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PRESENTATION TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS  
SEPTEMBER 10, 1965, AT HANFORD

I. INTRODUCTION

This document records the chart materials and talk outlines used in presentations at the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards meeting of September 10, 1965, on the Irradiation Processing Department, General Electric Company, operated production reactors. The general objectives of the meeting were to review administration of safety during contractor transition, the status of N-Reactors operation and conversion project progress, and progress on the confinement studies for the production reactors. Review of the proposal to raise the K-Reactors power level limit was the specific objective of the meeting. K and N Reactor Presentation Agenda is included. Presentation materials used by RLOO-AEC and N Reactor Department personnel are not included in this document. The list of meeting attendees and information used for the K-Reactors tour are included in the appendix.

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III. AGENDA

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Starting Time</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
Welcome	1:45 p.m.	D. G. Williams, Mgr., RLO
A. <sup>1</sup> Management Actions to Assure Safety During Transition Period	1:50	A. B. Greninger, Gen. Mgr., IPD
Safety Under Segmented Operations	2:05	C. N. Zangar, Director, Health and Safety Division, RLO
B. Description of Hanford Reactor Design Features Which Help Prevent Accidents	2:20	Roy Nilson, Mgr., Process & Reactor Development, IPD T. W. Ambrose, Mgr., Research & Engineering, IPD
C. (Seismological Characteristics of Hanford Region)	3:10	R. E. Brown, Sr. Geologist, BNW
	3:20	R. E. Trumble, Mgr., Process Evaluation & Control, NRD
D. K-Reactor Power Level Limit	3:50	Roy Nilson TW Ambrose
(Ten-minute break)	4:20	
Status of N-Reactor Operation Conversion Project Progress	4:30	R. E. Hall, Supervisor, Process Engineering, NRD
E. Progress Report on Confinement Studies for the Production Reactors	4:45	Roy Nilson H. W. Heacock, Mgr., Development Engineering & Process Design, IPD
<b>DECLASSIFIED</b>	5:25	R. E. Trumble D. L. Condotta, Mgr., Process Design, NRD
F. Contamination of the Columbia River by Reactor Effluent Water	5:45	T. W. Ambrose
G. Future Plans for New Products	6:05	T. W. Ambrose M. C. Leverett, Mgr., Research & Engineering, NRD
Adjournment	6:20	

<sup>1</sup>Letters refer to IPD presentation subjects.

III. PRESENTATION CHARTS AND OUTLINES

A. Management Actions to Assure Safety During Transition Period

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MANAGEMENT ACTIONS TO ENSURE SAFETY IN TRANSITION PERIOD  
ACRS VISIT - SEPTEMBER 10, 1965

WELCOME:

INTRODUCTION: Late 1963 and early '64"

1. GE decided to withdraw
2. AEC announced production cutback - reactor shutdown
3. Since then 1-1/2 years activity getting ready. Labs to Battelle last January; next is Irradiation Process Department November 1 (Chemical Processing Department January 1, Support Services March 1, NRD July '67)

Briefly review management actions to ensure safety during this difficult transition period (which we have considered to include the early period of new contractor operation as well as the ending period of G.E. operation)  
- IPD hit hardest.

I. G. E. plan (+AEC) to complete reactors shutdown and layoffs before transfer

1. Hiring Freeze
2. IPD layoffs to date = 86
3. NRD + CPD -- Stable

II. Plan to transfer "going concern"

- Persuade competent people to stay - difficult position for GE
- OH Greager loss (and Wally Frank); other top technical people remaining
- Retain technical competence in oper. crews
- Careful shifting of people with shutdowns to minimize upset and keep good crews.

III. Nuclear Safety Task Force established by WE Johnson August 20, 1964

- First Chm. OHG, + NRD, CPD, & Lab'y. Now MC Leverett
- Study Nuclear Safety problems in transition period and periodic reports to G. E. Transfer Council and GETHC (Recommended that AEC continue this integrating body with new contractors-- committee now being organized)

IV. Department Managers directed to increase frequency of unannounced inspection trips and submit reports

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## IPD Items:

1. Eliminate all hot startups (mid'64)
2. R&E physicist present for every startup; weekend coverage by plant managers (also above Dept. Mgr. inspection)
3. R&E Supplementary Audit of Process Standards
4. Certification Program for Super. Spec & Operators) Both started Equipment Maintenance Standards ) early '62

## HAPO Items:

1. Nuclear Safety Letter to New Contractor (Nuclear Safety Clause) to DUN mid-September
  - a. Summary of status
  - b. Refers to use of G. E. Hazards review groups
  - c. Refers to transfer of "going concern" and recommends no change in Org, functional assignments or procedures for plant opr. until DUN officials have operated under present system for some extended period of time so as to become familiar with present system and nuclear safety problems faced by operating organization. Has been discussed and DUN has agreed to follow this recommendation.

## SUMMARY:

## QUESTIONS:

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### III. PRESENTATION CHARTS AND OUTLINES (Cont.)

B. Description of Hanford Reactor Design Features Which Help Prevent Accidents

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## **REACTOR FEATURES WHICH HELP PREVENT ACCIDENTS**

- REACTOR AND PLANT DESCRIPTION
- PHYSICS
- ENGINEERING
- SAFETY PHILOSOPHY

## **REACTOR DESCRIPTIONS (IPD)**

**HANFORD REACTORS ARE**

- GRAPHITE MODERATED
- LIGHT WATER, SINGLE-PASS COOLED
- LOW ENRICHMENT URANIUM FUELED
- THERMAL SPECTRUM
- CONVERTERS

## REPRESENTATIVE PROPERTIES

### K SMALL

• CORE SIZE (LXHXW)	33½'X41'X41'	28'X36'X36'
• NUMBER FUEL CHANNELS	3220	2004
• LATTICE SPACING	7½"	8 3/8"
• BULK POWER	4400 Mw	2100-2400 Mw
• SPECIFIC POWER (avg-max)	50-90 kw/m	44-84 kw/ft
• TONS FUEL	~450	~220
• TONS GRAPHITE	~1700	~1150
• OPERATING TEMPERATURES		
• FUEL (avg-max)	240-400C	210-400C
• COOLANT (bulk-max tube)	95-120 C	95-120 C
• GRAPHITE (avg-max)	560-700	460-600
• COOLANT FLOW RATE	209,000 gpm	89,000-103,000 gpm

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## PHYSICS PROPERTIES TENDING TO ACCIDENT PREVENTION

- LARGE CORE SIZE
  - LOW LEAKAGE, LOW BUCKLING, LOW K EXCESS
- NEAR OPTIMUM LATTICE
  - LOW ENRICHMENT, LOW K EXCESS
- LOW NET BURNUP
- MODERATE TEMPERATURE SWING
- SMALL NET TEMPERATURE COEFFICIENT
  - LOW K EXCESS, SMALL  $\Delta K$
- NEGATIVE PROMPT TEMPERATURE COEFFICIENT
- SLOW POSITIVE TEMPERATURE COEFFICIENT

## PHYSICS PROPERTIES CONT'D

- TRANSIENTS

- SLOW,  $k_{op} < k_{cold}$
- USUALLY 0.6% k IN RODS

- STABILITY

- NO FAST FEEDBACK PATH
- DOPPLER
- XENON OSCILLATIONS CONTROLLABLE

- FLOODING - negative  $\Delta k$

- VOIDING - positive  $\Delta k$

- DICTATES PRINCIPAL CONTROL PHILOSOPHY

## PHYSICS PROPERTIES CONT'D

- OPERATING CONTROL SYSTEM
  - INDEPENDENT, HCR, 2%K, 20 RODS
  - NO SAFETY DEPENDENCE
- PRIMARY SAFETY CONTROL
  - 41 VSR'S - 2.6%K - AT READY
  - EACH ROD INDEPENDENT
  - GRAVITY DRIVEN - NO FALL OUT
  - RESPONSE (2 SEC.) FAST ENOUGH TO SATISFY ALL ACCIDENT REQUIREMENTS
  - MULTIPLE SCRAM SOURCES
    - EARTHQUAKE
    - OVER POWER
    - INDIVIDUAL TUBE COOLANT LOSS
    - GROSS COOLANT LOSS
    - ELECTRICAL POWER LOSS
    - PUMP FAILURE  
(HIGH TEMPERATURE)  
(POWER RATE)

## PHYSICS PROPERTIES CONT'D

### ● SECONDARY SAFETY CONTROL

- 41 BALL 3X CHANNELS 4.5 % k
- INDEPENDENT FROM VSR'S
- GRAVITY DRIVEN - AT READY
- SEVERAL SECOND RESPONSE TIME
- FEW-CHANNEL FALLOUT POSSIBLE
- MULTIPLE SCRAM SOURCES
  - RAPID COOLANT LOSS
  - MAJOR COOLANT LOSS
  - EARTHQUAKE IN COINCIDENCE WITH VSR FAILURES

### ● LOW POSITIVE REACTIVITY INSERTION

- RATES OTHER THAN RAPID COOLANT LOSS
- MAX.  $\Delta k/\text{SEC.}$  = 3¢ (K REACTORS)
- " " = 40¢ (SMALL REACTORS)  
(CORRECTIBLE TO 5¢)

**MULTIPLICITY OF EVENTS  
ARE REQUIRED FOR  
MAJOR FUEL MELTING**

- SUCH COMBINATIONS ARE JUDGED  
NOT CREDIBLE
- EXAMPLES OF SUCH EVENTS INITIATED BY  
REACTIVITY ERRORS
  - 1. CRITICALITY DURING REFUELING  
FOUR ERRORS OR FAILURES
  - 2. STARTUP EXCURSION  
FOUR ERRORS OR FAILURES
  - 3. POWER SURGE  
THREE ERRORS OR FAILURES

## **PROBABILITY OF MULTIPLE EVENTS FOR CRITICALITY DURING REFUELING**

### **● MINIMUM CRITICALITY**

- VIOLATES REACTIVITY SHUTDOWN REQUIREMENTS .**
- MISTAKING ENRICHED FOR NATURAL FUEL .**
- > 95 TUBES MISCHARGED IN ONE REGION .**
  - > 1½ HOURS TO CHARGE .**
  - UNLIKELY CHARGE PATTERN .**
  - ALL IN MOST REACTIVE REGION .**
- NO SCRAM OF RESERVE RODS**
  - NO RECOGNITION OF HIGH FLUX SIGNAL OR NO SIGNAL RECEIVED .**

## REACTOR COOLING SYSTEMS

### HEAT REMOVAL CHARACTERISTICS

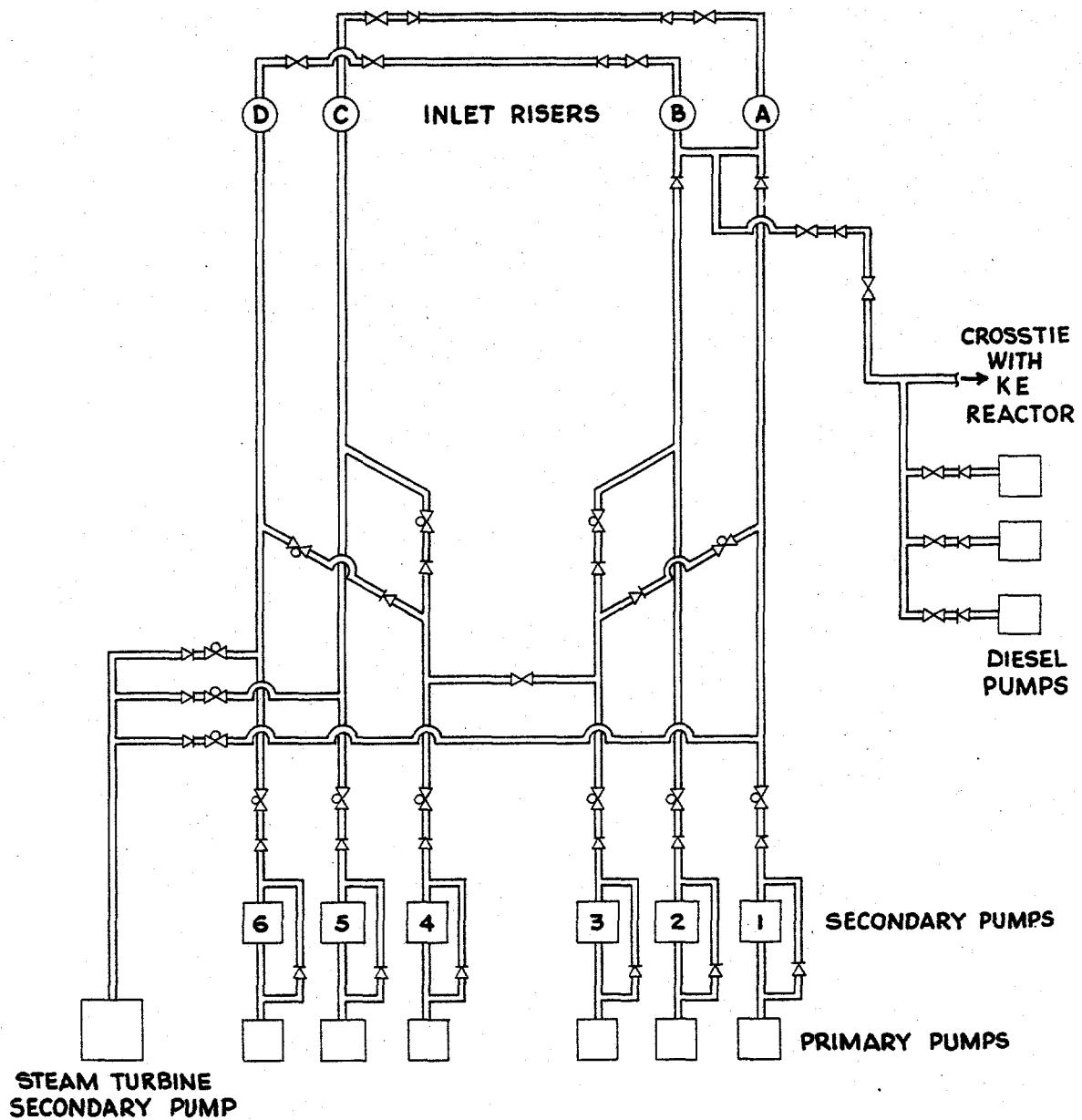
- LOCAL HEAT TRANSFER
- REMOVAL CAPABILITY
- REACTOR COMPONENT TEMPERATURE RESISTANCE
- MASSIVE GRAPHITE STACK
- SLOW INTERACTION BETWEEN TUBES

