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## **SUMMARY**

This report contains a summary of irradiation testing of NTRD ATF-1 experiments performed at the INL in FY 2017. ATF-1 irradiation testing work performed in FY 2017 included fabrication of one ATF-1B drop-in capsule ATF-1 series experiment and irradiation testing of ATF-1 capsules in the ATR. Additionally, five capsules met the sponsor-specified burnup targets, three of which were shipped from the ATR to the HFEF at INL.

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## **ACRONYMS**

AFC	Advanced Fuels Campaign
ATF	Accident Tolerant Fuels
ATF-1	Accident Tolerant Fuels Series 1
ATR	Advanced Test Reactor
BEA	Battelle Energy Alliance
CFT	Center Flux Trap
DOE-NE	Department of Energy Office of Nuclear Energy
ECAR	Engineering Calculations and Analysis Report
EFPD	Effective Full Power Days
ESA	Experiment Safety Assurance
FCCI	Fuel-Cladding Chemical Interaction
FY	Fiscal Year
GWd/MTU	GigaWatt days per Metric Ton Uranium
HFEF	Hot Fuel Examination Facility
INL	Idaho National Laboratory
LANL	Los Alamos National Laboratory
LHGR	Linear Heat Generation Rate
LTA	Lead Test Assemblies
LTR	Lead Test Rod
LWR	Light Water Reactor
MCNP	Monte Carlo N-Particle
MFC	Materials and Fuels Complex
NDMAS	Nuclear Data Management and Analysis System
NTRD	Nuclear Technology Research and Development
PALM	Powered Axial Locator Mechanism
PCS	Primary Coolant System
PEMP	Performance Evaluation & Measurement Plan
PIE	Post-Irradiation Examination
PWR	Pressurized Water Reactor
RD&D	Research, Development, and Demonstration
TREAT	Transient Reactor Test Facility

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# ACCIDENT TOLERANT FUELS SERIES 1 (ATF-1) IRRADIATION TESTING FY 2017 STATUS REPORT

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The ultimate goal of the ATF program is to demonstrate improved fuel and/or cladding concepts offering the potential to replace the Zircaloy-UO<sub>2</sub> system currently used throughout the LWR industry. To support this goal, the congressional appropriation language for FY 2012 included specific language for DOE-NE to initiate an aggressive RD&D program for LWR fuels with enhanced accident tolerance. The test data collected as part of the ATF program will support demonstration of LTRs or LTAs in a commercial LWR within 10 years (i.e., by the end of FY 2022).

As a step toward this goal, a Phase 1 (Figure 1) feasibility irradiation test series of drop-in capsule experiments, denoted ATF-1, was fabricated and inserted into the INL ATR beginning in FY 2015 to demonstrate fabricability and viability for ATF-2 (Phase 2) water loop testing (e.g., hermeticity, fuel/clad performance, structural stability). As part of feasibility testing, ATF-1 experiment fuel cladding is not exposed to the ATR PCS to ensure ATR safety in the event of breached fuel rodlets. The ATF-2 water loop experiments are a continuation of the ATF-1 drop-in capsule feasibility experiments with the primary objective of testing fuel system concepts under conditions prototypic of PWRs to demonstrate concept viability, thus exposing the fuel pins (rodlets) directly to the PWR water chemistry and flow.

Upon reaching pre-defined irradiation test objectives, the experiments will be discharged from ATR and shipped to MFC for PIE and/or transient testing in the TREAT facility.

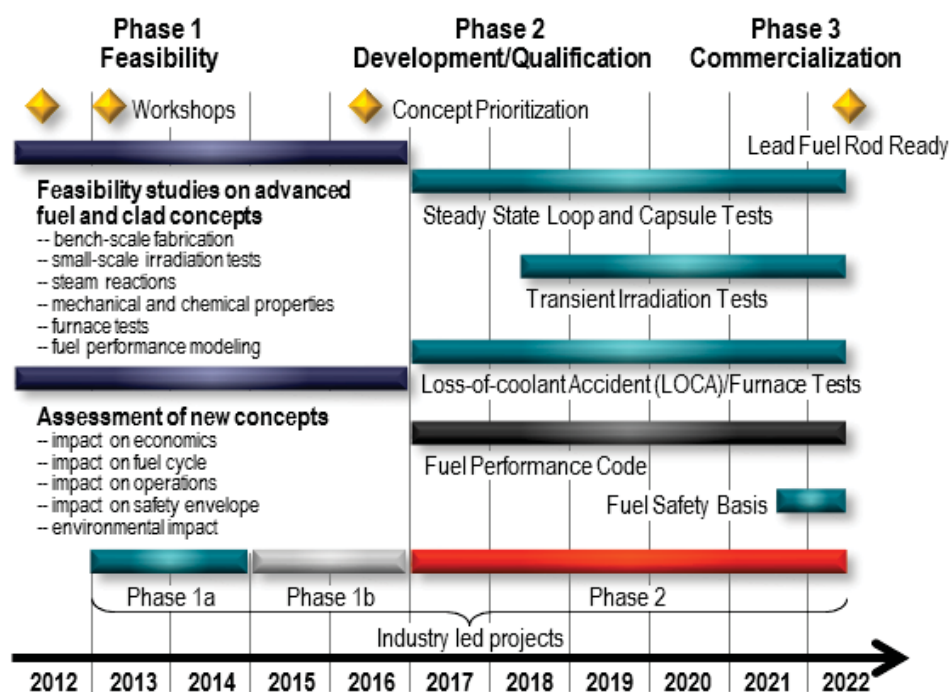


Figure 1. RD&D Strategy for Enhanced Accident Tolerant Fuels – 10 Year Goal [1].

### 1.1 Advanced Test Reactor Description

ATR has a unique core configuration and offers 77 possible irradiation positions, including a pressurized water loop designed specifically for RD&D experiment testing in the ATR CFT. Figure 2 identifies the small I positions being utilized to irradiate the LWR ATF-1 capsules.

The irradiation environment for the drop-in capsule experiment assemblies is the ATR PCS. ATR PCS is clean water sampled three times per day and maintained at a slightly acidic pH of 5.0-5.3. Chlorides are controlled to <0.1 ppm (normal <0.05 ppm). Normal Gross Beta-Gamma activity is <0.16  $\mu\text{Ci}/\text{ml}$ . Control of pH, solids, and chlorides is maintained using ion exchange columns, filters, and chemistry control additives within the system boundaries.

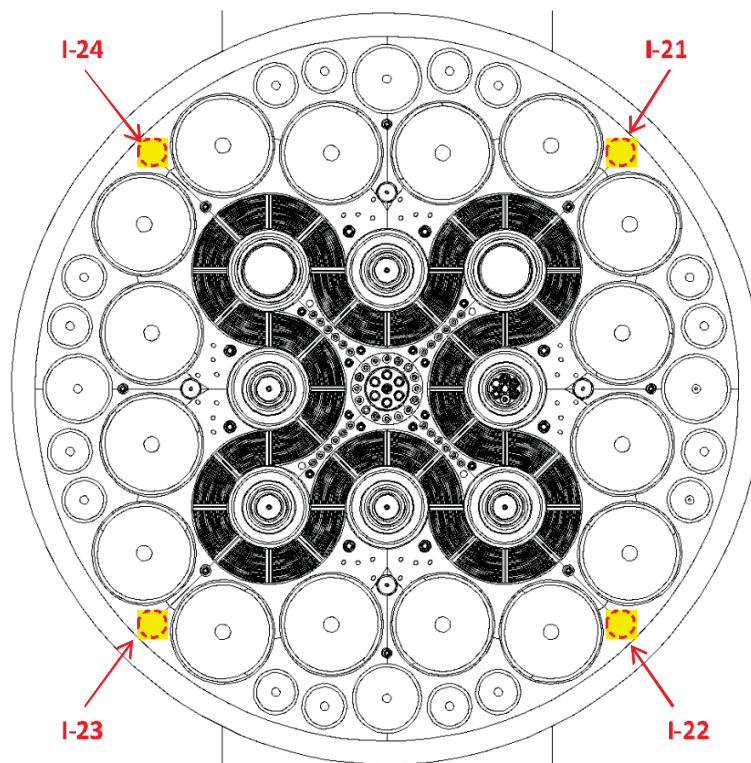


Figure 2. ATR Cross Section Showing Location of the Small I Positions (I-21, I-22, I-23, I-24) Designated for the ATF-1 Experiments.

## 1.2 Experiment Description

The irradiation experiment assembly loaded into the ATR consists of the basket, top spacer, and seven vertically-stacked capsule assemblies and/or dummies in each of the three channels (for a total of twenty-one (21) capsules/dummies per basket). The capsule used in the experiment provides the pressure boundary for the experimental materials located within. In the event of a rodlet cladding failure, the stainless steel (316L) capsule prevents fission products from entering the ATR PCS. The test rodlet is intended to represent a miniature length pressurized water reactor (PWR) fuel rod, nominally prototypic in the radial dimension. For the ATF-1 irradiation test series, the test rodlet generally contains fuel in the form of pellets or slices, holdown springs, insulator pellets, and a gas plenum. The rodlets were fabricated from various cladding materials and fuel forms outlined in the test matrix shown in Table 1. A typical ATF-1 capsule and rodlet assembly is shown in Figure 3, below. The basket of the experiment assembly maintains the capsule assembly configuration within the ATR. The current basket design is an aluminum three-hole basket with additional flux wire monitor channels as displayed in Figure 4 and Figure 5. Figure 6 identifies the basket channel numbering scheme for capsule and flux monitor wire insertion.

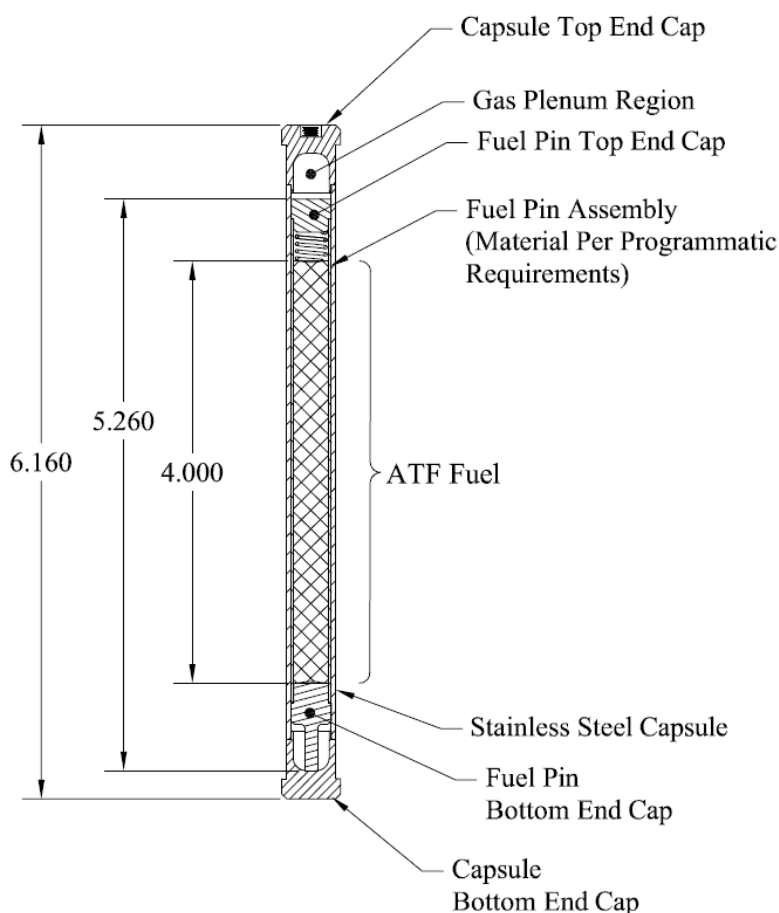


Figure 3. ATF-1 Capsule and Rodlet Assembly.

