $K_{eff} = 1$ which means that as many neutrons are being born as are being lost. When the reactor is shutdown Keff equals about 0.8.

Note: If a reactor's reactivity is said to be $K_{eff} = 1.02$, this means that if the rods were removed the reactor is capable of attaining a Keff of 1.02. Another way of stating this is that the reactor has either $.02 \frac{\Delta k}{k}$, $2\% \frac{\Delta k}{k}$ or \$2.85 of excess reactivity.

Radiation and Shielding

Alpha particles (α) short range, very high energy particles. Relatively rare except around heavy elements. Frequently found in small amounts in concrete or rocks that contain natural uranium. Alpha emitting particles are considered dangerous if inhaled or ingested; however, externally skin or a piece of paper are sufficient to stop them. Alpha particles travel about an inch in air.

Beta particles - (β) Very common form of radiation. Beta particles (or rays) are actually high energy electrons. They can cause the skin to turn red similar to sunburn. Beta particles are fairly easy to stop and will travel about 4-5 inches in air.

Gamma Rays - (γ) The most common form of radiation found around a shutdown reactor. Usual sources are activated experimental apparatus. Gamma rays are a highly penetrating form of radiation. For all practical purposes they are not stopped by air. Usually when one speaks of a radiation field or a radiation dose rate they are referring to gamma radiation. To reduce gamma radiation by a factor of 10 requires approximately 2 inches of lead or 4 inches of steel or 24 inches of ordinary concrete or water. If the source of gamma rays can be approximated as a point source then the radiation level decreases with the square of the distance. This means that if you double your distance from the source the radiation field is reduced to 1/4 of the original value. Example: If a self protecting fuel rod reads 100 Rem/hr at 3 feet it should read approximately 25 Rem/hr at 6 feet. Conversely at 1-1/2 feet from the fuel rod the dose rate would be about 400 Rem/hr.

Neutron Radiation - Neutrons are produced in the reactor core by the fission process. When the reactor is shutdown this radiation is insignificant. During operation neutron leakage out of the reactor if all shielding is in place will equal approximately 25% of the radiation level due to gamma rays from the same source. In the core or with a beam port plug removed the neutron radiation would be about 300 times the radiation level of the gamma rays. Fast (high energy) neutrons are about 3 times more damaging than thermal (low energy) neutrons. Neutrons are slowed down by water, polyethelene and to some extent iron. When thermalized they are readily absorbed by boron cadmium and many other materials.

Cerenkov Radiation - The blue glow around water moderated reactor fuel is caused by the rapid deceleration of electrons. These electrons are produced by fission product gamma rays.

Radiation Levels (Approximate)

(milli = 1/1000)

200 milli Rem/year	Normal Background Radiation
2 milli Rem/hr	Maximum radiation level allowable in an unrestricted area
10 milli Rem/hr	A normal area radiation monitor set point
100 milli Rem/hr	Upper limit of Radiation Area - Lower limit of High Radiation Area
125 milli Rem/quarter	Exposure limit for non radiation workers
1.25 Rem/quarter (5 Rem/yr)	Exposure limit for radiation workers
25 Rem/2 hr period	Part 100 design limit in event of accident
25 - 100 Rem	Emergency life saving dose (slight blood changes)
100 R at 3 feet	Self protecting definition
200 Rem (whole body)	Moderate blood changes
300 Rem (whole body)	Vomiting within 2 hours, loss of hair after 2 weeks
400 Rem (whole body)	50% fatalities - hemorrhage, infection
800 Rem (whole body)	80-100% fatalities within 2 months
2500 Rem (localized)	Given to cancer patients
1 million Rem/hr	Radiation level in core of 100kw Research Reactor

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