# REACTOR COOLING SYSTEMS

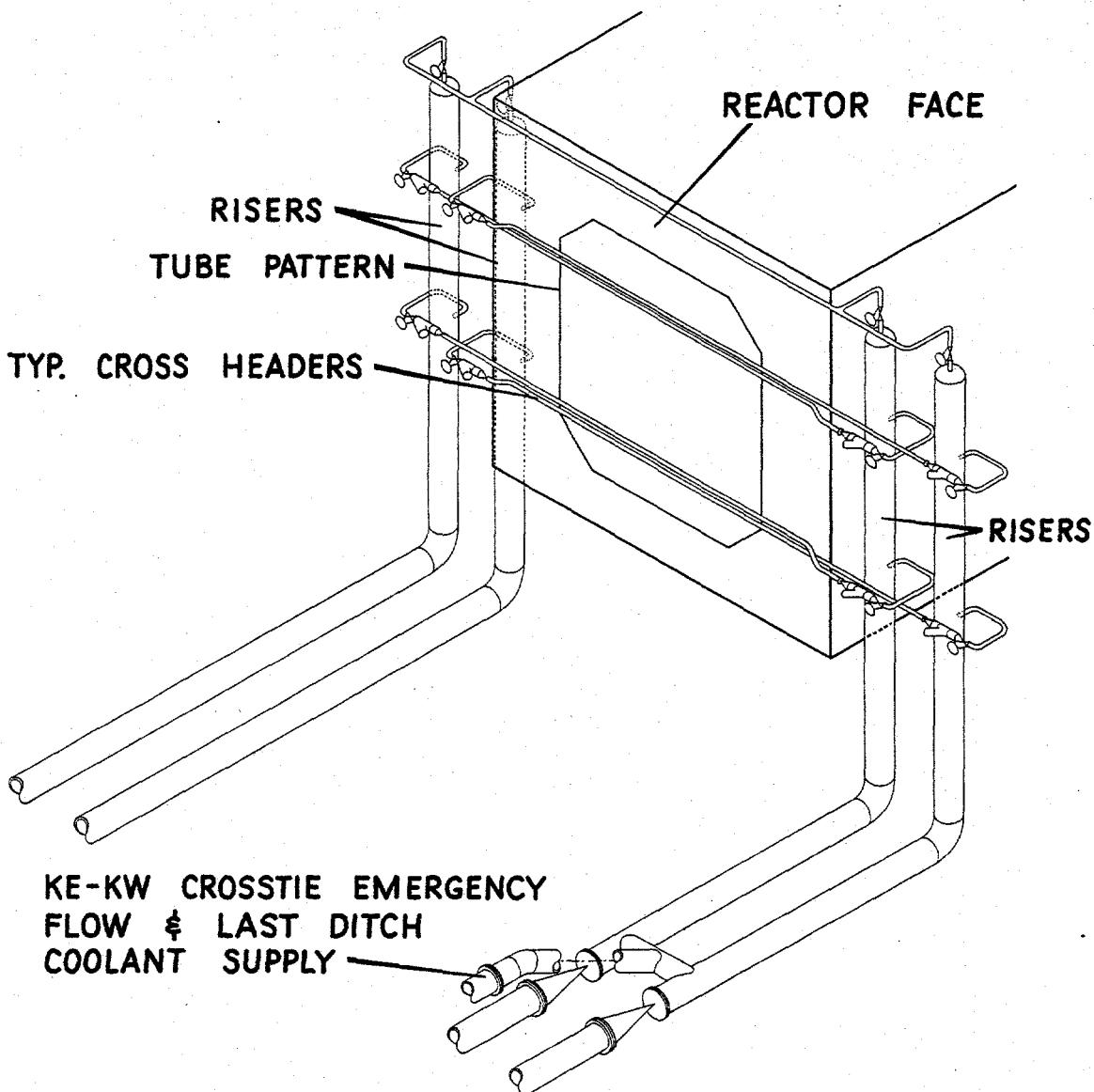
## DESIGN FEATURES

- COOLANT SYSTEM SIMPLICITY
- COOLANT FLOW STABILITY
  - SINGLE PHASE FLOW
  - SWEEPS OUT VOIDS
  - SCRAM CAPABILITY
- COOLANT SYSTEMS
  - RIVER
  - PRIMARY
  - SECONDARY
  - LAST DITCH
  - SHUTDOWN COOLING
- MULTIPLE PIPING
  - PRIMARY PUMPS
  - PIPE LINES
  - RISERS
  - CROSSHEADERS
- COOLANT BACK FLOW
  - PIGTAILS
  - NOZZLE
  - CROSSHEADER
- COMPONENT RELIABILITY
  - PIPING AND HARDWARE DESIGN
  - MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION
- FAILURE LIKELIHOOD
  - PIGTAIL
  - CROSSHEADER
  - RISER
  - PRIMARY PIPES

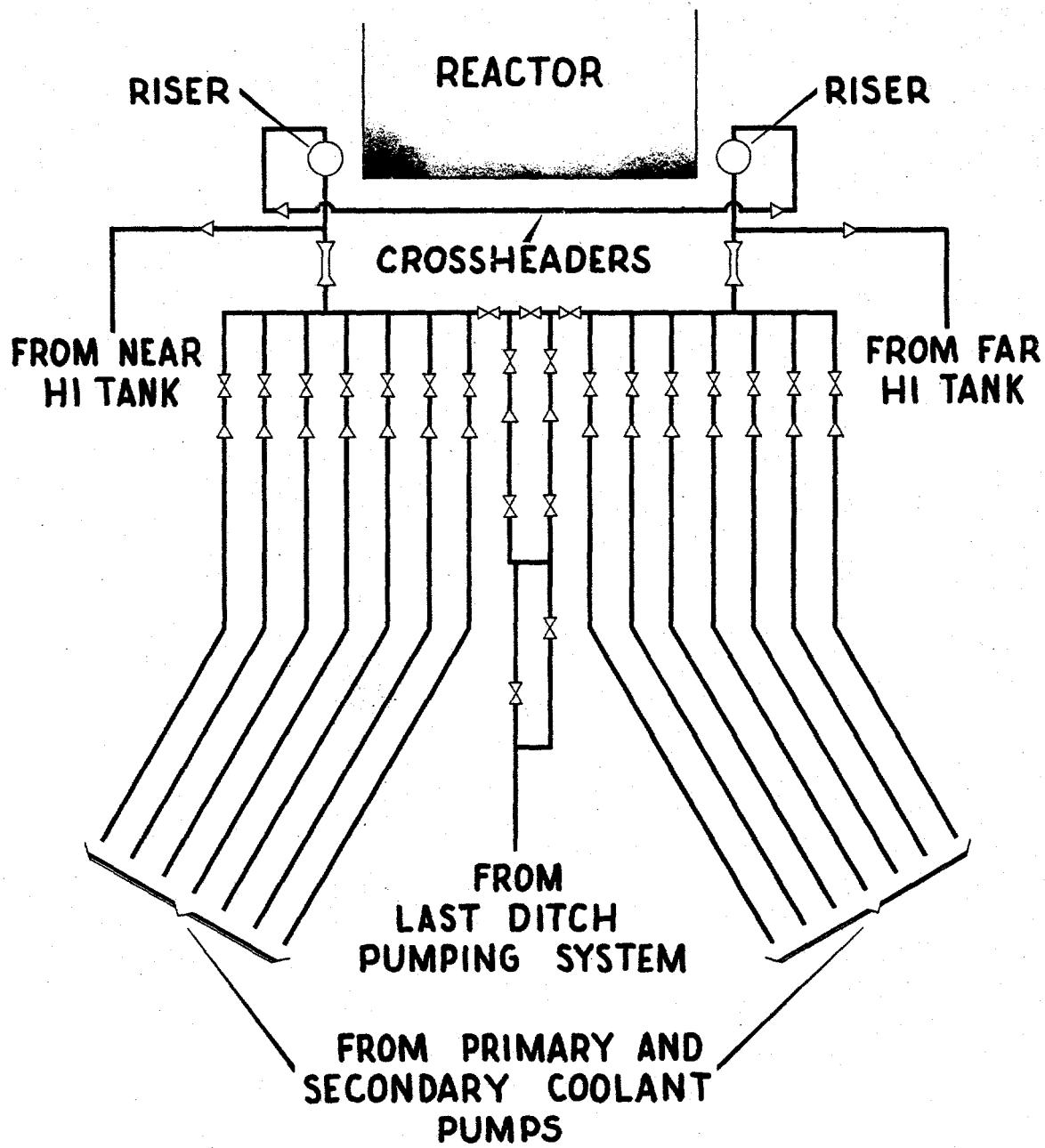
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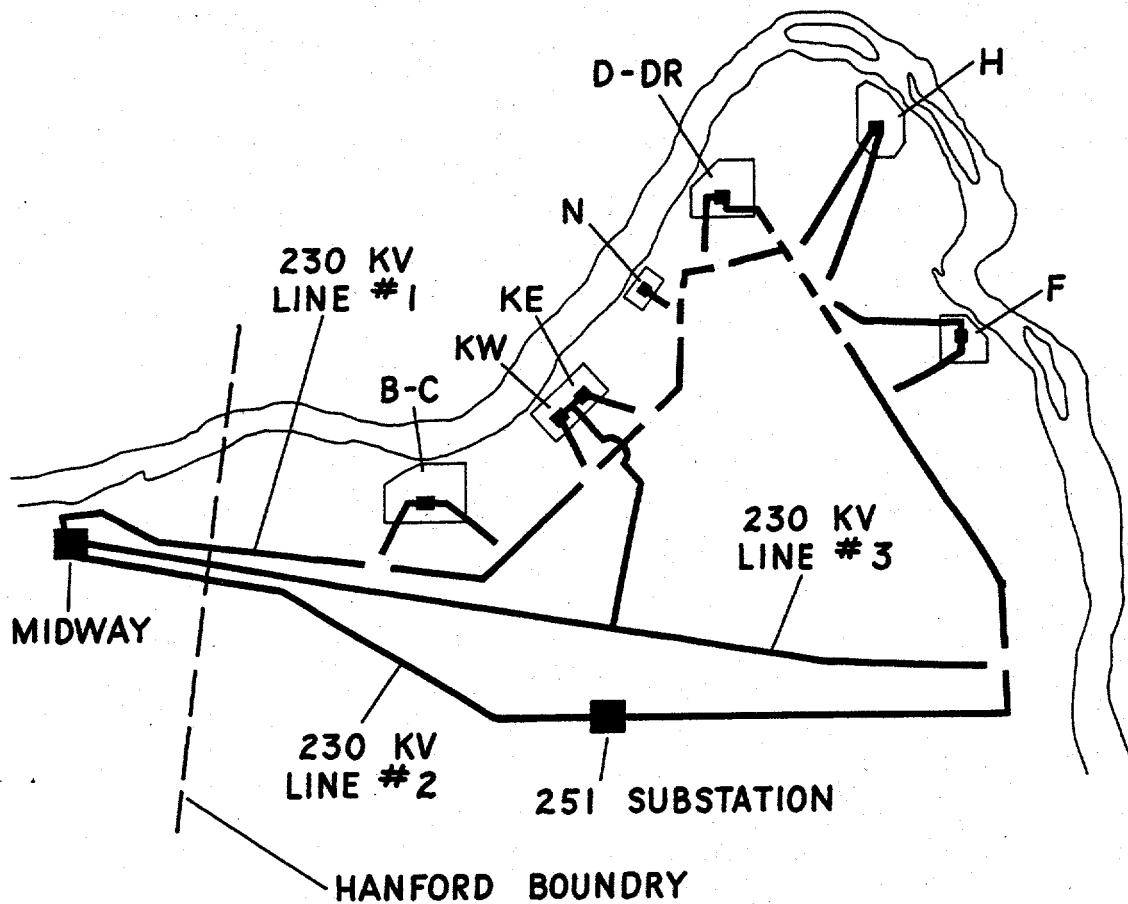
# K REACTOR INLET COOLANT PIPING