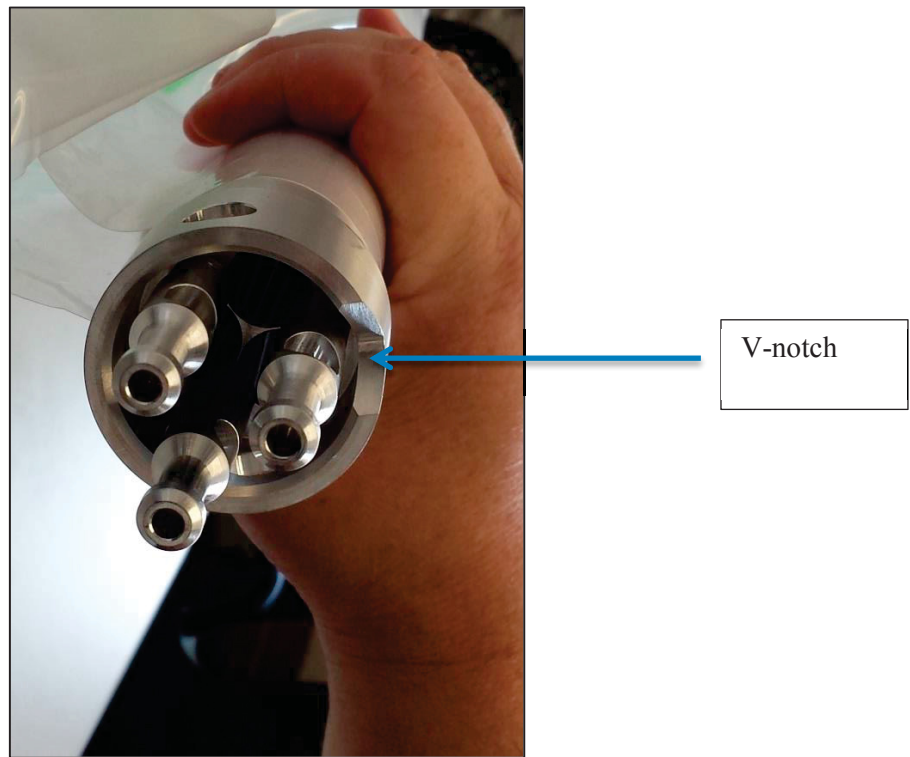


Figure 4. ATF-1 basket loaded with flux wire holders showing V-notch, which is oriented toward core centerline during core insertion.

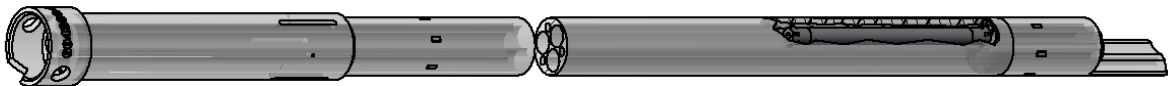


Figure 5. Cutaway and Cross-cut of ATF-1 Basket

The cross-cut towards the center of the basket depicted in Figure 5 clearly shows the three capsule channels and the much smaller three flux monitor wire channels. An ATF-1 capsule loaded into the basket can be seen via the cutaway portion of the figure.

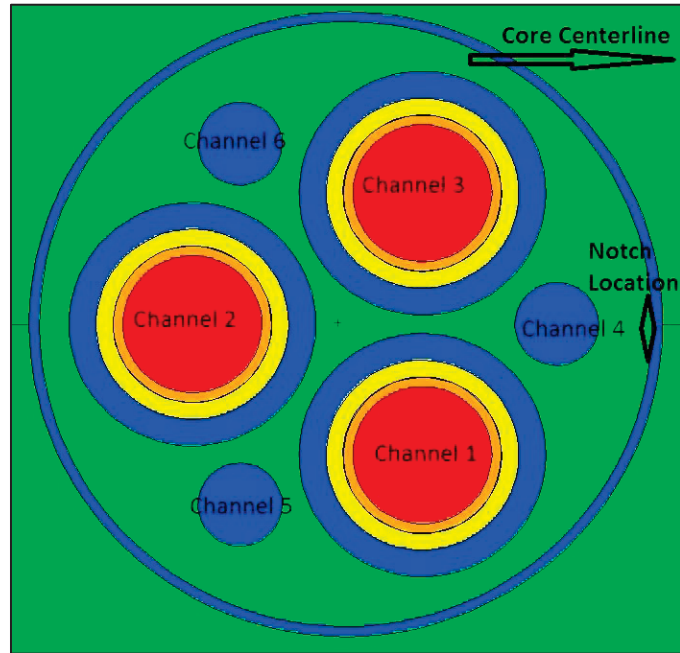


Figure 6. ATF Basket Channel Numbering System Diagram

Figure 6 shows the v-notch of the top of the basket which is always directed toward core centerline. Capsule channels are 1, 2, and 3. Flux monitor wire channels are 4, 5, and 6.

## 2. ATF-1 IRRADIATION TESTING

### 2.1 Capsule Fabrication and Irradiation Status

The fabrication of the initial ATF-1 experiments deemed “1A” completed in FY 2015. Additional fueled specimens, referred to as the “1B” experiments, were fabricated and delivered to the ATR during FY 2016. In FY 2017, three ORNL-FCCI rodlets were encapsulated (Figure 7) and delivered to the ATR. A summary and irradiation status of all ATF-1 capsules is provided in Table 1. This table details the specific design concept for each capsule as well as the organization of the concept’s lead.

Table 1. Summary and Status of ATF-1 Capsules

Capsule ID	Concept Lead	Fuel Type	Cladding Type	ATR Insertion Cycle	Status
ATF-00	AREVA	UO <sub>2</sub>	Zirc-4	157C-1	PIE
ATF-01	AREVA	UO <sub>2</sub>	Zirc-4	157C-1	In Irradiation
ATF-02	AREVA	UO <sub>2</sub> +SiC	Zirc-4	157C-1	In Irradiation
ATF-03	AREVA	UO <sub>2</sub> +SiC	Zirc-4	157C-1	PIE
ATF-04	AREVA	UO <sub>2</sub> +Diamond	Zirc-4	157C-1	PIE
ATF-05	AREVA	UO <sub>2</sub> +Diamond	Zirc-4	157C-1	In Irradiation
ATF-06	GE	UO <sub>2</sub>	Alloy-33 (UNS R200033)	157C-1	Post-Irradiation Cooldown
ATF-07	GE	UO <sub>2</sub>	Alloy-33 (UNS R200033)	157C-1	In Irradiation
ATF-08	GE	UO <sub>2</sub>	APMT (FeCrAl Alloy)	157C-1	Post-Irradiation Cooldown
ATF-09	GE	UO <sub>2</sub>	APMT (FeCrAl Alloy)	157C-1	In Irradiation
ATF-10	Westinghouse	U <sub>3</sub> Si <sub>2</sub>	ZIRLO	157C-1	In Irradiation
ATF-11	Westinghouse	U <sub>3</sub> Si <sub>2</sub>	ZIRLO	157D-1	In Irradiation
ATF-12	Westinghouse	U <sub>3</sub> Si <sub>2</sub>	ZIRLO	157C-1	In Irradiation
ATF-13	Westinghouse	U <sub>3</sub> Si <sub>2</sub>	ZIRLO	157C-1	PIE
ATF-14	Westinghouse	U <sub>3</sub> Si <sub>2</sub>	ZIRLO	157C-1	In Irradiation
ATF-15	Westinghouse	U <sub>3</sub> Si <sub>2</sub>	ZIRLO	157C-1	PIE
ATF-17	ORNL	UO <sub>2</sub>	FeCrAl Alloy	157D-1	In Irradiation
ATF-18	ORNL	UO <sub>2</sub>	FeCrAl Alloy	157C-1	PIE
ATF-20	ORNL	UO <sub>2</sub>	FeCrAl Alloy	157C-1	In Irradiation
ATF-29	Westinghouse	UN-U <sub>3</sub> Si <sub>2</sub>	ZIRLO	160A-1	In Irradiation
ATF-30	Westinghouse	UN-U <sub>3</sub> Si <sub>2</sub>	ZIRLO	160A-1	In Irradiation
ATF-31	Westinghouse	UN-U <sub>3</sub> Si <sub>2</sub>	ZIRLO	160A-1	In Irradiation
ATF-32	Westinghouse	UN-U <sub>3</sub> Si <sub>2</sub>	ZIRLO	160A-1	In Irradiation
ATF-33	Westinghouse	UN-U <sub>3</sub> Si <sub>2</sub>	ZIRLO	160A-1	In Irradiation
ATF-34	Westinghouse	UN-U <sub>3</sub> Si <sub>2</sub>	ZIRLO	160A-1	In Irradiation
ATF-41	LANL	UN-U <sub>3</sub> Si <sub>5</sub>	Kanthal-AF (FeCrAl Alloy)	160A-1	In Irradiation
ATF-44	LANL	UN-U <sub>3</sub> Si <sub>5</sub>	Kanthal-AF (FeCrAl Alloy)	160B-1	In Irradiation
ATF-45	LANL	U <sub>3</sub> Si <sub>5</sub>	Kanthal-AF (FeCrAl Alloy)	160A-1	In Irradiation
ATF-73	ORNL	UO <sub>2</sub>	FeCrAl Alloy*	160B-1	In Irradiation
ATF-74	ORNL	UO <sub>2</sub>	FeCrAl Alloy*	160B-1	In Irradiation
ATF-75	ORNL	UO <sub>2</sub>	FeCrAl Alloy*	160B-1	In Irradiation

\*These rodlets contain multiple fuel cladding chemical interaction experiments. The rodlet is Type 304 Stainless Steel, but small FeCrAl coins lie next to fuel slices inside of the rodlet.





Figure 7. As-Fabricated ORNL-FCCI ATF-1 Capsules

## 2.2 FY 2015 ATF-1 Irradiation Testing

Seventeen (17) capsules were shipped to ATR in January 2015 for initial irradiation testing in Cycle 157C-1 and two (2) additional capsules were shipped to ATR in May 2015 for initial insertion in Cycle 157D-1. As shown in Figure 1, Phase 1 of the ATF program is associated with the development (Phase 1a) and assessment (Phase 1b) of different fuel system concepts. These capsule insertions were consistent with the development plan to support commercial demonstration of ATF concepts by 2022.

In FY 2015, the ATR ran for 2 cycles, 157C-1 and 157D-1. Cycle 157C-1 reached full power on February 10, 2015 and ran for 5.4 EFPD followed by a long maintenance outage (179 days) to replace a leaking in-pile tube and to upgrade ATR to use off-site generated commercial power rather than on-site diesel generated power. Cycle 157D-1 reached full power on May 29, 2015, had a mid-cycle SCRAM on July 23, 2015 due to valve operational issues, then reached full power again on August 6, 2015, and ran until August 12, 2015. The Cycle 158A-1 outage lasted longer than scheduled due to issues in completing reactor physics calculations and an extent of condition assessment of leaking valves.

## 2.3 FY 2016 ATF-1 Irradiation Testing

In FY 2016, the ATR ran for three complete cycles, 158A-1, 158B-1, and 159A-1, with an additional cycle, 160A-1, scheduled to begin prior to the end of FY 2016. Cycle 158A-1 reached full power on November 11, 2015 and ran for 52.2 EFPD. Cycle 158B-1 reached full power on February 9, 2016, and ran until April 1, 2016, yielding 51.4 EFPD. The ATF-1 experiments remained in the ATR during the PALM Cycle 159A-1. PALM cycles can operate at higher lobe powers relative to traditional ATR cycles. Cycle 159A-1 operated with the higher powers in the south lobes, and lower powers in the north lobes of ATR. The ATF-1 experiments in the I-21 and I-24 positions of ATR operated at the lower NE and NW lobe powers, and saw an additional 7.51 EFPD during this cycle. Cycle 159A-1 ran from June 17, 2016, to June 28, 2016, including a mid-cycle shutdown during June 23 through June 27.

Eight (8) capsules were shipped to ATR in July 2016 for initial irradiation testing in Cycle 160A-1. These eight capsules included six (6) Westinghouse “1B” experiments along with two (2) LANL-led capsules.

Additionally in FY 2016, the experiment completed an AFC Level 3 milestone on February 29<sup>th</sup> by shipping the first set of irradiated ATF-1 capsules from the ATR to the MFC’s HFEF to begin PIE. As shown in Table 1, three capsules from AREVA’s ATF-1 campaign (ATF-00, ATF-03, and ATF-04) are currently undergoing PIE.

## 2.4 FY 2017 ATF-1 Irradiation Testing

In FY 2017, the ATR ran for three complete cycles, 160A-1, 160B-1, and 161A-1, with an additional cycle, 162A-1, scheduled to begin prior to the end of FY 2017. Cycle 160A-1 reached full power on September 16, 2016 and ran for 52.7 EFPD, concluding operation on November 8, 2016 [2]. Cycle 160B-1 reached full power on December 20, 2016 [2], and ran until a mid-cycle SCRAM occurred on January 18, 2017. This outage continued for roughly 5.5 days and the reactor returned to operation on January 24, 2017. The shutdown of Cycle 160B-1 occurred on February 23, 2017, yielding a cumulative 59.5 EFPD for the cycle. A subset of ATF-1 experiments remained in the ATR during the PALM Cycle 161A-1 (the ATF-1 experiments in the I-23 lobe were removed for high power SW lobe operation). Due to the placement of this subset in the ATR, the experiments did not experience the high reactor lobe powers typically associated with PALM cycles and saw an additional 12.82 EFPD during this cycle. Cycle 161A-1 ran from May 30, 2017 to June 11, 2017 [3].

Four (4) additional capsules, including one (1) LANL-led capsule and three (3) ORNL-FCCI capsules were shipped to the ATR in the first quarter of FY 2017, bringing the total number of “1B” ATF-1 experiments fabricated and inserted into the ATR to twelve (12). These four (4) additional capsules began irradiation in Cycle 160B-1. The completion of the 1B insertions equates to a total of thirty-one (31) ATF-1 capsules fabricated by the program and inserted into the ATR for irradiation testing.

The experiment team built upon earlier successes in irradiated capsule shipments by shipping three (3) irradiated capsules (ATF-13, ATF-15, and ATF-18) from ATR to HFEF on February 21, 2017. The completion of this activity resulted in meeting an AFC Level 3 milestone to ship low-burnup Westinghouse-1A capsules to HFEF. Table 1 now indicates that two (2) Westinghouse-1A capsules and one (1) ORNL capsule are undergoing PIE, along with the three (3) capsules in AREVA’s ATF-1 campaign currently undergoing PIE.

## 2.5 ATF-1 Cycle Specific Physics Analysis

The ATF-1 ESA requires basket loading specific physics calculations to verify that the ATF-1 experiments meet the ESA safety limits (see Table 2 for list of ATF-1 ESA safety limits). The ATF-1 basket loading specific fuel heat generation rates, burnup, U-235 equivalent mass, and fuel radionuclide inventory in the ATF-1 experiment ATR positions are calculated using the MCNP full core physics model and ORIGEN2 model. The capsule estimated internal pressure (if a rodlet were to breach) is calculated based on fissile material burnup. The experiment as-run analysis is calculated at the end of each irradiation cycle and the projections for the next cycle are calculated at the same time. Both are documented in ECARs.

Table 2. ATR Safety Parameters for the ATF-1 Experiments [4].

ATR Safety Parameters	Limit
Maximum LHGR for Fuel Specimens Including: - 5.0% Maximum Lobe Power - 8.5% Instrumentation uncertainty - OSCC effects	<b>650 W/cm</b>
Maximum Experiment Assembly U-235 Equivalent Mass	<b>56.0 g</b>
Maximum Capsule Internal Pressure Limit	<b>800 psi</b>
Maximum Experiment Assembly Total Radionuclide Inventory for Fuel Specimens	<b>5.65E7 Ci</b>

## 2.6 ATF-1 As-Run Results to Date

Neutronics analyses have been performed over the last three fiscal years to document the ATR Cycle as-run results for the ATF-1 capsules. In FY 2017, these results were consolidated into one document providing a single-source of information for all downstream users [2]. This document will then be revised and appended for each subsequent ATR cycle. While results are currently distributed via letter or reports such as this, the project expects the raw ATF-1 as-run data to be available electronically on the ATF NDMAS in FY 2018.

Generally speaking, the as-run analyses [3][5][6][7][9] are executed by creating an MCNP model and applying the power information from the ATR power history letter [8] to calculate the as-run LHGR for specific time-steps and the fuel burnup in GWd/MTU for each cycle. Analyses for subsequent cycles followed a similar approach. Table 3 shows the ATR power and operating history beginning with the initial ATF-1 insertion cycle.

Table 3. ATR Operational History with ATF-1 Experiments Inserted [8]

Cycle	Average Lobe Powers (MegaWatts)					Effective Full Power Days
	NW	NE	C	SW	SE	
157C-1	18.0*	17.0*	21.1	20.1	25.0	5.4
157D-1	18.0*	17.0*	21.6	20.9	25.0	59.7
158A-1	18.0*	19.0*	21.3	20.0	27.0	52.2
158B-1	18.0*	19.0*	19.0	22.7	23.0	51.4
159A-1	22.1*	22.9*	29.1	37.4	35.0	3.1
160A-1	17.5	21.1	19.8	20.0	26.1	52.7 [9]
160B-1	18.0	21.0	20.9	23.0	25.6	59.5 [9]
161A-1	18.0	20.9	30.6	42.7	41.5	12.28

\*Denotes ATF-1 basket present in ATR lobe during cycle.

Using the results of the aforementioned neutronics analyses, thermal analyses were performed on the ATF-1 experiments to determine as-run peak temperatures of the fuel and cladding [2][10]. Figure 8 through Figure 16 provide the as-run experiment peak temperatures of the cladding and fuel for each capsule. It is important to note that these temperatures are based on the best-estimate LHGR provided in the neutronics analyses and do not include uncertainties. Therefore, the temperatures plotted on the following figures may vary by +/- 13.5%. The total uncertainty in temperature is comprised of a 5% uncertainty in temperature associated with maximum lobe power and an 8.5% uncertainty in temperature associated with ATR instrumentation.

Since achieving capsule-specific levels of burnup is also an objective for the ATF-1 series of experiments, the neutronics analyses mentioned above also calculate the burnup for each specific capsule. Table 4 describes the burnup targets for each capsule shown in Table 1. As discussed previously in this report, three (3) AREVA capsules (ATF-00, 03, and 04), two (2) Westinghouse-1A capsules (ATF-13 and ATF-15), and one ORNL capsule (ATF-18) were agreed to have reached their burnup targets. The capsules were subsequently removed from the ATR and shipped to HFEF for PIE. Two additional capsules, GE-lead ATF-06 and ATF-08, reached their burnup targets in FY 2017 but have yet to be shipped to HFEF for PIE. Figure 17 through Figure 23 show the capsule-specific burnup accrued through FY 2017 for all ATF-1 capsules. Figure 24 provides a notional schedule of irradiation and subsequent PIE activities for all ATF-1 concepts.

Table 4. Burnup Targets for ATF-1 Capsules

Capsule ID	Concept Lead	Burnup Target (GWd/MTU)
ATF-00*	AREVA	10
ATF-01	AREVA	50
ATF-02	AREVA	50
ATF-03*	AREVA	10
ATF-04*	AREVA	10
ATF-05	AREVA	50
ATF-06*	GE	20
ATF-07	GE	60
ATF-08*	GE	20
ATF-09	GE	60
ATF-10	Westinghouse	20
ATF-11	Westinghouse	40
ATF-12	Westinghouse	70
ATF-13*	Westinghouse	20
ATF-14	Westinghouse	70
ATF-15*	Westinghouse	20
ATF-17	ORNL	30
ATF-18*	ORNL	10
ATF-20	ORNL	50
ATF-29	Westinghouse	20
ATF-30	Westinghouse	20
ATF-31	Westinghouse	40
ATF-32	Westinghouse	70
ATF-33	Westinghouse	70
ATF-34	Westinghouse	20
ATF-41	LANL	10
ATF-44	LANL	10
ATF-45	LANL	10
ATF-73	ORNL	10
ATF-74	ORNL	30
ATF-75	ORNL	50