## B-D COOLANT PIPING SCHEMATIC



# HANFORD ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM



## **ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM**

### **MIDWAY SUBSTATION - 230 KV**

- BUSES SUPPLYING HANFORD ARE SUPPLIED BY  
TWO GENERATION SOURCES

### **HANFORD LOOP - 230 KV**

- THREE LINES IN SERVICE
- CLOSED LOOP OPERATION
- MINIMUM OF TWO BUS SECTIONS AT MIDWAY
- EACH SUBSTATION SUPPLIED BY TWO POWER SOURCES
- SINGLE FAILURE WILL NOT INTERRUPT ALL POWER  
TO 151 SUBSTATION
- FOLLOW CRITICAL POWER PROCEDURES
- REGULAR TESTING AND MAINTENANCE

### **HANFORD SUBSTATIONS - 13.8 KV 4.16 KV**

- CRITICAL LOAD DIVIDED AMONG DISTRIBUTION  
FEEDERS FROM SEPARATE BUSES

## **REMOTE TYPES OF ACCIDENTS**

- ACTS OF WAR OR SABOTAGE
- EXTENDED FLOW STOPPAGE OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER
- BREACH OF GRAND COULEE DAM
- FALLING OBJECT (airplane or meteor)
- SEVERE EARTHQUAKE

## REACTOR SAFETY PHILOSOPHY

### PREVENTION VS. CURE

- MULTIPLE SHUTDOWN SYSTEMS
- REDUNDANT COOLING SYSTEMS
- CONTAINMENT - CONFINEMENT

### NUCLEAR CONTROL & REACTOR COOLING

- PREVENTION OF REVERSIBLE ACCIDENTS
- NO ESCALATION OF IRREVERSIBLE
- OPERATION WITHOUT DEPENDING ON AUTOMATIC CORRECTION
- PREVENT RELEASE OF FISSION PRODUCTS
- PREVENT FUEL MELTING
- PREVENT BULK BOILING

# PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

## NUCLEAR CONTROL

- SPEED OF CONTROL - REQUIRES SUFFICIENTLY FAST EMERGENCY NUCLEAR CONTROL SO THAT UNDER ANY CREDIBLE ACCIDENT CONDITION THERE WOULD BE NO ESCALATION OF CONSEQUENCES BEYOND THOSE INEVITABLE .
- TOTAL CONTROL - REQUIRES SUFFICIENT STRENGTH OF EMERGENCY NUCLEAR CONTROL SO THAT UNDER ANY CREDIBLE ACCIDENT CONDITION THERE WOULD BE NO SIGNIFICANT INCREASE OF CONSEQUENCES BEYOND THE INEVITABLE .

## REACTOR COOLANT SUPPLY

- THREE, INDEPENDENT, RELIABLE SOURCES OF COOLING .
- FAILURE IN ONE SYSTEM CANNOT INDUCE FAILURE IN AN ALTERNATE .
- SUPPLY ADEQUATE COOLING .
- SINGLE COMPONENT FAILURE CANNOT RENDER SYSTEM INADEQUATE .
- ENGINEERING , CONSTRUCTION , OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE MEET APPLICABLE CODES AND STANDARDS .

## REACTOR SAFETY IMPLEMENTATION

### ORGANIZATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

- MANUFACTURING
- RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING

### FORMAL REACTOR SAFETY CONTROLS

- PROCESS STANDARDS
- PROCESS CHANGE AUTHORIZATION
- PRODUCTION TESTS AUTHORIZATION
- PROCESS IMPROVEMENT TRANSITION AUTHORIZATION
- DEVELOPMENT TESTS
- DESIGN CHANGES
- EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE STANDARDS
- STANDARDS OPERATING PROCEDURES

### FORMAL AUDITS

- MANUFACTURING
- RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING

## UNUSUAL EVENTS DURING THE PAST YEAR

- 7-10-64 H-REACTOR, FRONT FACE NOZZLE BROKEN OFF DURING CHARGE - DISCHARGE
- 10-25-64 C-REACTOR, FRONT FACE FITTING FAILURE DURING RISE OF WATER PRESSURE
- 10-25-64 KW- REACTOR, SHUTDOWN MANUALLY FROM 1 MW WHEN ENNUNCIATOR WOULDN'T CLEAR ON IN-CORE FLUX MONITOR TUBE. NO REAR PIGTAIL
- 10-28-64 C-REACTOR , TWO TUBES WITH HIGH PANELLIT PRESSURE-VENTURE INSERTS WERE MISSING
- 11-26-64 C-REACTOR , SHUTDOWN WITH TWO HALF-RODS CAUSING 210-300 MW POWER RISE IN 30 SEC.
- 2-26-65 D-REACTOR, SHORT IN 190-DR SUBSTATION. POWER DIP TO TWO 190-D PROCESS PUMPS. SCRAM
- 7-8-65 C-REACTOR OPERATED 12 HOURS WITH 25 OF 45 BALL 3X HOPPERS LOCKED OUT OF SERVICE
- 7-22-65 D-REACTOR, POWER INTERRUPTION TO 3 OF 4 BUSES. SCRAM - ALL SECONDARY EQUIPMENT FUNCTIONED
- 7-31-65 K-REACTOR, No 3 EMERGENCY BOILER FAILURE CAUSED MANUAL SHUTDOWN OF REACTOR

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C. Seismological Characteristics of Hanford Region

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SEISMOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE HANFORD REGIONI. INTRODUCTION

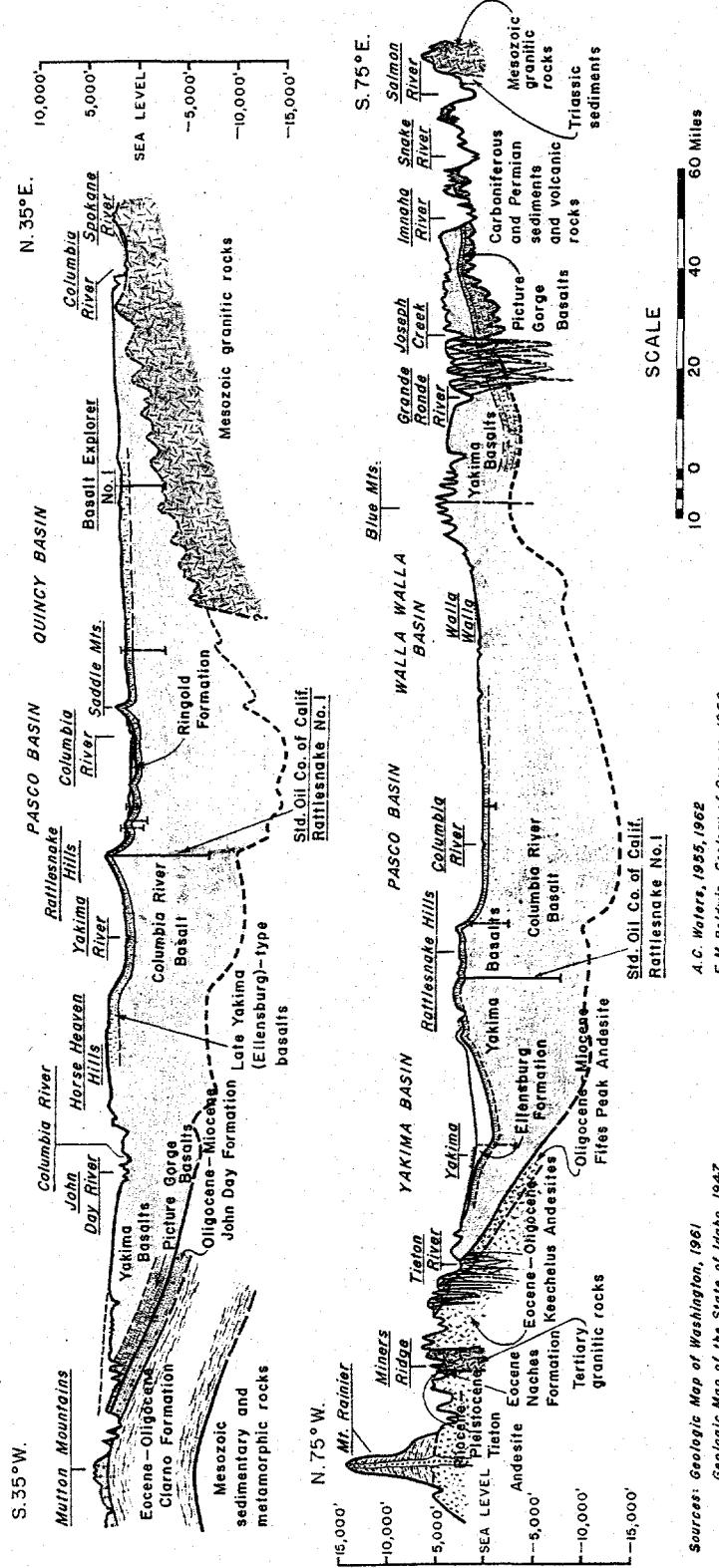
- A. Seismology is an interpretive and historical science.
  - 1. Earthquake records help tell of structures at depth that give rise to quakes.
  - 2. Seismic characteristics of area are determined from long record of quakes.

II. SEISMOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF HANFORD REGION

- A. Accumulating data from eight recording seismographs and Blue Mountain Observatory helping define characteristics.
  - 1. Epicenters of recent quakes as close as 20 mils away.
- B. Stability of area well established
  - 1. Tectonically more active areas on all sides.
  - 2. Thick series of high density basalts.
  - 3. Stresses relieved by minor slippage as stress occurs.
- C. Major threat from adjacent areas is minimized.
  - 1. Thick sedimentary sequence filters and absorbs waves to minimize hazard.
  - 2. Waves of 0.2 sec. period about only hazard.
  - 3. Quakes are lower in intensity at Hanford than at comparable distances elsewhere.
- D. Plans
  - 1. Strong motion seismographs (accelographs) to be installed to determine coupling factor and different response of reactors to same and different quakes.