\*Capsules have reached burnup target and are no longer undergoing irradiation

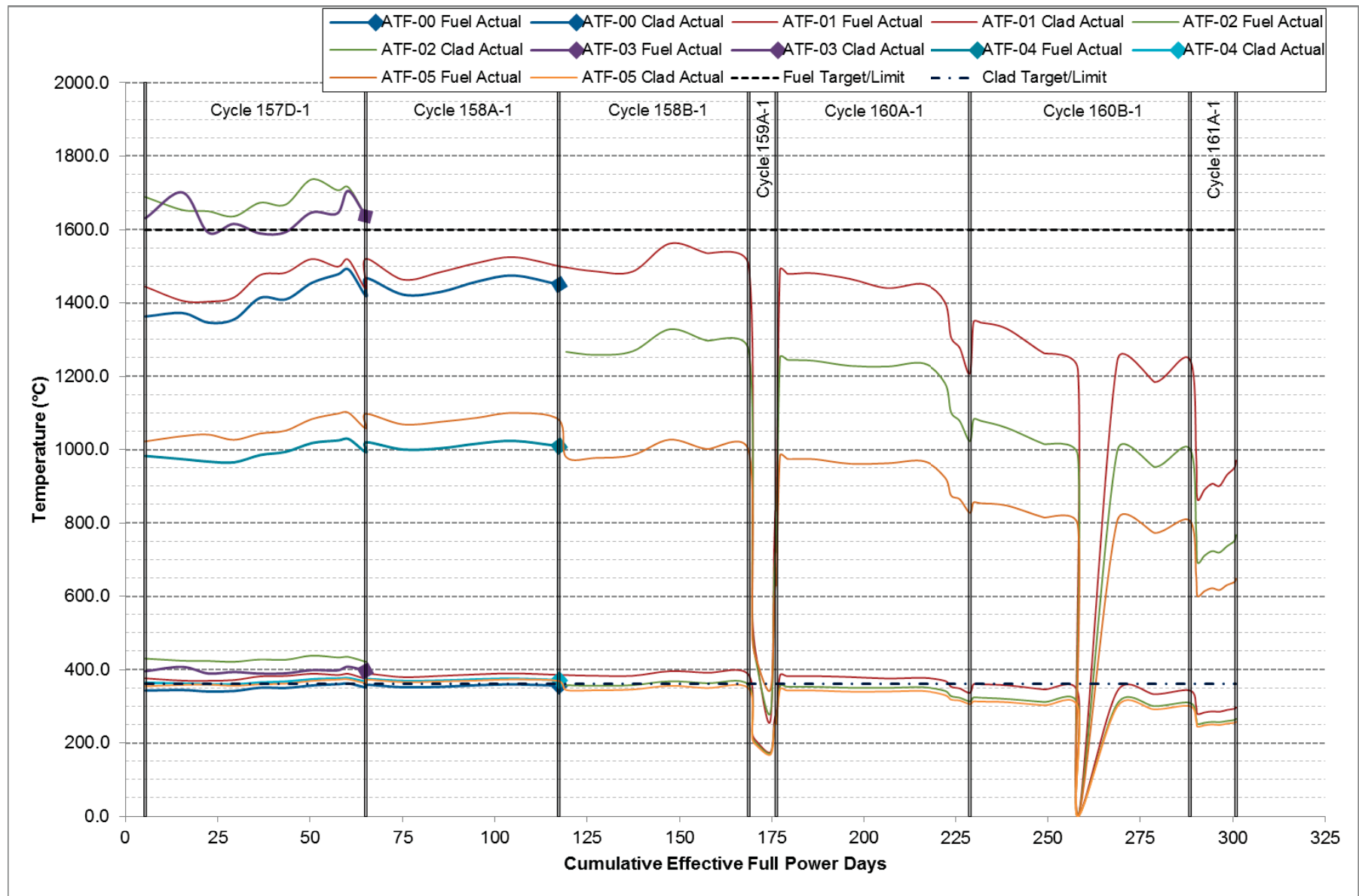


Figure 8. As-Run Experiment Temperatures of AREVA Capsules ATF-00 through ATF-05

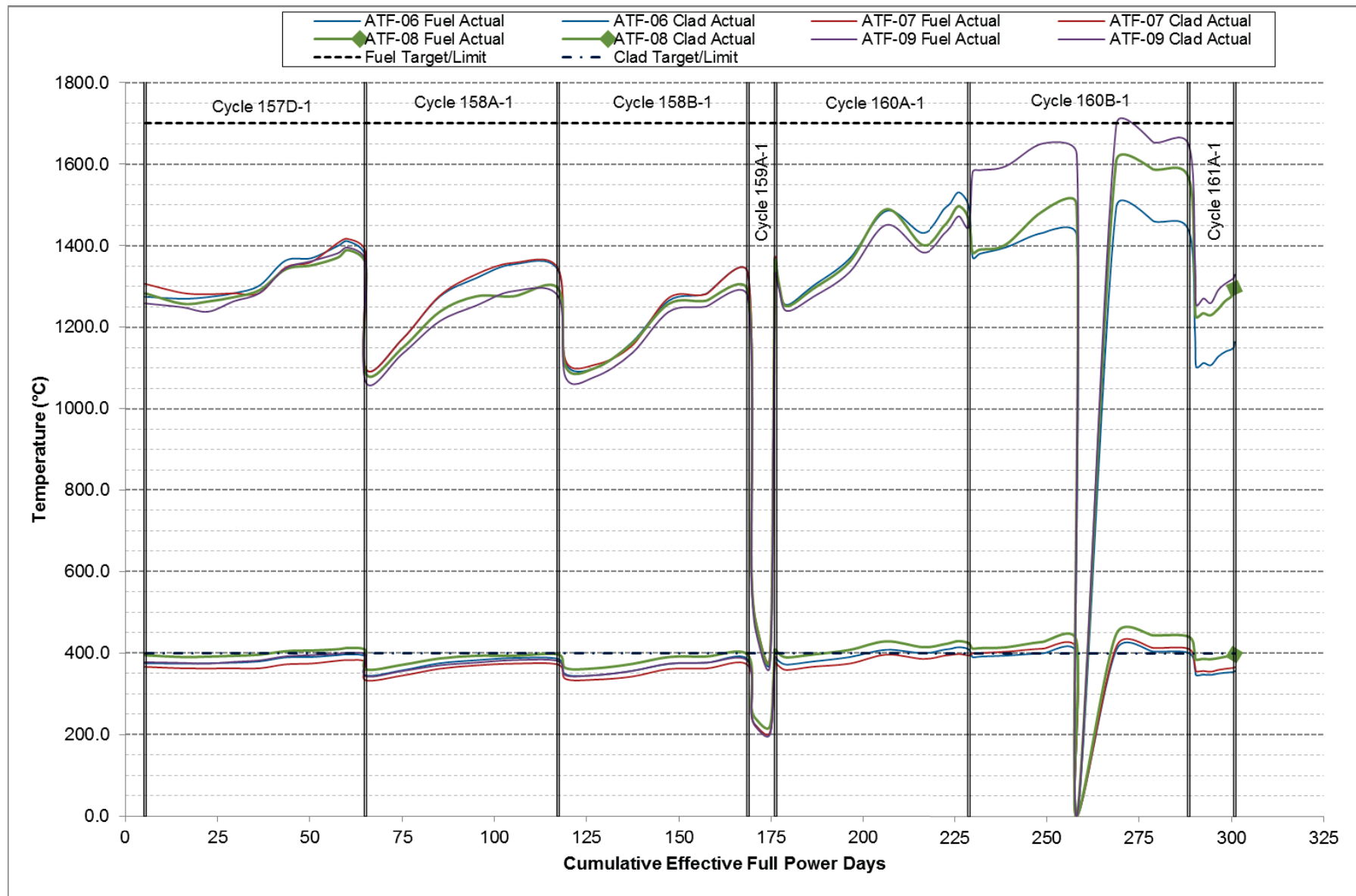


Figure 9. As-Run Experiment Temperatures of GE Capsules ATF-06 through ATF-09