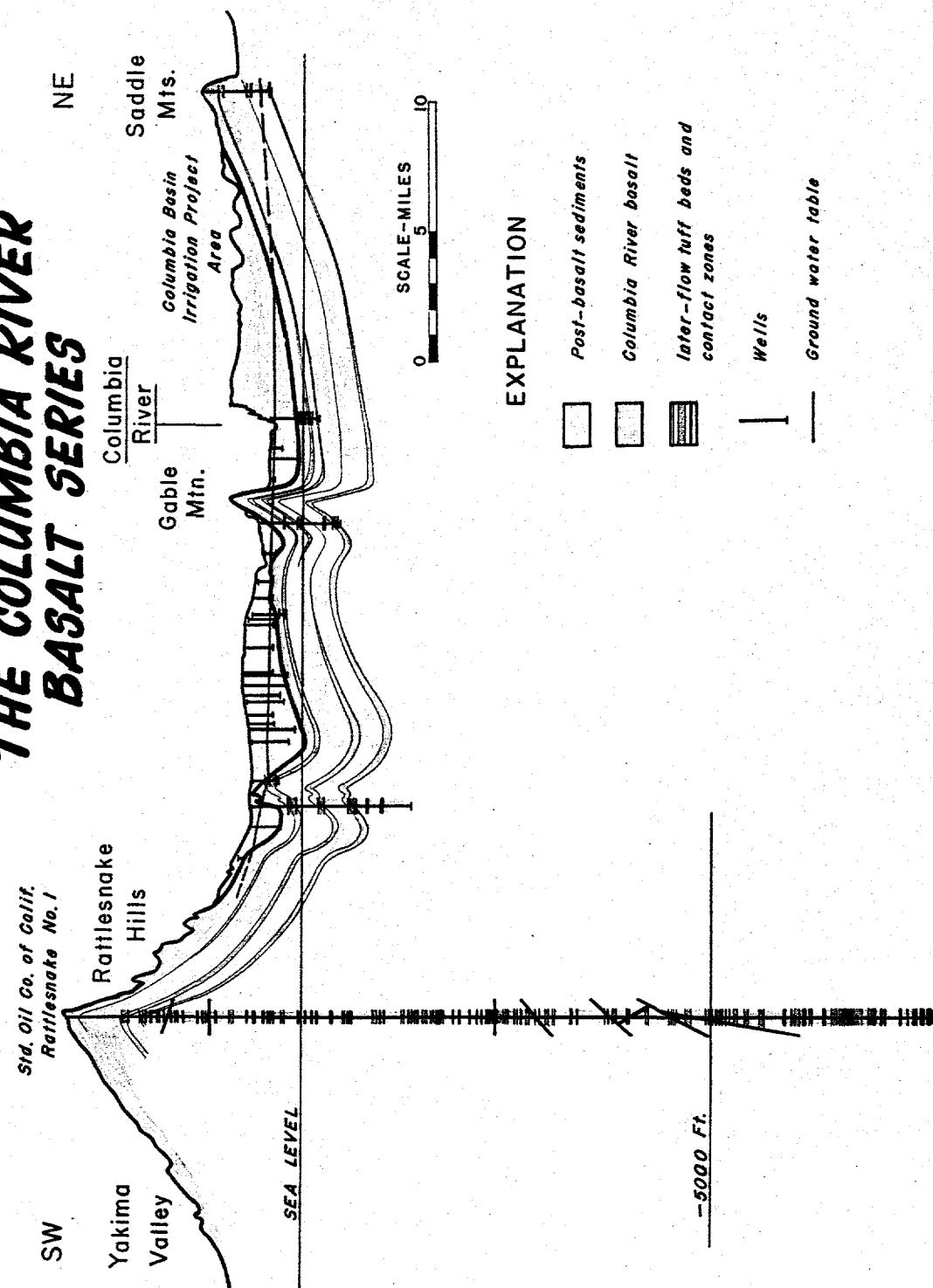
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GEOLOGIC CROSS SECTIONS  
COLUMBIA RIVER BASALT PLATEAU



*Sources: Geologic Map of Washington, 1961  
Geologic Map of the State of Idaho, 1947  
Geologic Map of Oregon West of the 121st Meridian, 1961  
Tectonic Map of the United States, 1962*

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III. PRESENTATION CHARTS AND OUTLINES (Cont.)

D. K-Reactor Power Level Limit

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# FACTORS AFFECTING REACTOR POWER LEVEL

## TECHNICAL FACTORS

1. REACTOR SAFETY    NUCLEAR CONTROL    SPEED OF CONTROL

	HEAT REMOVAL	SUB-COOLED BURNOUT EMERGENCY TRANSIENT BURNOUT BACKUP SYSTEM CAPACITY
2. CONTINUITY OF OPERATION	EFFLUENT SYSTEM DAMAGE	BULK OUTLET TEMPERATURE
3. ECONOMICS AND REACTOR LIFE	FUEL PERFORMANCE TUBE PERFORMANCE MODERATOR DAMAGE	EXPOSURE & POWER CORROSION GRAPHITE OXIDATION GRAPHITE CONTRACTION

## ADMINISTRATIVE FACTORS

1. ADMINISTRATIVE  
LIMITS    FISSION PRODUCT  
INVENTORY    POWER LEVEL

## **SPEED OF CONTROL**

### **UNIQUE PHILOSOPHY**

**SOLE PURPOSE IS TO  
ASSURE SUFFICIENTLY  
FAST EMERGENCY NUCLEAR  
CONTROL SO THAT UNDER  
ANY CREDIBLE ACCIDENT  
CONDITION THERE WOULD  
BE NO ESCALATION BEYOND  
THE CONSEQUENCES  
INEVITABLE .**

**CRITERION ESTABLISHED IN  
1956 - 7. REVIEWED BY ACRS**

## **SPEED-OF-CONTROL CRITERION**

THE OPERATION OF THE HANFORD REACTORS SHALL BE SUCH THAT IN THE EVENT OF A POWER EXCURSION RESULTING FROM ANY CREDIBLE COMBINATION OF EVENTS, AND INCLUDING COMPLETE AND PERMANENT LOSS OF COOLANT, THE RESPONSE OF THE REACTOR SAFETY CONTROL SYSTEM SHALL BE SUFFICIENT TO INSURE THAT NO ENERGY STATE WILL DEVELOP DURING THE EXCURSION WHICH WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE ACCIDENT.

## **SPEED OF CONTROL LIMIT**

- RAPID COOLANT LOSS KEY ACCIDENT IN SETTING LIMIT.
- INTENT TO DELAY MELTING - NO VIOLENT RELEASE.
- AN EQUILIBRIUM POWER EXISTS WHERE CONTROL RESPONSE JUST FAST ENOUGH TO MEET CRITERIA.
- SIMULTANEOUS EVENTS - SOLUTION TRACTABLE BY SPATIAL KINETICS.
- SAFETY MARGIN ESTABLISHED BY COMBINATION OF CONSERVATIVE ASSUMPTIONS OF KEY PARAMETERS.

## SPEED OF CONTROL SAFETY MARGIN K REACTOR

<u>PARAMETER</u>	<u>CONSERVATIVE ASSUMPTION</u>	<u>EFFECT ON LIMIT</u>
PRESSURE DECAY	ONE SECOND LOSS	NO CREDIT
PRESSURE GAUGE RESPONSE	0.1 SECOND TOO LONG	-500 Mw
SAFETY ROD STRENGTH	0.3 % k TOO WEAK	-150 Mw
SAFETY ROD RESPONSE	0.2 SECOND TOO LONG	-1000 Mw
VOID COEFFICIENT	0.25 % k ADDED	-600 Mw
POWER LIBERATED- GRAPHITE	ASSUMED LIBER- ATED IN FUEL	- 5%
		2520 $\mu$ w

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## **SPEED OF CONTROL MARGIN**

- MINIMUM LIMIT - K REACTOR

CALCULATED VALUE	5400 MW
COMBINED MARGIN	2520 MW
"TRUE" LIMIT	7920 MW

THUS MARGIN IS 50% - REACTOR IS CONTROLLED  
BY CALCULATED LIMIT

## **ADMINISTRATION OF LIMIT**

- PROCESS STANDARDS - VARIABLES
- GRAPHITE TEMPERATURE AND FUEL EXPOSURE  
MONITORED CONTINUOUSLY
- ROD SPEEDS AND CIRCUIT DELAYS MEASURED  
FREQUENTLY
- NO CONSEQUENCES OF THEMSELVES OF  
EXCEEDING LIMIT

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## **INTERPRETATION OF THE SPEED-OF-CONTROL CRITERION**

THE ENERGY GENERATED IN AN EXCURSION ACCOMPANYING LOSS OF COOLANT SHALL NOT BE SUFFICIENT TO CAUSE THE SURFACE TEMPERATURE OF ANY FUEL ELEMENT IN THE REACTOR TO REACH THE MELTING POINT OF URANIUM UNTIL THE POWER GENERATION OF THAT HOTTEST FUEL ELEMENT RETURNS TO ITS PRE-ACCIDENT VALUE.

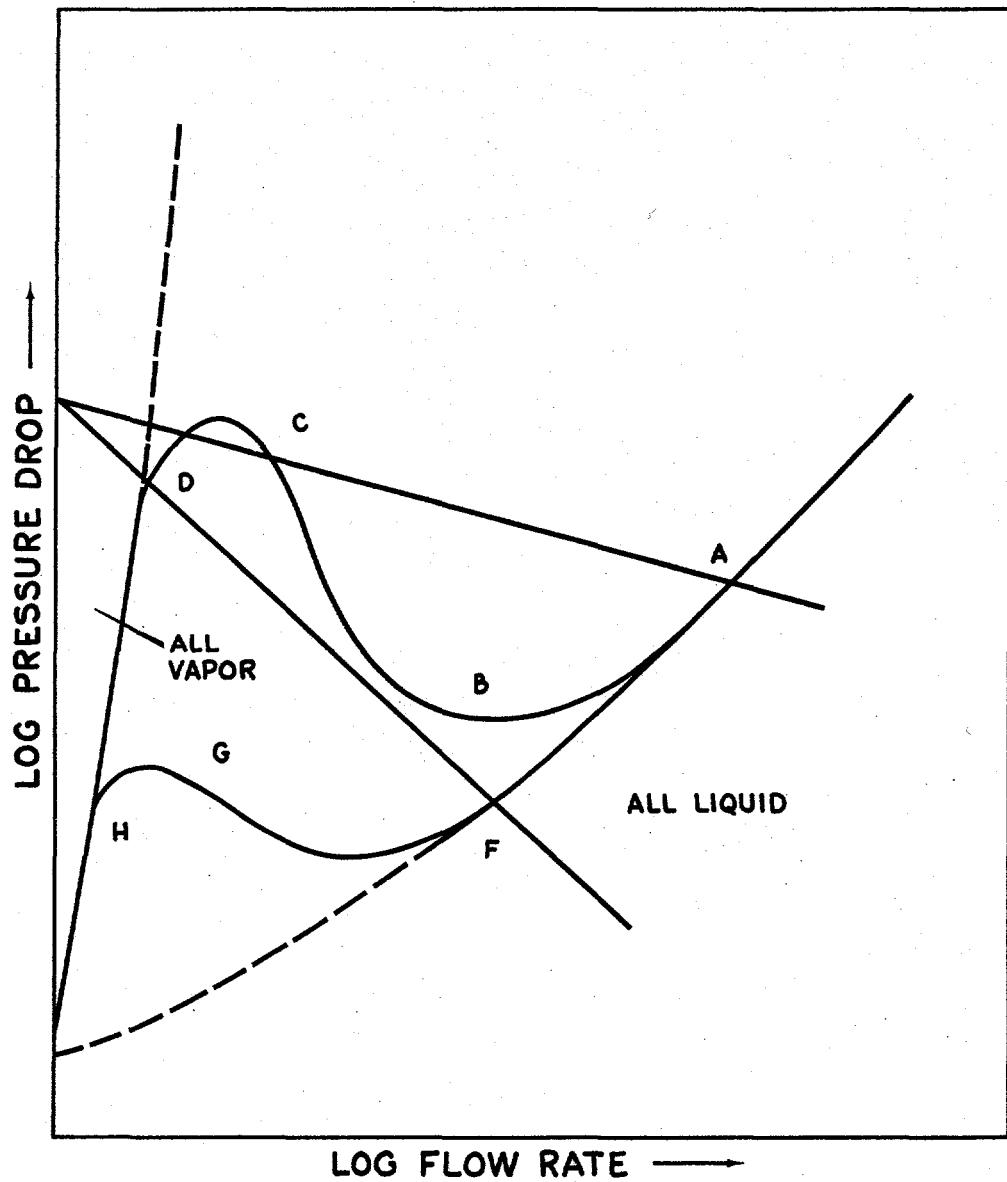
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## **EMERGENCY REACTOR COOLING**

- **PHILOSOPHY AND SAFETY MARGINS**
  - PREVENT BOILING
  - HEAT REMOVAL DEMAND
  - 15% CONSERVATISM
- **SECONDARY COOLANT SYSTEM ADEQUACY**
  - SUPPORT 7500 OPERATION
  - NO DETAILED ERROR ANALYSIS
- **LAST-DITCH COOLANT SYSTEM**
  - FLOW MEASUREMENT
  - 6% FACTOR
- **ADEQUACY DURING UNEXPECTED POWER LEVEL SERGES**