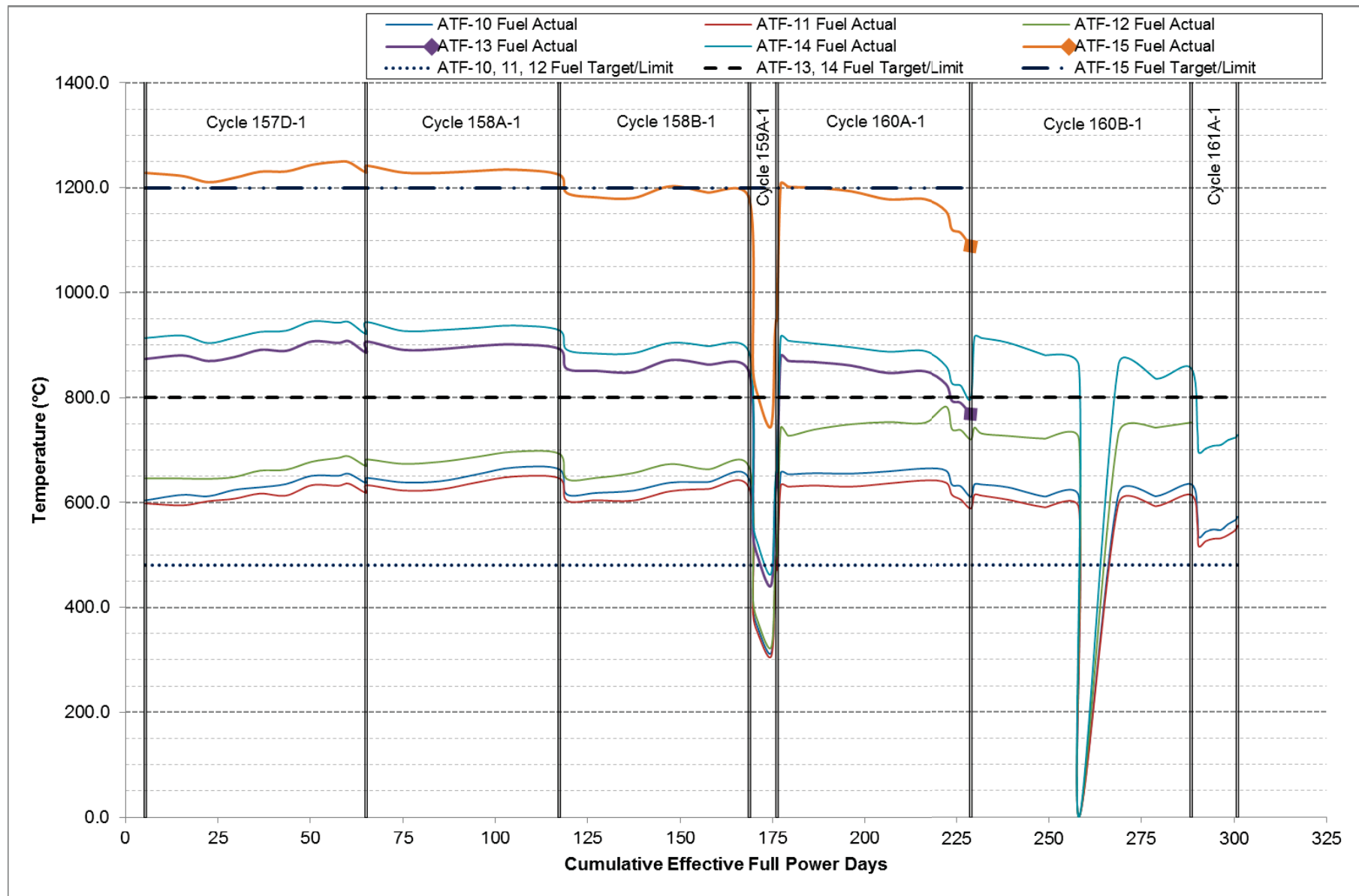


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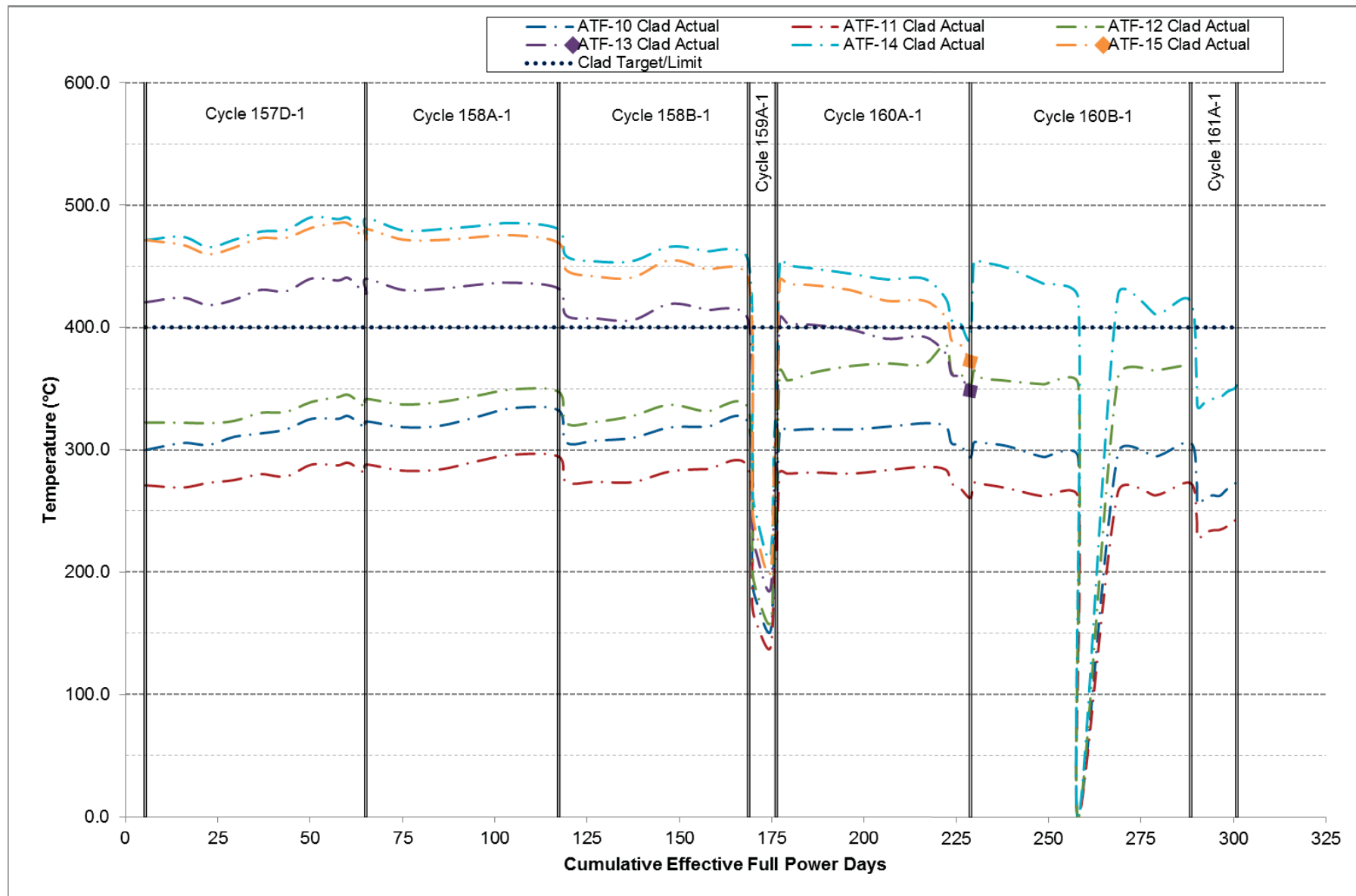


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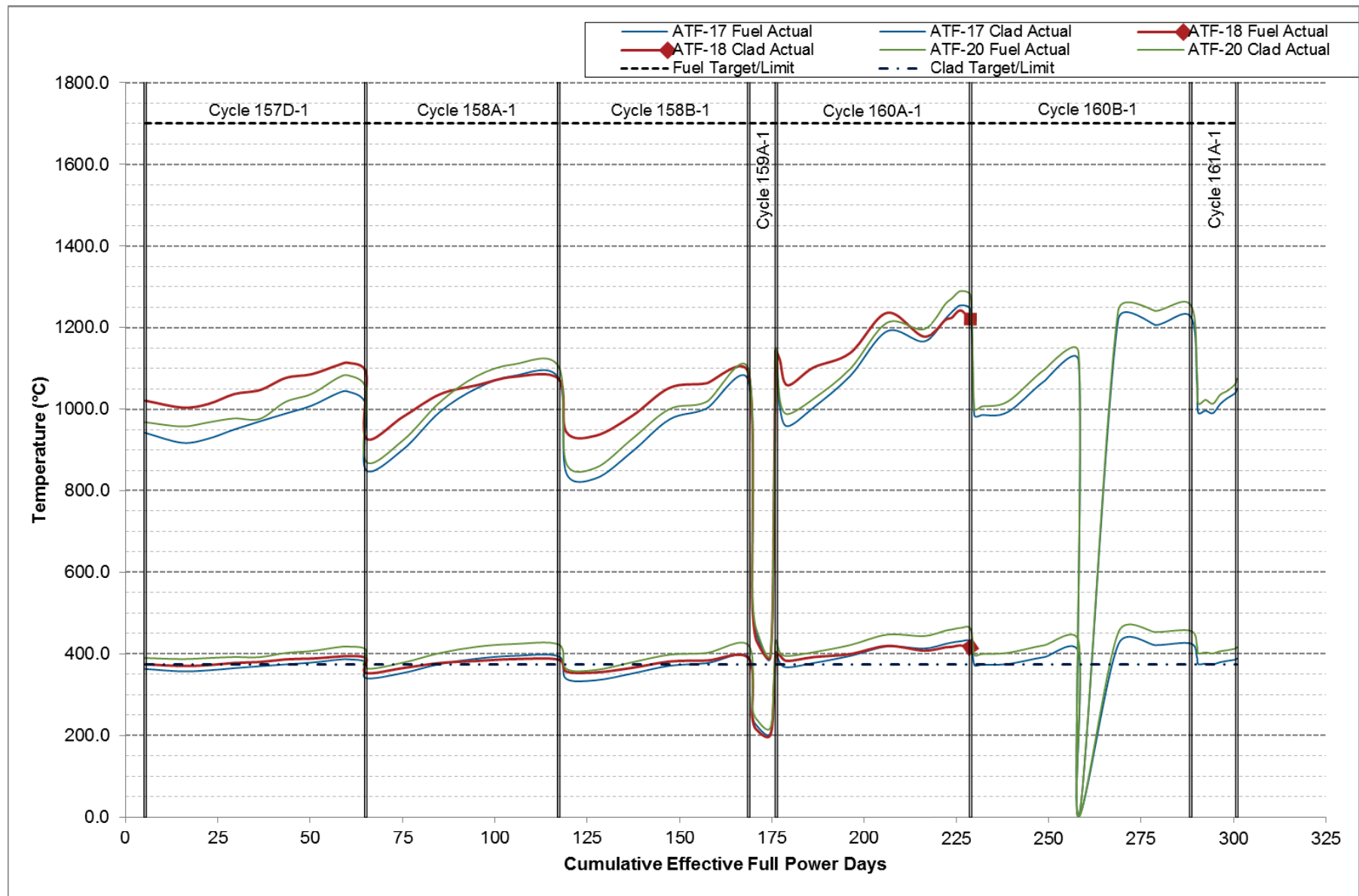


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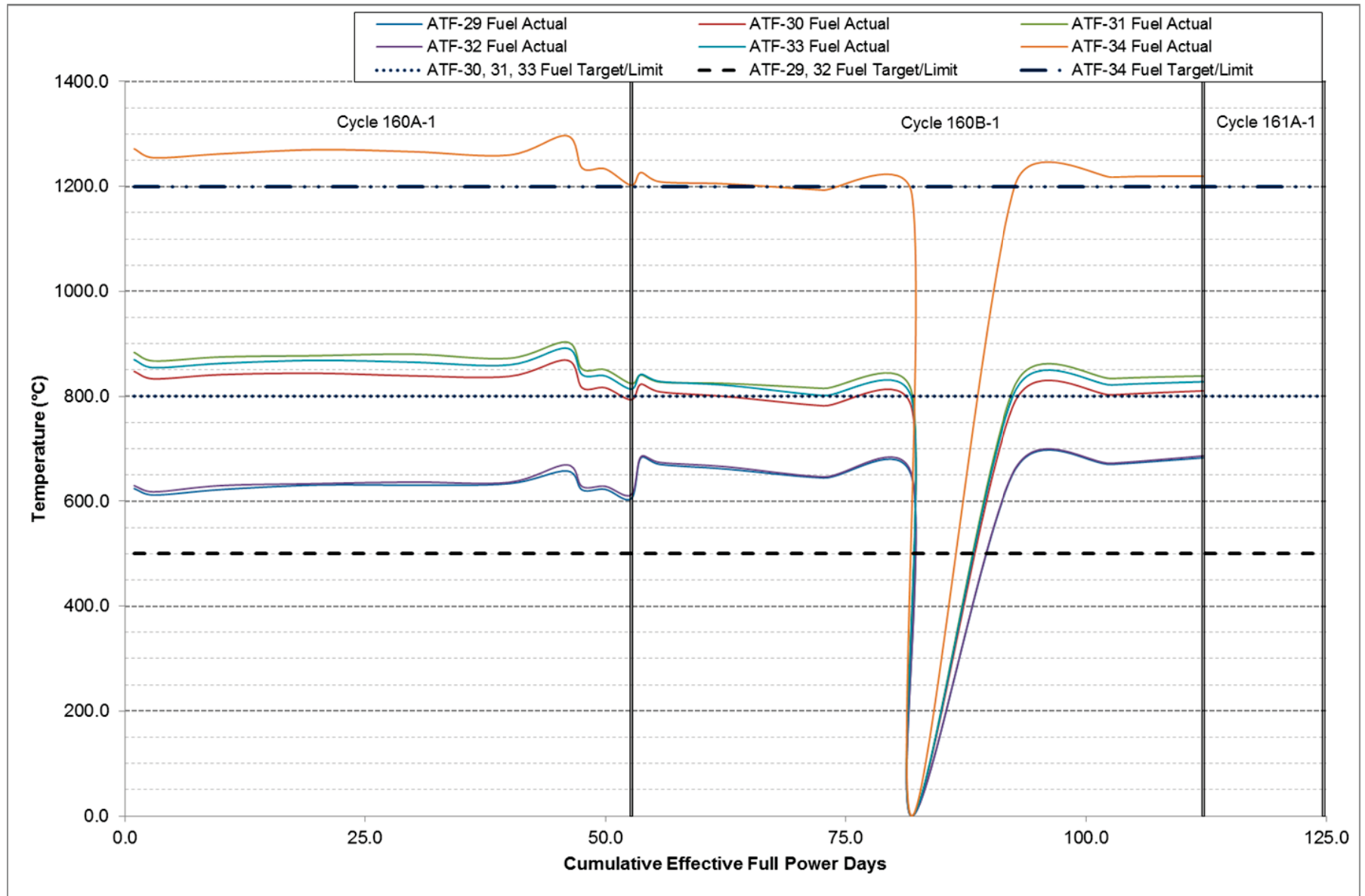


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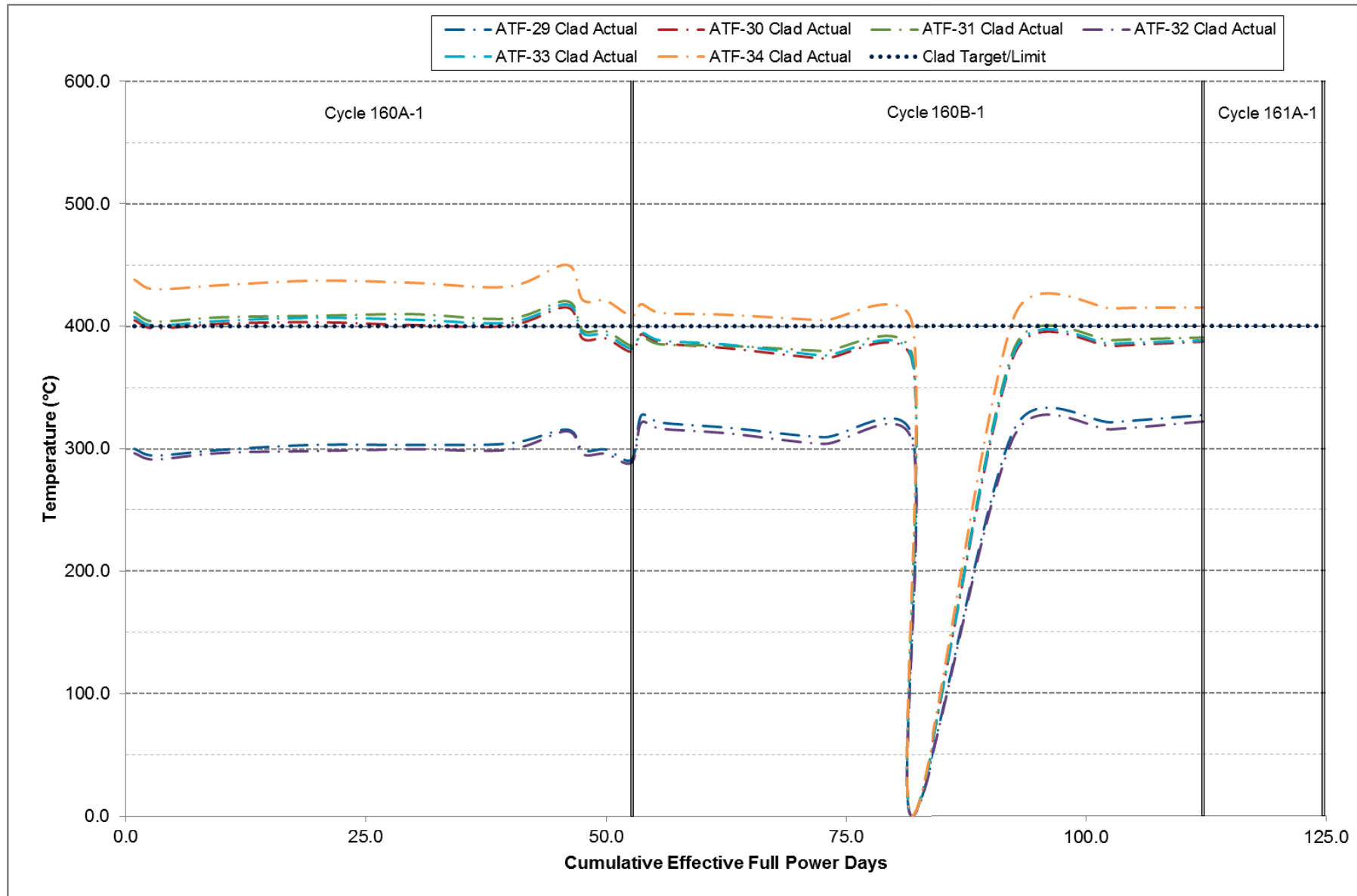


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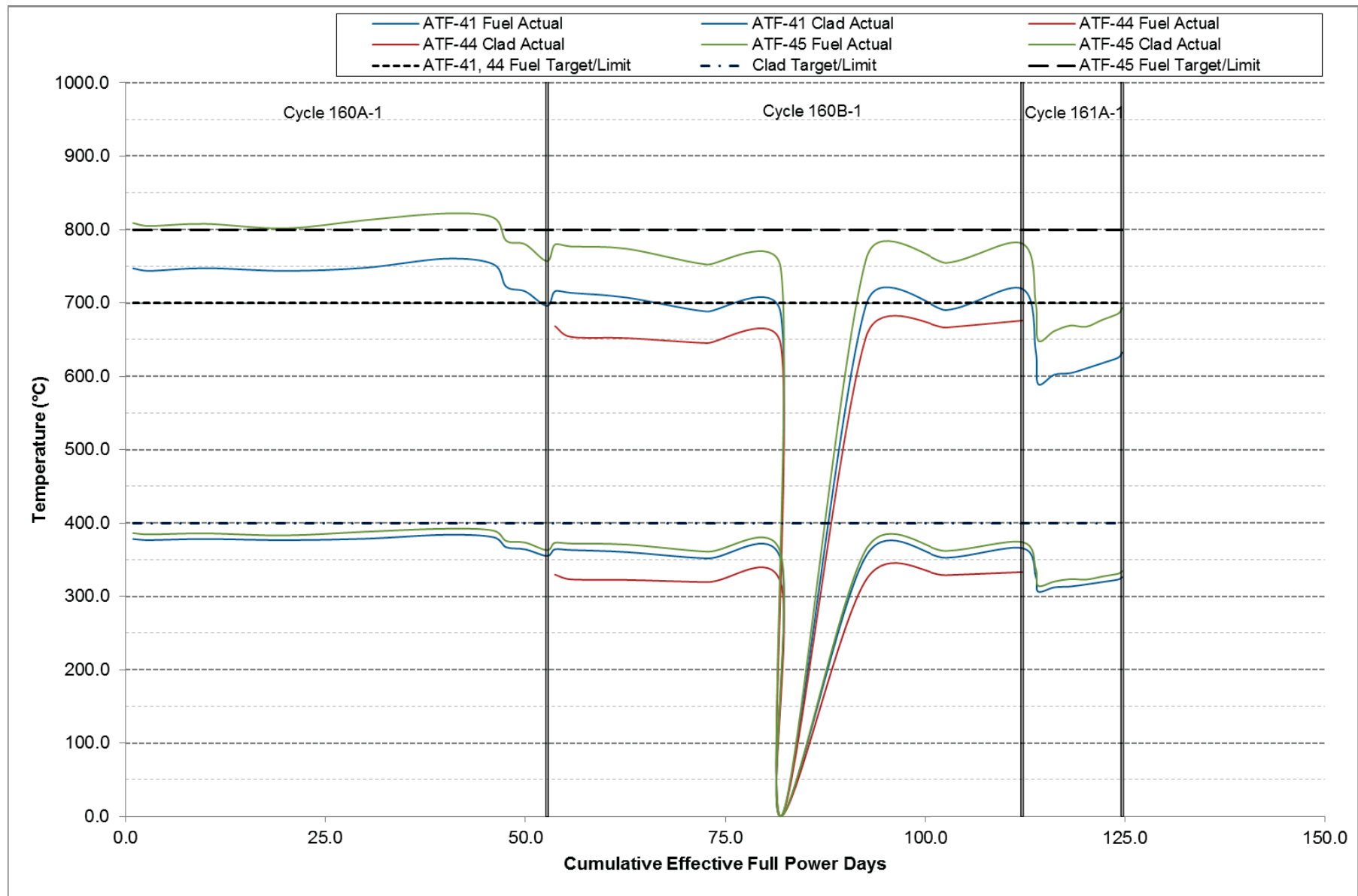


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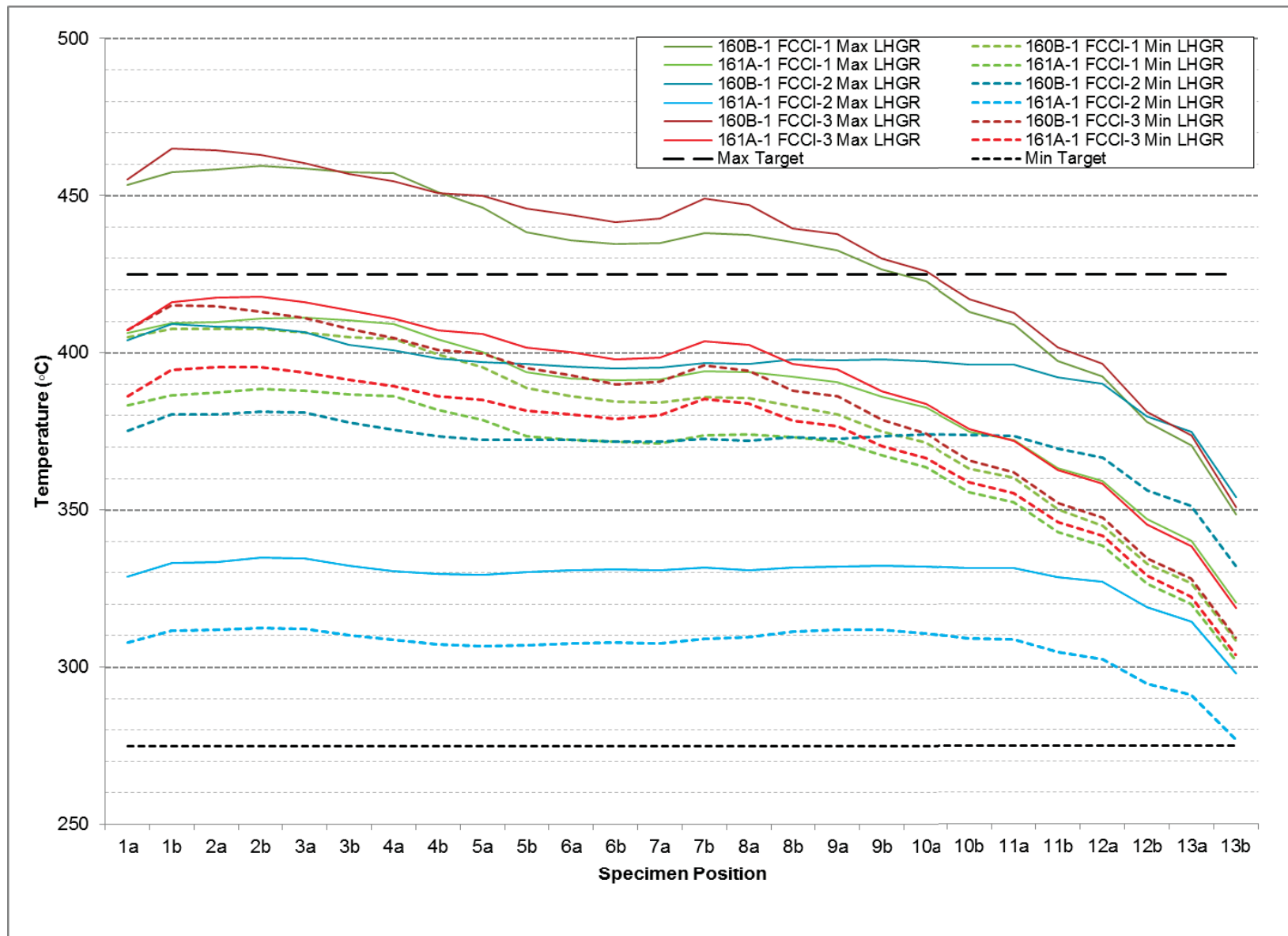