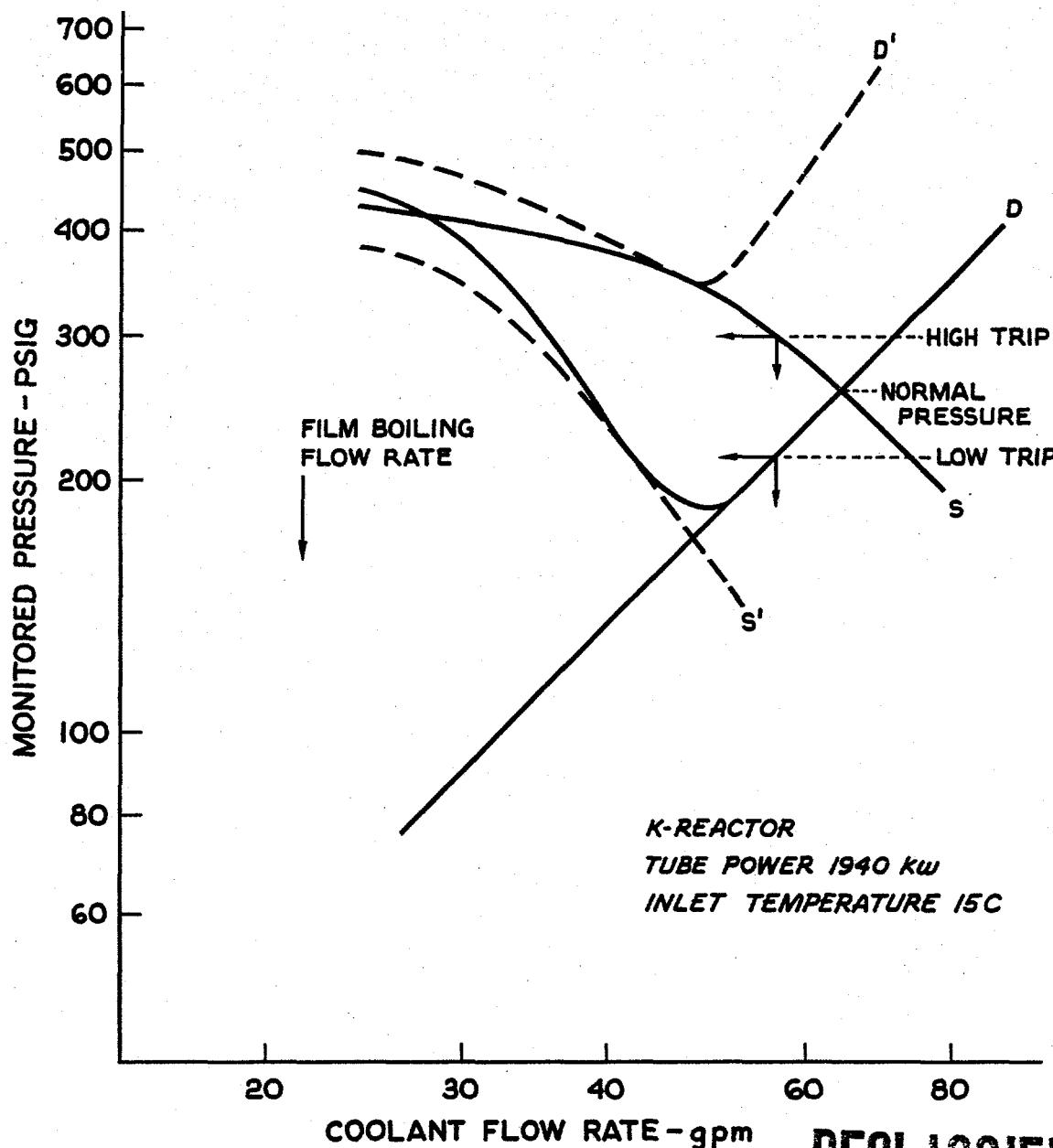
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# INSTABILITY CURVES



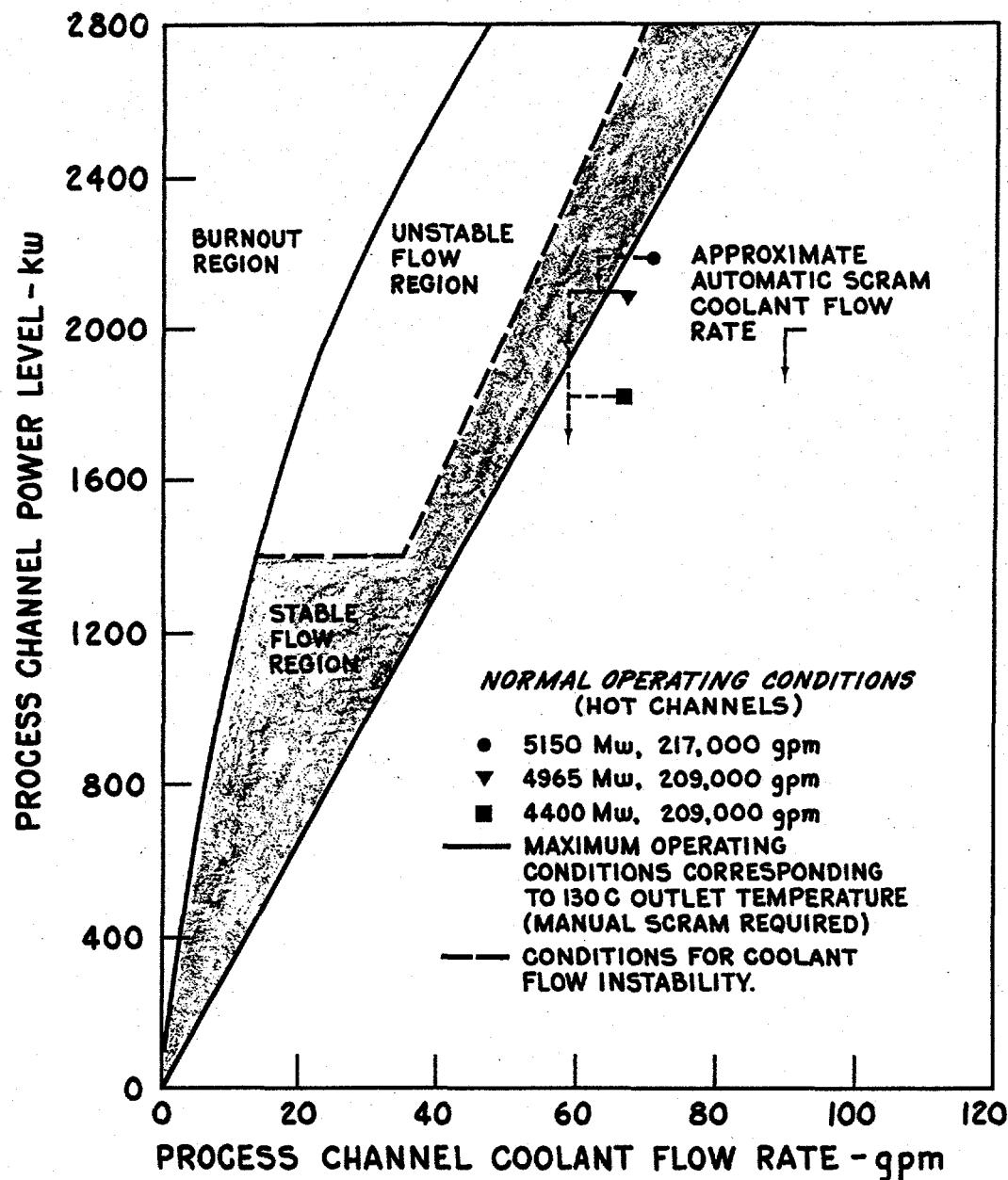
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# INSTABILITY TRIPS



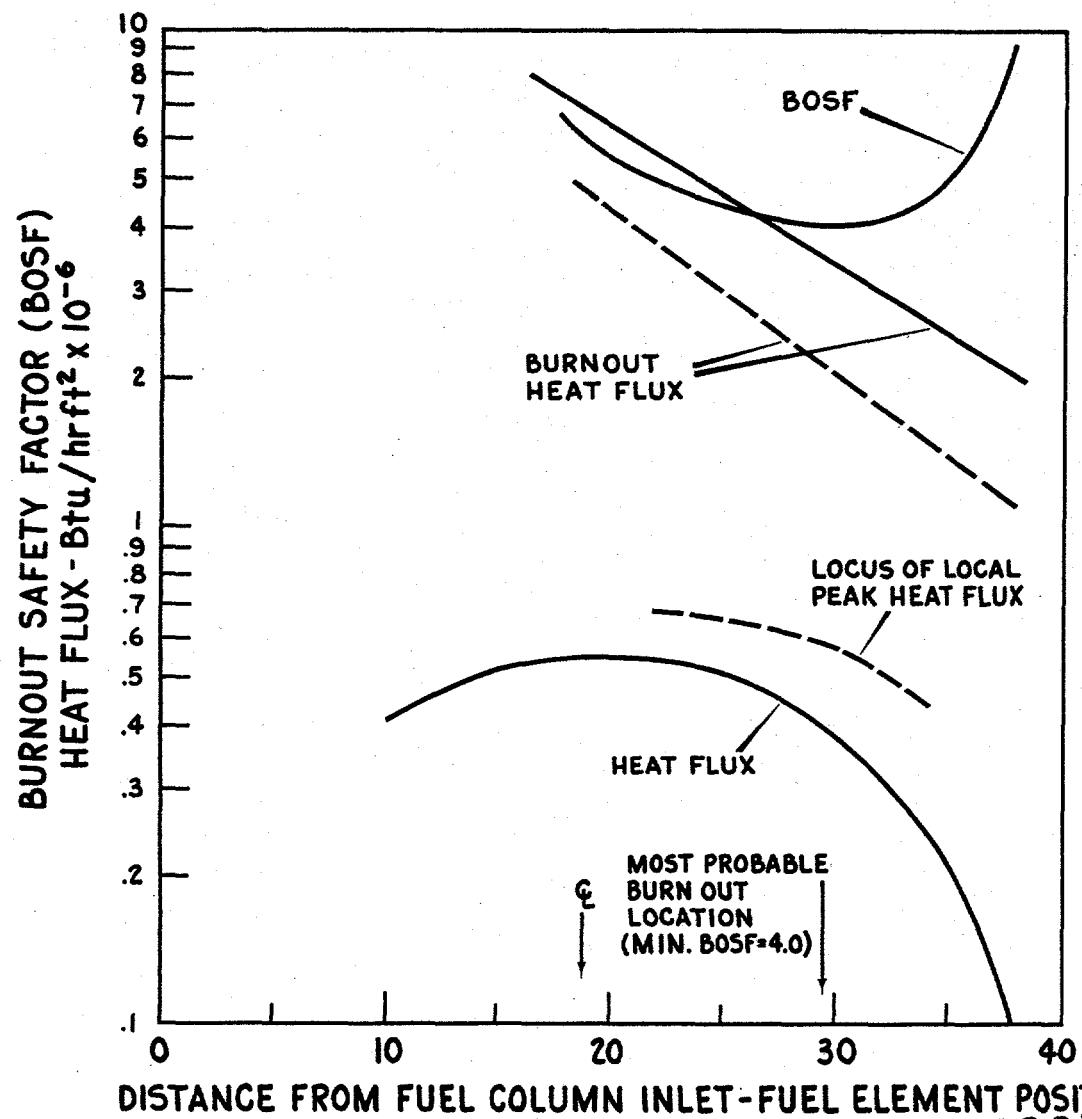
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# INSTABILITY LIMITS



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K REACTOR NATURAL URANIUM  
COLUMN HOT CHANNEL  
4965 MW - 209,000 gpm



DISTANCE FROM FUEL COLUMN INLET - FUEL ELEMENT POSITION

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**K REACTOR POWER LEVEL  
LIMITS-MW  
-REACTOR LIFE & OPERATING CONTINUITY-**

	PREVIOUS	NATURAL LOADING	E-Q LOADING	PROJECTED 65-66
<b>BULK OUTLET TEMPERATURE</b>	4870	4965*	4965*	5150**
<b>GRAPHITE TEMPERATURE</b>	4400	4700	4700	5150
<b>SPECIFIC FUEL TEMPERATURE</b>	9000	9000	8100	9000

\* REACTOR FLOW - 209,000 gpm -  
INLET WATER TEMPERATURE 5°C

\*\* REACTOR FLOW - 217,000 gpm -  
INLET WATER TEMPERATURE 5°C

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**K REACTOR POWER LEVEL  
LIMITS-MW  
"NUCLEAR SAFETY"**

	<u>PREVIOUS</u>	<u>NATURAL LOADING</u>	<u>E-Q LOADING</u>	<u>PROJECTED 65-66</u>
<b>SPEED OF CONTROL (COOLANT LOSS)</b>	6000	5400	8500	5400
<b>EMERGENCY COOLING CAPABILITY</b>				
SECONDARY SYSTEM	7500	7500	7500	7500
LAST-DITCH SYSTEM	5100	5100-6000	5100-6000	6000
<b>INDIVIDUAL TUBE COOLANT INSTABILITY</b>	5170	5600	5530	5750
<b>FUEL BURNOUT</b>	6800	6800	6800	6800