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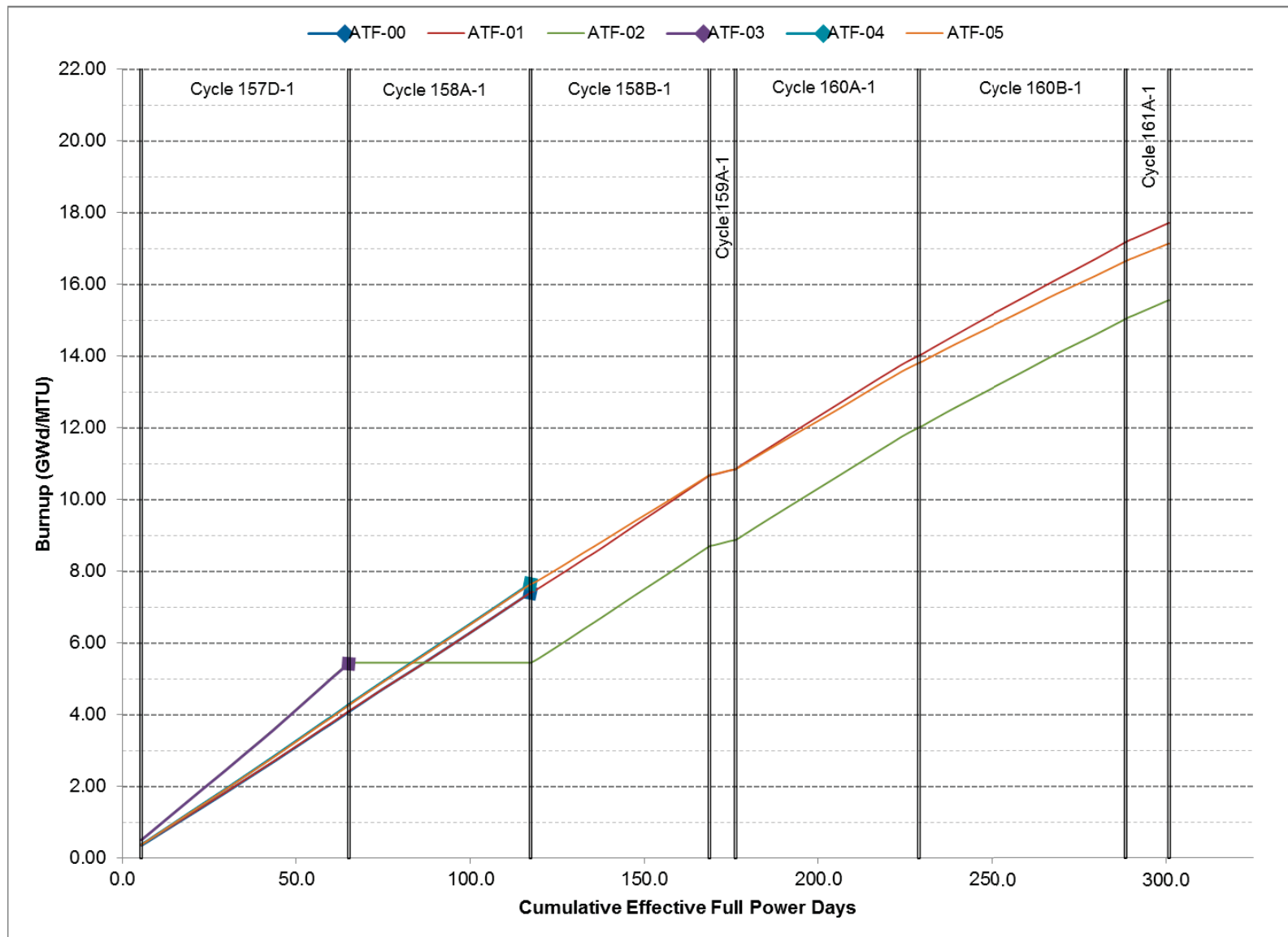


Figure 17. Burnup as a function of Cumulative Effective Full Power Days of AREVA Capsules ATF-00 through ATF-05

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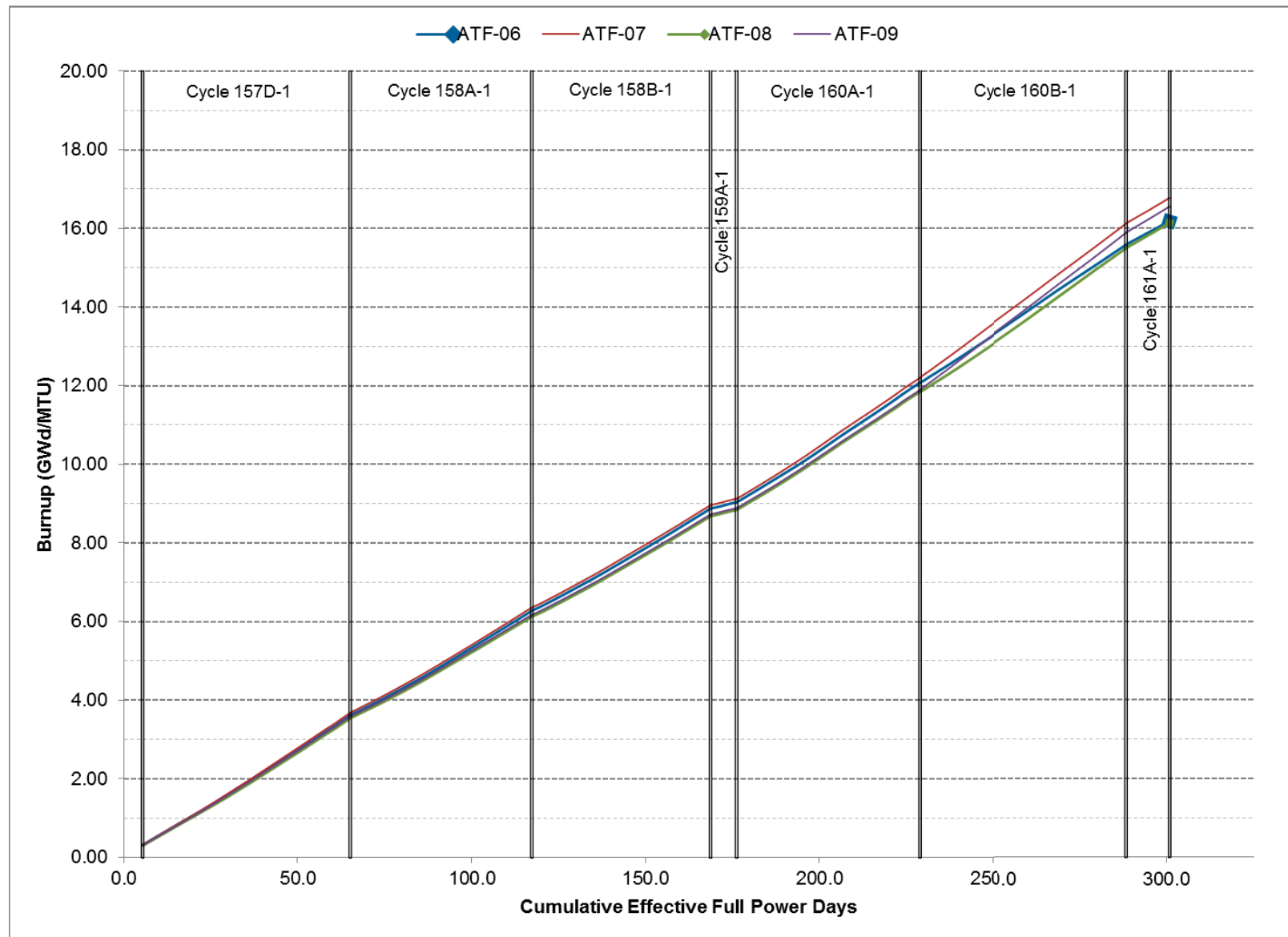


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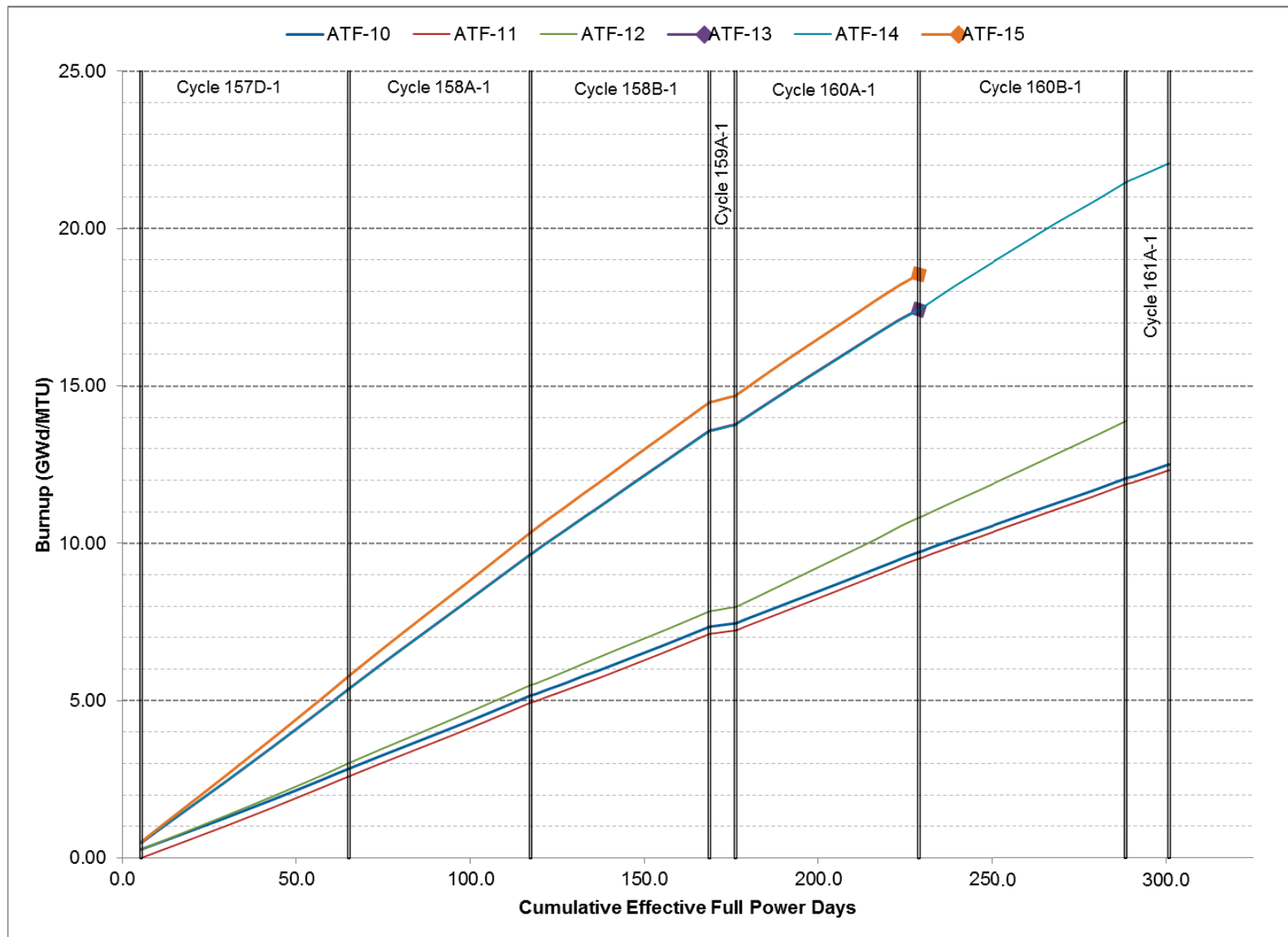