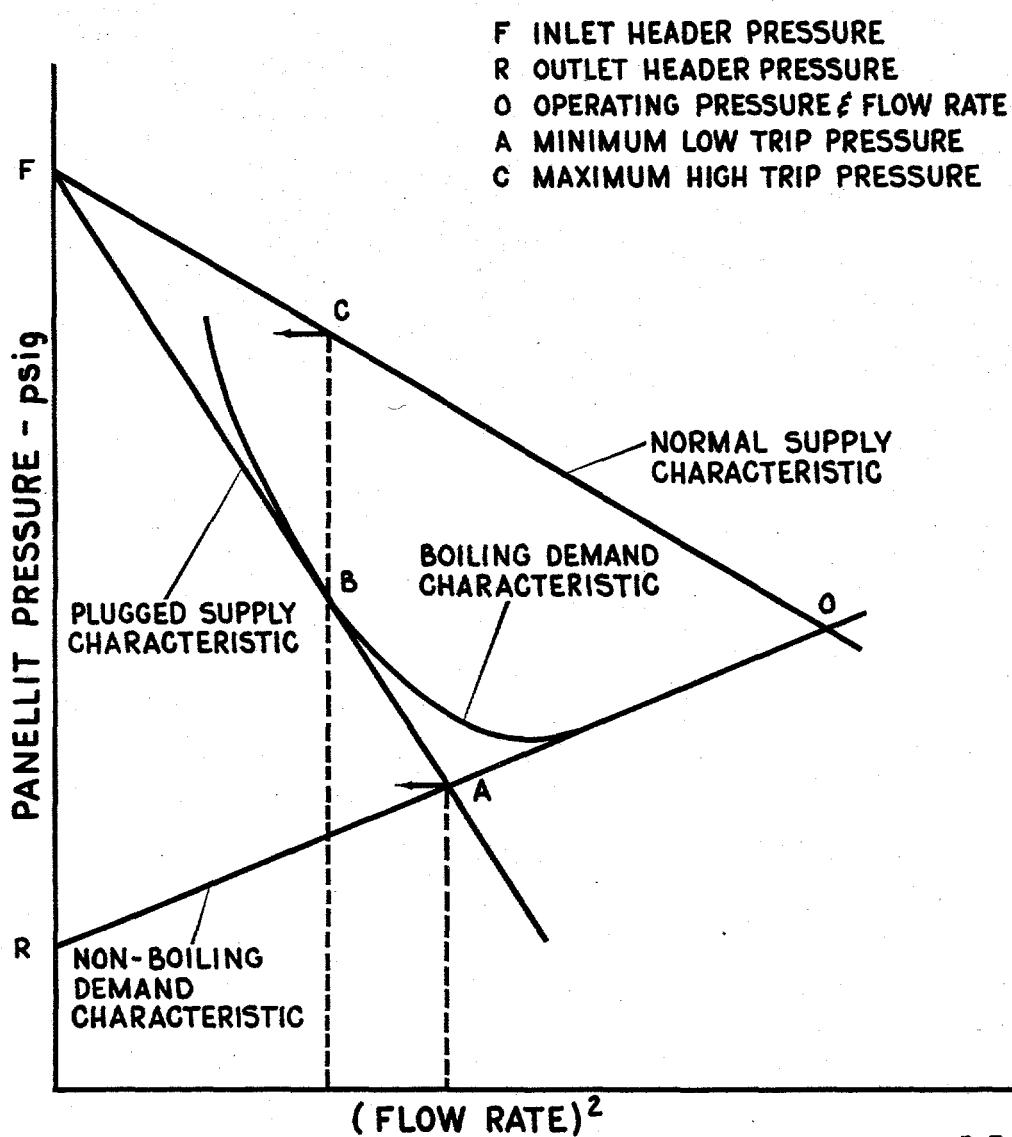
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## B, D, & C REACTOR POWER LEVEL LIMITS MW

<u>LIMITS</u>	<u>B &amp; D REACTORS</u>	<u>C REACTOR</u>
<b>NUCLEAR SAFETY</b>		
SPEED OF CONTROL	2,760	2,600
EMERGENCY COOLING CAPABILITY		
SECONDARY SYSTEM	3,945	6,260
LAST DITCH SYSTEM	2,300	3,550
INDIVIDUAL TUBE COOLANT		
INSTABILITY	2,550	2,920
FUEL BURNOUT	4,400	3,400
<b>REACTOR LIFE &amp; OPERATING CONTINUITY</b>		
<b>BULK OUTLET TEMPERATURES</b>		
WITH CURRENT FLOW RATE	2,110	2,425
WITH INCREASED FLOW RATE	2,305	2,540
SPECIFIC FUEL TEMPERATURES	4,950	5,100
OLD ADMINISTRATIVE LIMIT	2,090	2,310
<b>ASSUMPTIONS</b>		
COLD WATER INLET	- 5 °C	
ORIFICING EFFICIENCY	- B & D - 81%	C - 85%

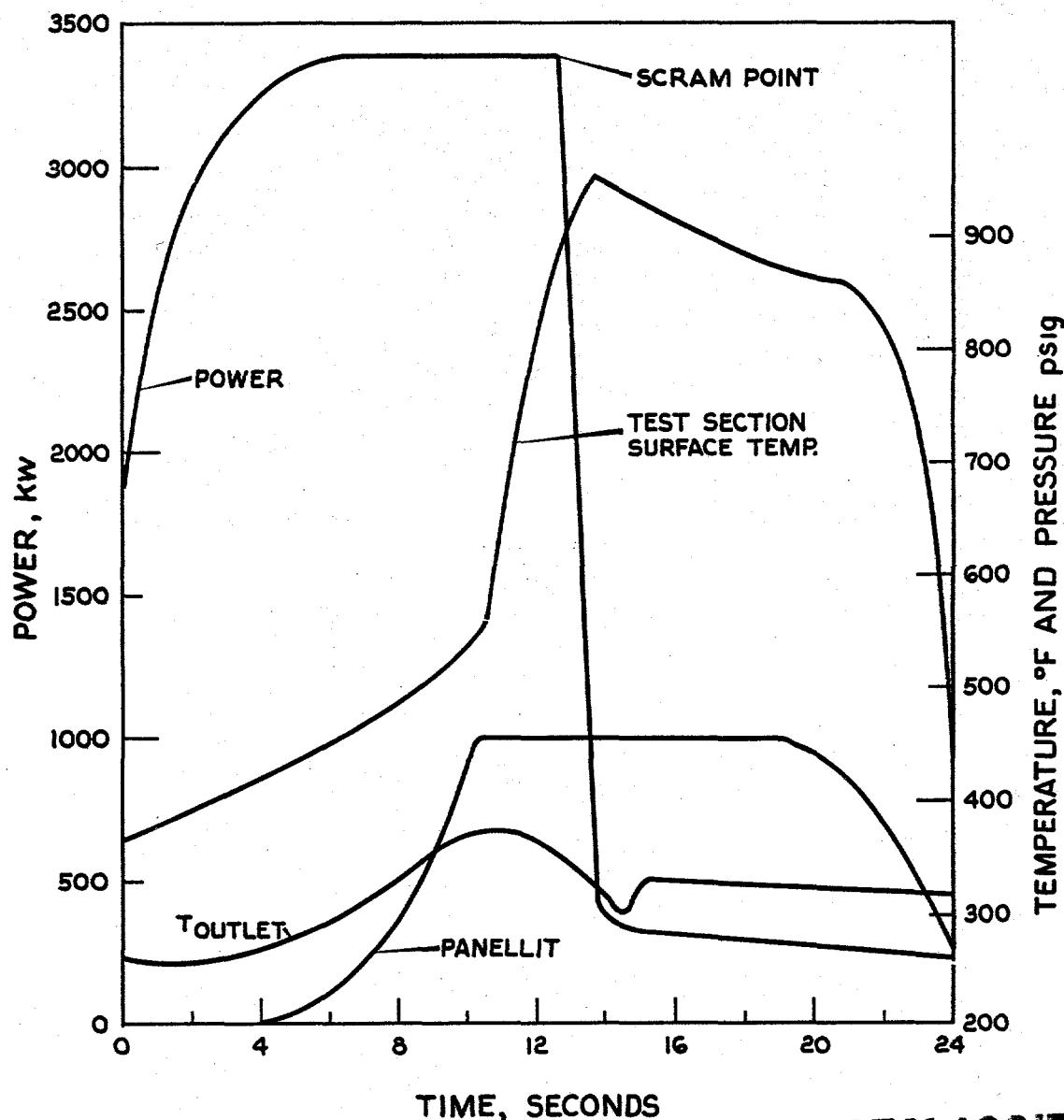
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## ILLUSTRATION OF INSTABILITY LIMITS



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## PLOT OF DATA FROM POWER SURGE TEST



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### III. PRESENTATION CHARTS AND OUTLINES (Cont.)

E. Progress Report on Confinement Studies for the Production Reactors

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# 1965 HANFORD CONFINEMENT STUDIES ANALYTICAL WORK

## PURPOSE

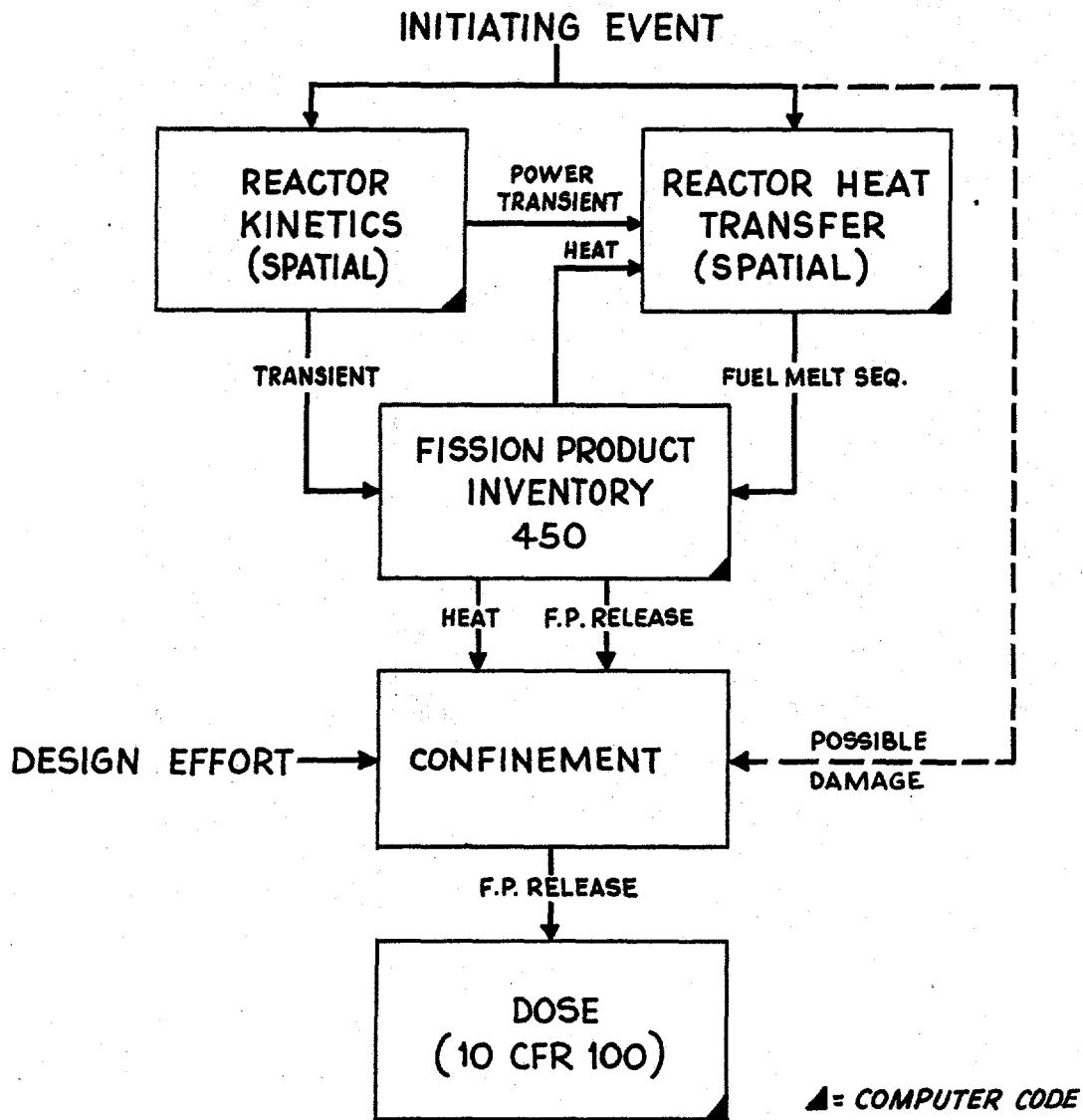
- CHARACTERIZATION OF LARGE ACCIDENTS
- REDUCTION IN CONSERVATISM
- IMPROVED SOPHISTICATING AND UPDATING
- TESTING AGAINST 10-CFR-100

## ACCIDENTS UNDER STUDY

- FAILURE OF A SINGLE CROSSHEADER (MCA)
- FAILURE SO AS TO CAUSE LOSS OF COOLANT  
TO HALF OF TUBES
- FAILURE SO AS TO CAUSE LOSS OF COOLANT  
TO ENTIRE REACTOR

# 1965 HANFORD CONFINEMENT STUDY

## ELEMENTS OF MODEL



# HANFORD CONFINEMENT EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM

## F-REACTOR TESTS (COMPLETED)

- FILTER EFFICIENCY
- NEW TESTING METHODS
- IODINE PLATEOUT
- FOG SPRAY EFFECT
- FOAM EFFECT

## FIVE YEAR R/D PROGRAM ELEMENTS

- FISSION PRODUCT RELEASE UPON CLAD MELT
- METHYL-IODIDE - FORMATION AND ABSORPTION
- COOLANT BOILOUT RATES
- PLATEOUT
- NOBLE GAS RETENTION
- ALTERNATE RELEASE PATHS
- FUEL TUBE MELTDOWN CHARACTERISTICS
- HEAT SINK FOR INTERMEDIATE COOLANT LOSS
- CONFINEMENT AIDS
- IN-PLACE FILTER TESTING

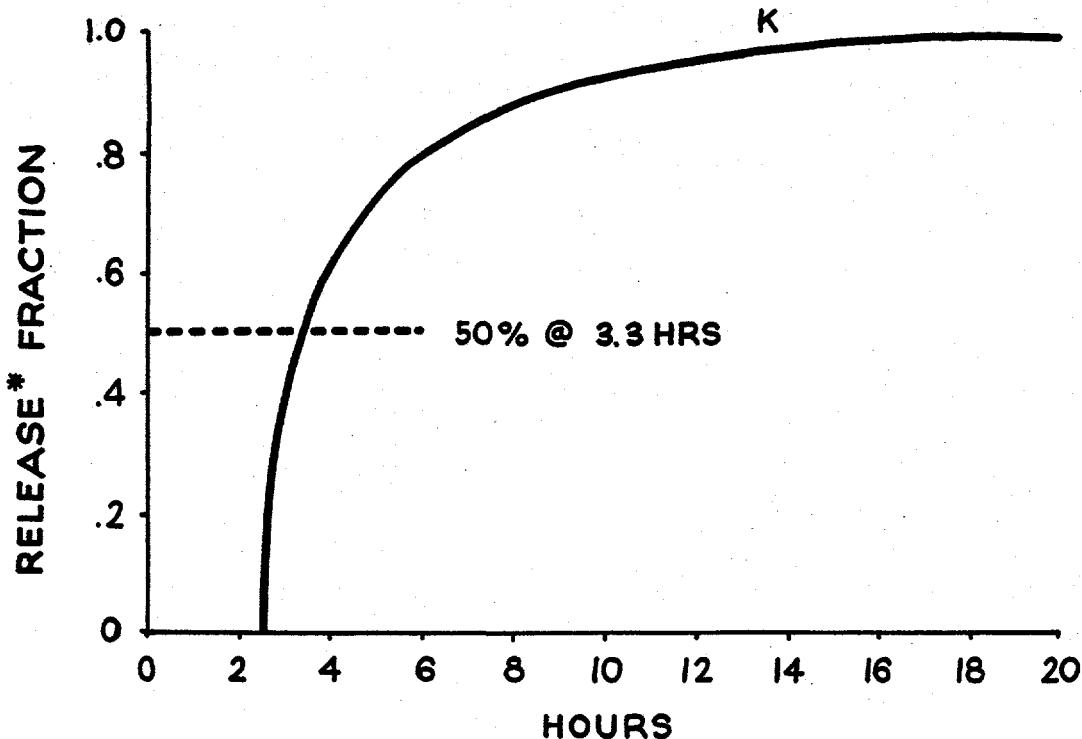
# 1965 HANFORD CONFINEMENT STUDY STATUS AND RESULTS

## ANALYTICAL WORK

- NO FUEL MELTING IN SINGLE-HEADER LOSS
- FUEL MELTING MAY NOT OCCUR IN LOSS OF EVERY OTHER HEADER
- ALL FUEL MELTS IN CASE OF TOTAL COOLANT LOSS. K REACTOR - FIRST MELTING IN 2.7 HOURS. (SEE CURVE)
- FISSION PRODUCT INVENTORY COMPILED
- EXCURSION ACCOMPANYING COOLANT LOSS HAS LITTLE EFFECT ON CONSEQUENCES IF PROMPTLY TURNED AROUND BY SCRAM
- NEW METEROLOGY MODEL GIVES FIVEFOLD DOSE REDUCTION (FROM CLOUD) DUE TO WIND VARIABILITY FOR 8 HOUR RELEASE COMPARED TO 10 MINUTE RELEASE.

**ACCUMULATIVE FRACTION OF  
ORIGINAL INVENTORY RELEASED\*  
FOLLOWING COOLANT LOSS**

(DECAY NEGLECTED)



\* RELEASE = MELTING

# 1965 HANFORD CONFINEMENT STUDY STATUS & RESULTS CONT'D

## F CONFINEMENT TESTS

- IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED IN FILTER TESTING
- NEW TEST METHODS ENCOURAGING
- 75 % IODINE PLATEOUT
- FOG SPRAY EFFECTIVE ON HALOGENS
- FOG SPRAY NOT EFFECTIVE ON NOBLES
- FOAM WILL TRAP AND BRING TO GROUND FISSION  
GASES PERMITTING EXTENDED RELEASE AS  
FOAM EVAPORATES

## **PRESENT CONFINEMENT STANDARDS & TESTING**

### **EFFICIENCY**

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>DESIGN</u>	<u>STANDARDS*</u>
ABSOLUTE	99.99%	99.90 %
CHARCOAL	99.0 %	95.0 %

\* REJECTION ON SINGLE FILTER

### **TESTING**

<u>METHOD</u>	<u>FREQUENCY</u>
VISUAL	QUARTERLY
DOP	ANNUALLY
IODINE RETENTION	ANNUALLY

# F-REACTOR CONFINEMENT TESTS

## ABSOLUTE FILTERS

## METHOD

# DETECTABLE PENETRATION

STDS.\* LAB. FIELD

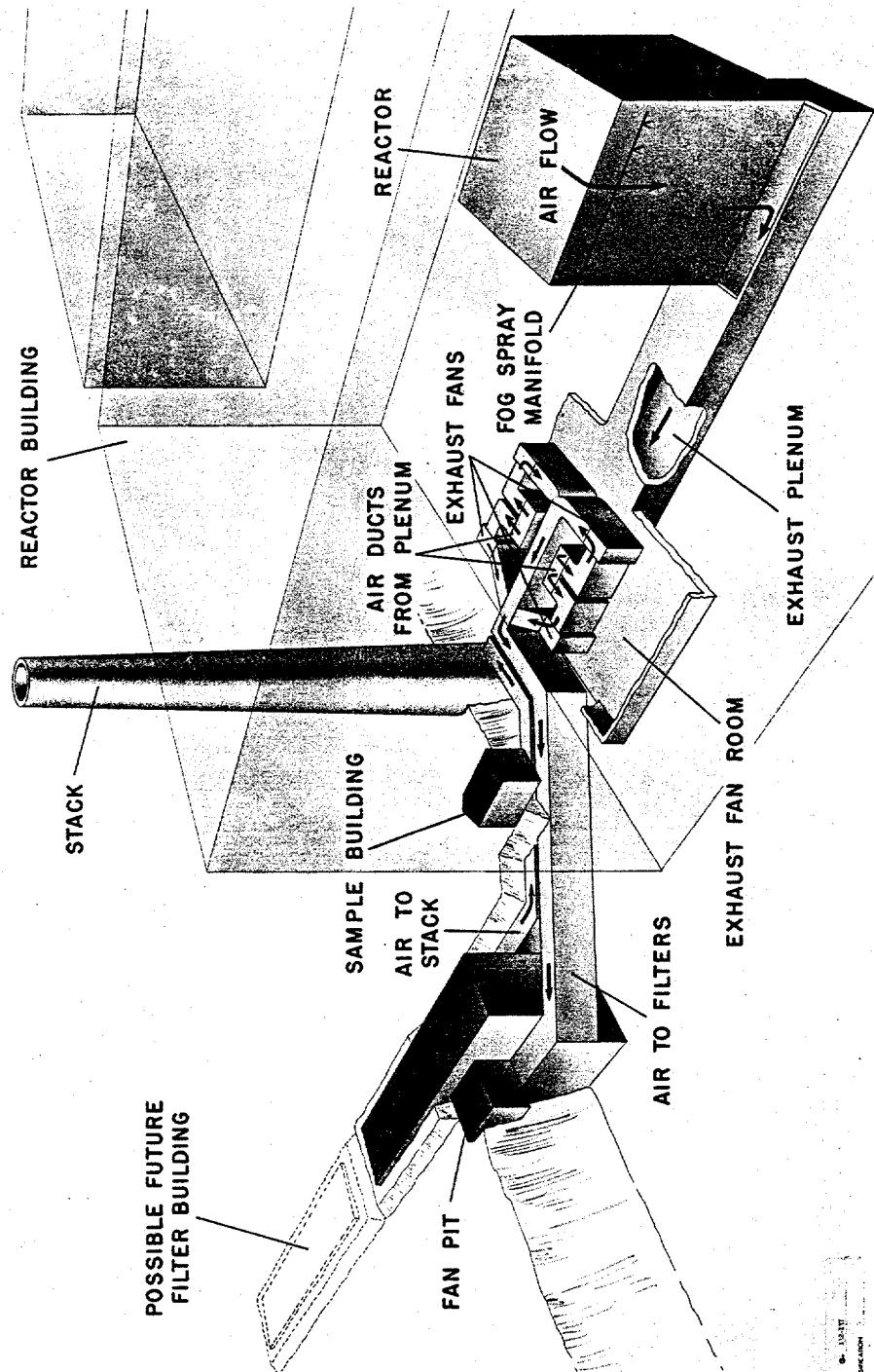
- DOP(DIOCTAL PHTHALATE) 0.1% 0.01%±0.01% —
- URANINE DYE 0.1% 0.05%±0.01% 0.1%±0.05%
- CONDENSATION NUCLEI(NaCL) 0.1% 0.05%-0.5% 0.05%-0.05%

## CHARCOAL FILTERS

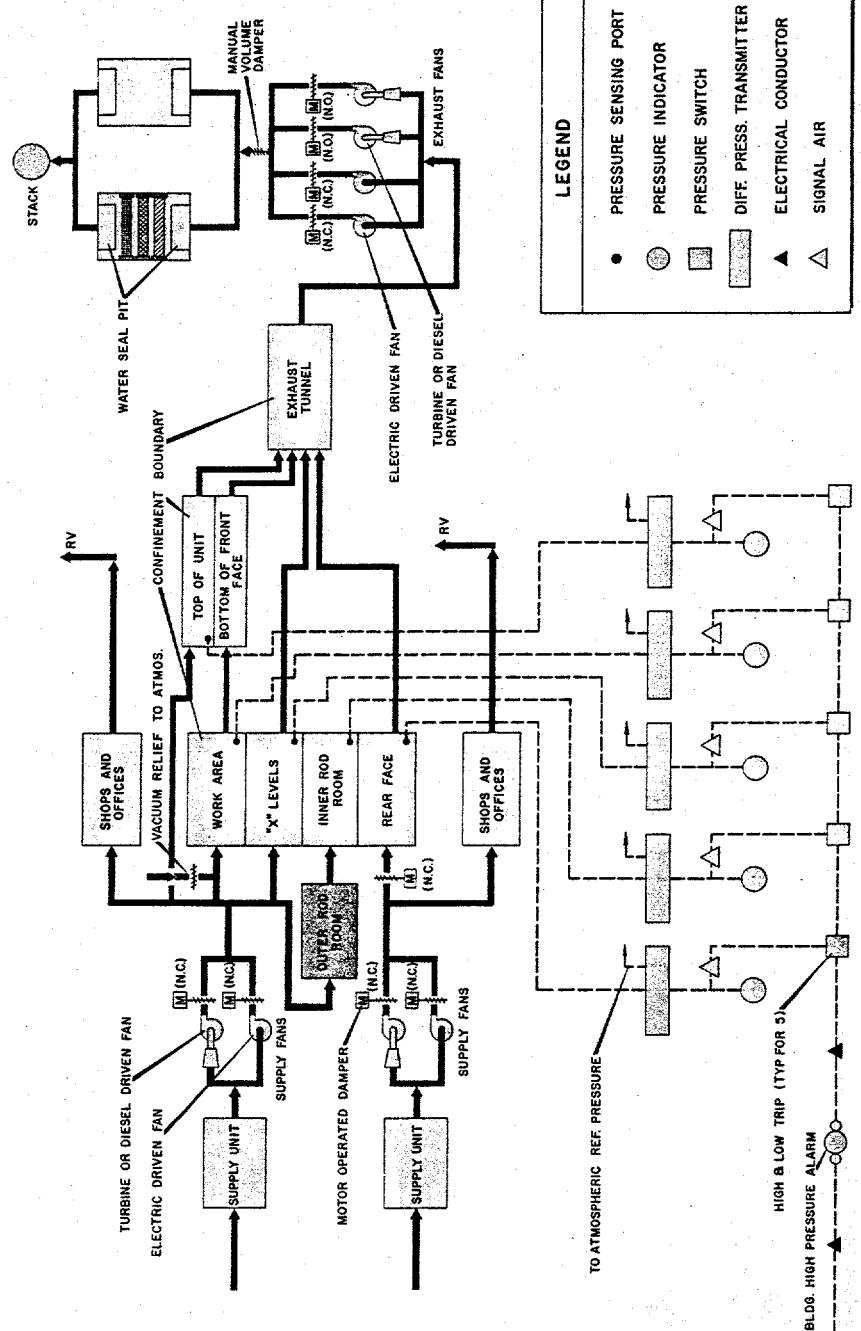
- IODINE 5%\* 0.1% I-131 ? I-128
- CONDENSATION NUCLEI (UNDER DETERMINATION)

\* FOR REJECTION ON SINGLE FILTER

**PROJECT CCI-791 REACTOR CONFINEMENT  
FACILITY LAYOUT**



# CC-791 TYPICAL FLOW DIAGRAM



# **REACTOR CONFINEMENT SYSTEM POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS**

- 1. FOG SPRAY SYSTEM**
- 2. WASTE DISPOSAL SYSTEM**
- 3. EFFLUENT SYSTEM TRAPPING & VENTING**
- 4. EXHAUST FAN DRIVE & AIR CONTROL IMPROVEMENTS**
- 5. FOAM GENERATORS**
- 6. FILTRATION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS**
- 7. LOW PRESSURE GAS STORAGE**
- 8. LAST DITCH COOLANT SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS**

# **REACTOR CONFINEMENT SYSTEM ALTERNATE CONCEPTS**

**I. NOBLE GAS RETENTION**

**2. HIGH PRESSURE GAS STORAGE**

**3. 0.3 PSI BUILDING SEAL**

**4. 1.0 PSI BUILDING SEAL**

**5. 2.0 PSI CONTAINMENT DOME**

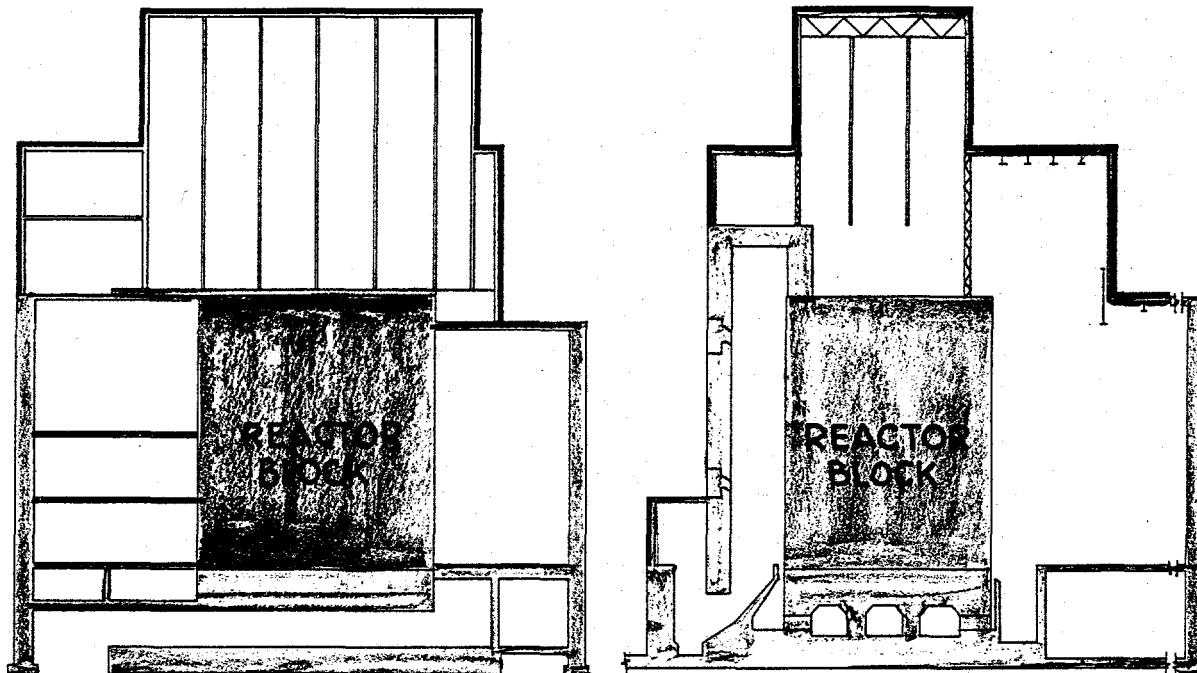
**6. HIGH STACK**

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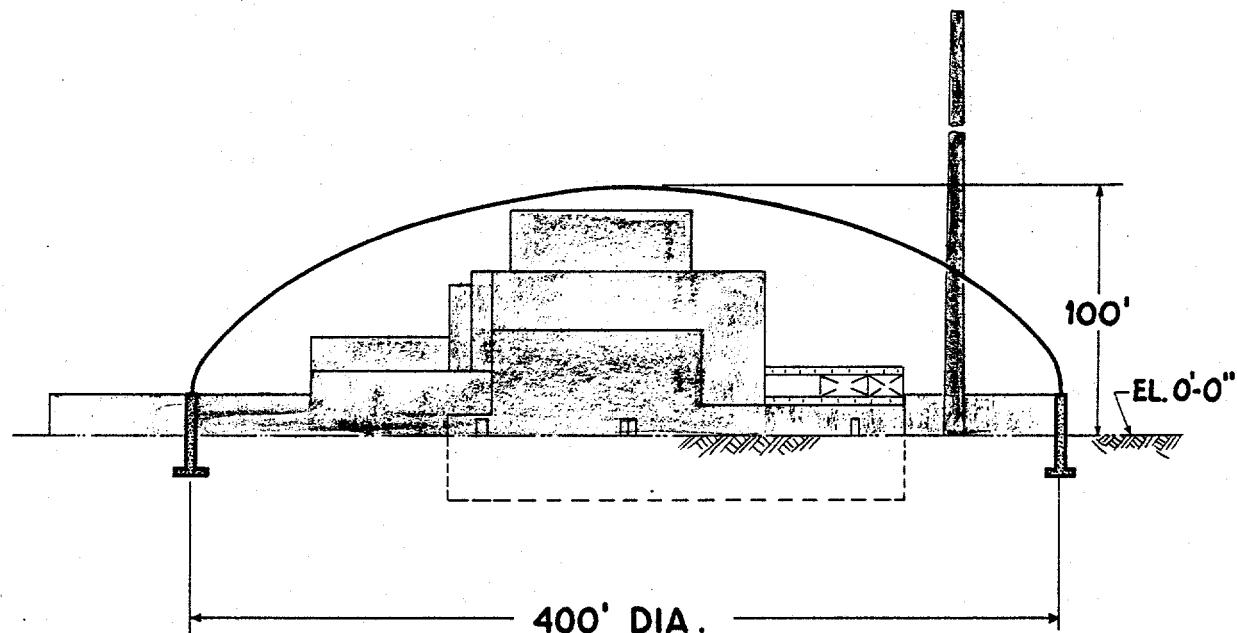
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## **REACTOR CONFINEMENT SYSTEM 1.0 PSI BUILDING SEAL**



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**REACTOR CONFINEMENT SYSTEM  
2.0 PSI REACTOR CONTAINMENT DOME**



III. PRESENTATION CHARTS AND OUTLINES (Cont.)

F. Contamination of the Columbia River by Reactor Effluent Water

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## **SOURCE OF REACTOR EFFLUENT RADIOISOTOPES**

**I IMPURITIES IN RIVER WATER .**

**II CHEMICALS ADDED IN WATER  
TREATMENT .**

**III CORROSION OF REACTOR COMPONENTS .**

**IV FOREIGN MATERIAL ON OR IMBEDDED  
IN FUEL ELEMENT SURFACE .**

**RADIOISOTOPE CONCENTRATION  
IN REACTOR EFFLUENT  
AND COLUMBIA RIVER**

ISOTOPE	REACTOR EFFLUENT CONCENTRATION pc/ml	CALCULATED CONCENTRATION F AREA pc/ml	10 CFR 20 LIMITS pc/ml	HALF LIFE DAYS
Na-24	500	10	200	0.6
P-32	10	0.2	20	14
Sc-46	1	0.02	50	84
Cr-51	300	5	2000	28
Mn-56	5000	30	100	0.1
Cu-64	500	10	300	0.5
Zn-65	10	0.2	200	245
As-76	70	1	20	1.1
La-140	20	0.3	20	42
Np-239	100	2	100	2.4

# RADIOISOTOPE RELEASE TO THE COLUMBIA RIVER

RELEASE RATE  
CURIES PER DAY

	<u>1960</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>
P-32	50	33	35
As-76	620	320	350
Np-239	730	470	550
Cr-51	1700	1600	1500
Zn-65	100	40	40

## **FISSION PRODUCTS FROM RUPTURED FUEL RELEASED TO THE RIVER**

- FISSION PRODUCT ACTIVITY FROM RUPTURED FUEL DURING '56-'59 WAS LESS THAN 5% OF THAT GENERATED IN THE COOLANT
- TODAY ACTIVITY FROM RUPTURED FUEL IS LESS THAN 1% OF THAT GENERATED IN THE COOLANT
- REASONS FOR REDUCED RELEASE
  - BETTER RUPTURE DETECTION
  - IMPROVED FUEL PERFORMANCE
  - NO SPLIT TYPE FAILURES
- IODINE IS THE ELEMENT OF MAJOR CONCERN
- REQUIREMENTS OF 10-CFR-20 AND THE FRC

III. PRESENTATION CHARTS AND OUTLINES (Cont.)

G. Future Plans for New Products

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## **FUTURE PLANS FOR IPD REACTORS**

- DEFENSE PLUTONIUM
- NON REPRESENTATIVE PLUTONIUM
- CO PRODUCT - TRITIUM
- REACTOR LATTICE MODIFICATION
  - INHERENT SHUTDOWN ON VOIDING
  - INCREASED NEUTRON ECONOMY
  - VERSATILITY
- HIGH POWER DENSITY FUEL
  - INCREASED ENRICHMENT
  - LARGER TARGET TO FUEL RATIO
- TARGETS AND PRODUCTS
  - Th O<sub>2</sub> - U-233
  - Np-237 - Pu-238
  - Bi-209 - Po-210
  - Co-59 - Co-60
- PLUTONIUM BURNING

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#### IV. APPENDIX

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ACRS TOUR OF A K REACTORReactor Building

1. Model Room
  - A. Reactor Moderator
  - B. Shielding Arrangement
  - C. Process Tubes
  - D. Coolant Piping
  - E. Control Equipment
  - F. Safety Equipment
  - G. Discussion of Water Plant Arrangement and What Will be Seen on Area Tour
2. Control Room
  - A. Operating Controls
  - B. Safety Controls, Primary and Backup
  - C. Safety Instruments, Primary and Backup
    1. Flow Monitors
    2. Flux Monitors
    3. Temperature Monitors
3. Front Face
  - A. Riser and Header Arrangement
  - B. Tube to Header Equipment
  - C. Supplemental Control
4. Valve Pit
  - A. Separation of Lines
  - B. Backup Diesel Pump Tie-In Point
  - C. Ventilation Exhaust Fans
5. Fuel Pickup Chutes
  - A. Fuel Discharge Path
6. Fuel Storage Basin
  - A. Monorail System
  - B. Storage Time
7. Fuel Shipping
8. Supply Fans
  - A. Confinement Operation

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Coolant Supply Building

1. Electric Equipment Room
  - A. Connection of Pumps to Separate Bus Bars
  - B. Switchgear
2. Power Transformer Substation
  - A. Sources of Electric Power
3. Pump Room
  - A. Primary Coolant System
    1. Low Lift Pumps - Clearwells to high lift pump suction
    2. High Lift Pump
      - (a) Flywheel
    3. Divided Coolant Supply System
  - B. Secondary System
    1. Low Lift Pumps
    2. Turbine Pump
4. Control Room
  - A. Piping Arrangement
  - B. Isolation of Two Sides
  - C. Electrical Bus Arrangement
5. Boiler and Turbine Generator Room
  - A. Backup on Loss of BPA Power for Low Lift Pumps
  - B. Turbine Pump
6. Valve Pit
  - A. Isolation Valves
  - B. Check Valves
  - C. Area Tour
    1. Confinement Filter Structure
    2. Retention Basins
    3. River Pumps
    4. Diesel Pumps
      - (a) Third Pump System
      - (b) How Operated and Tested
    5. Water Treatment Plant

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