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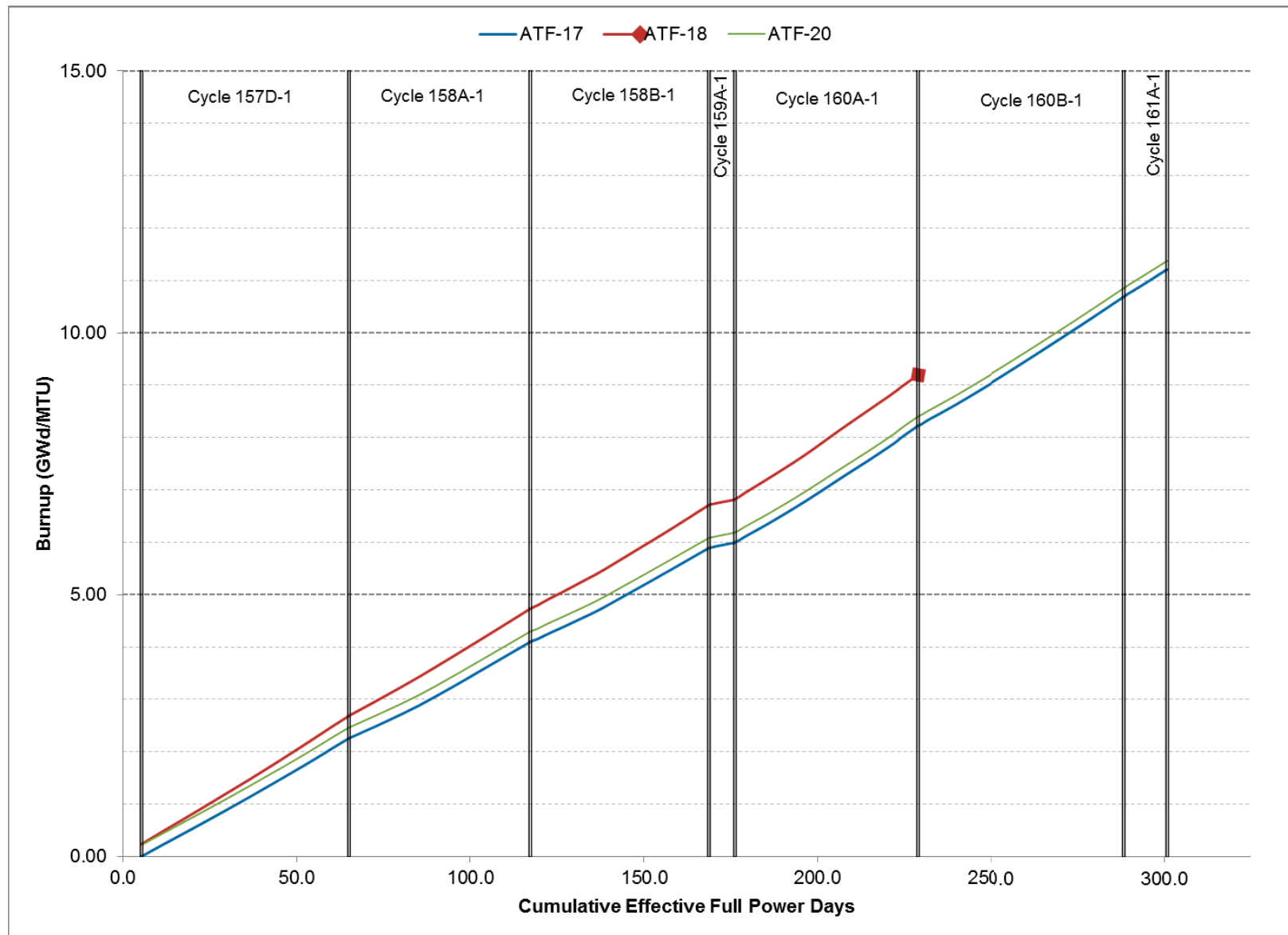


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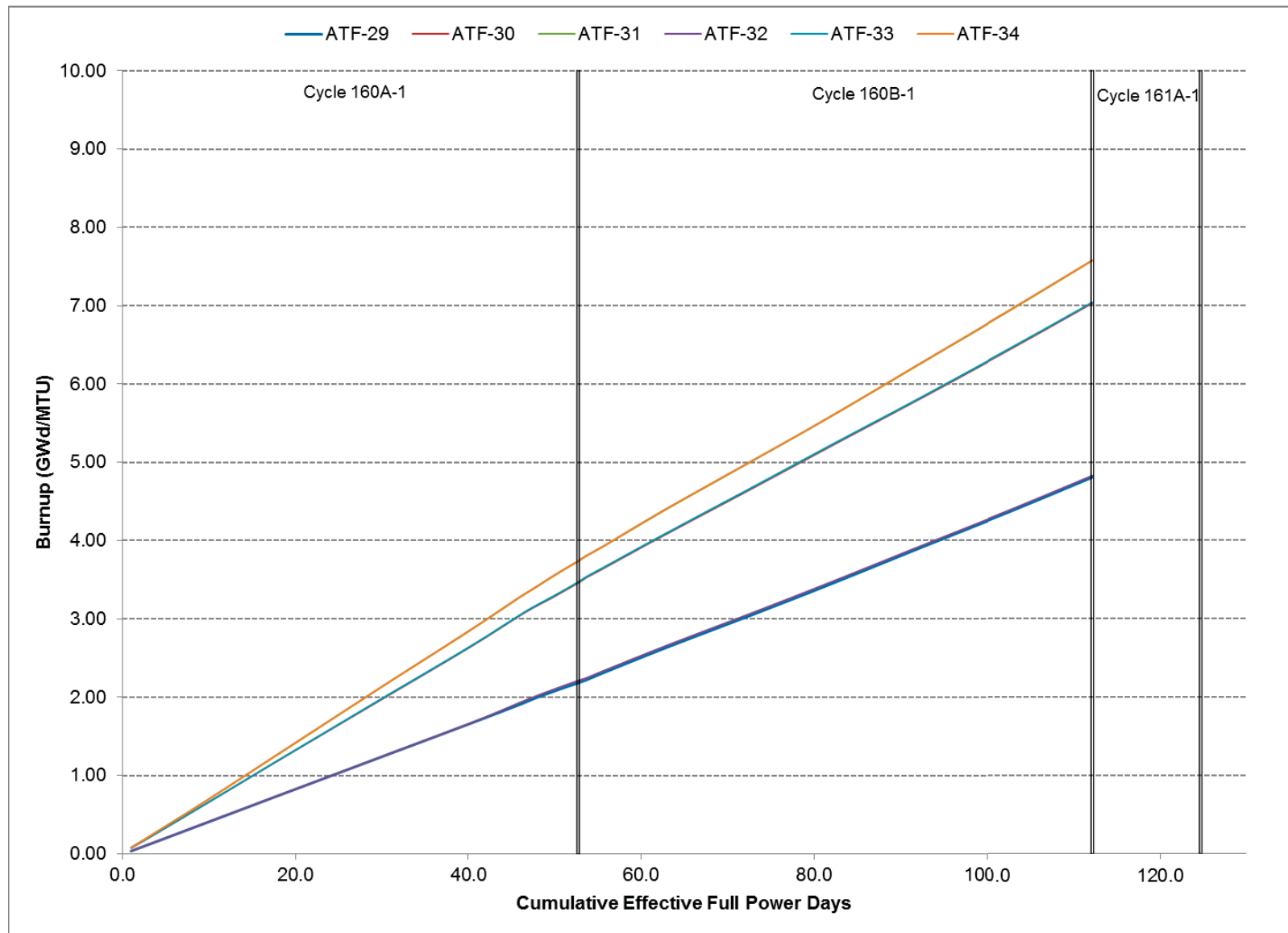


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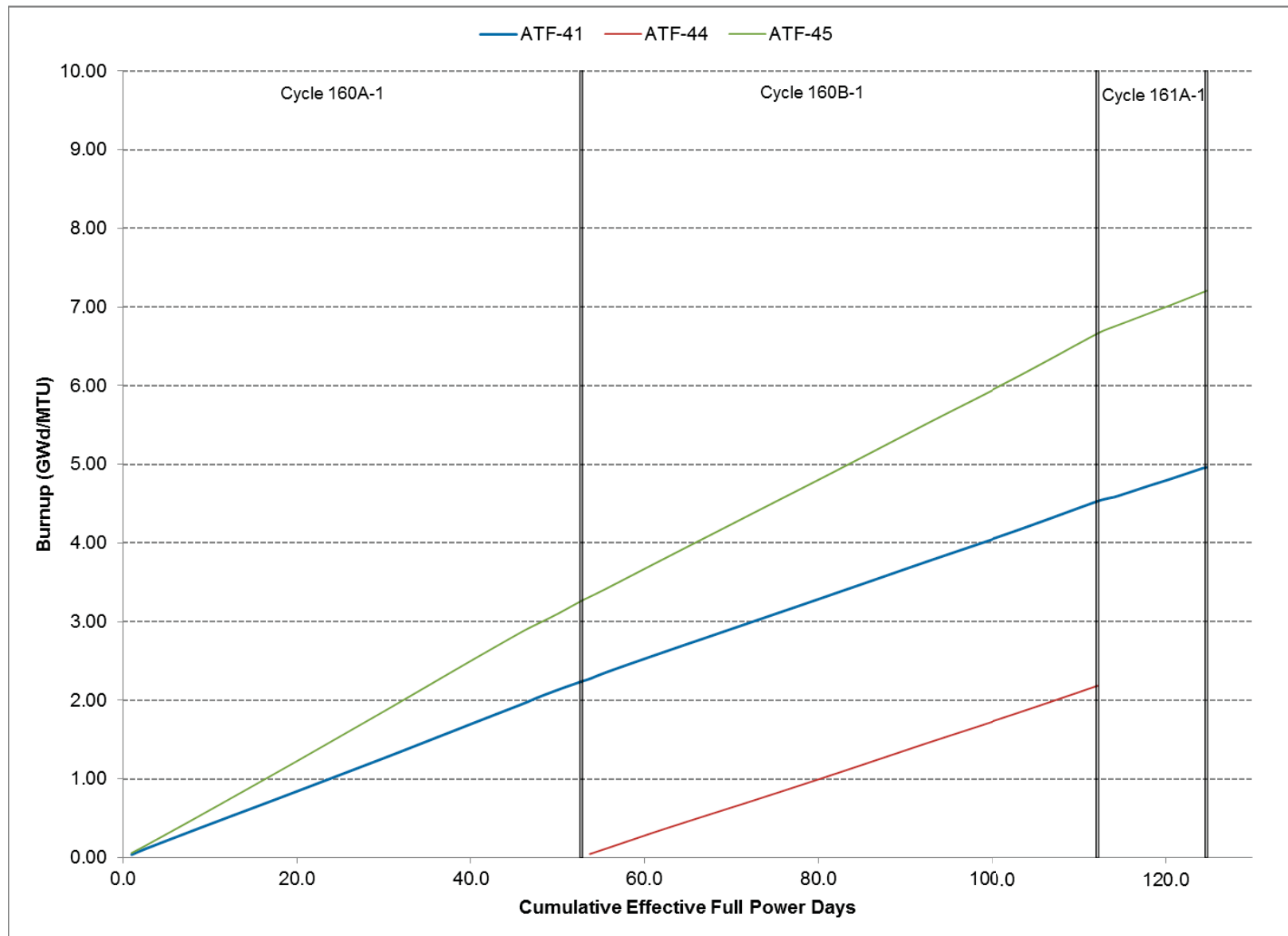


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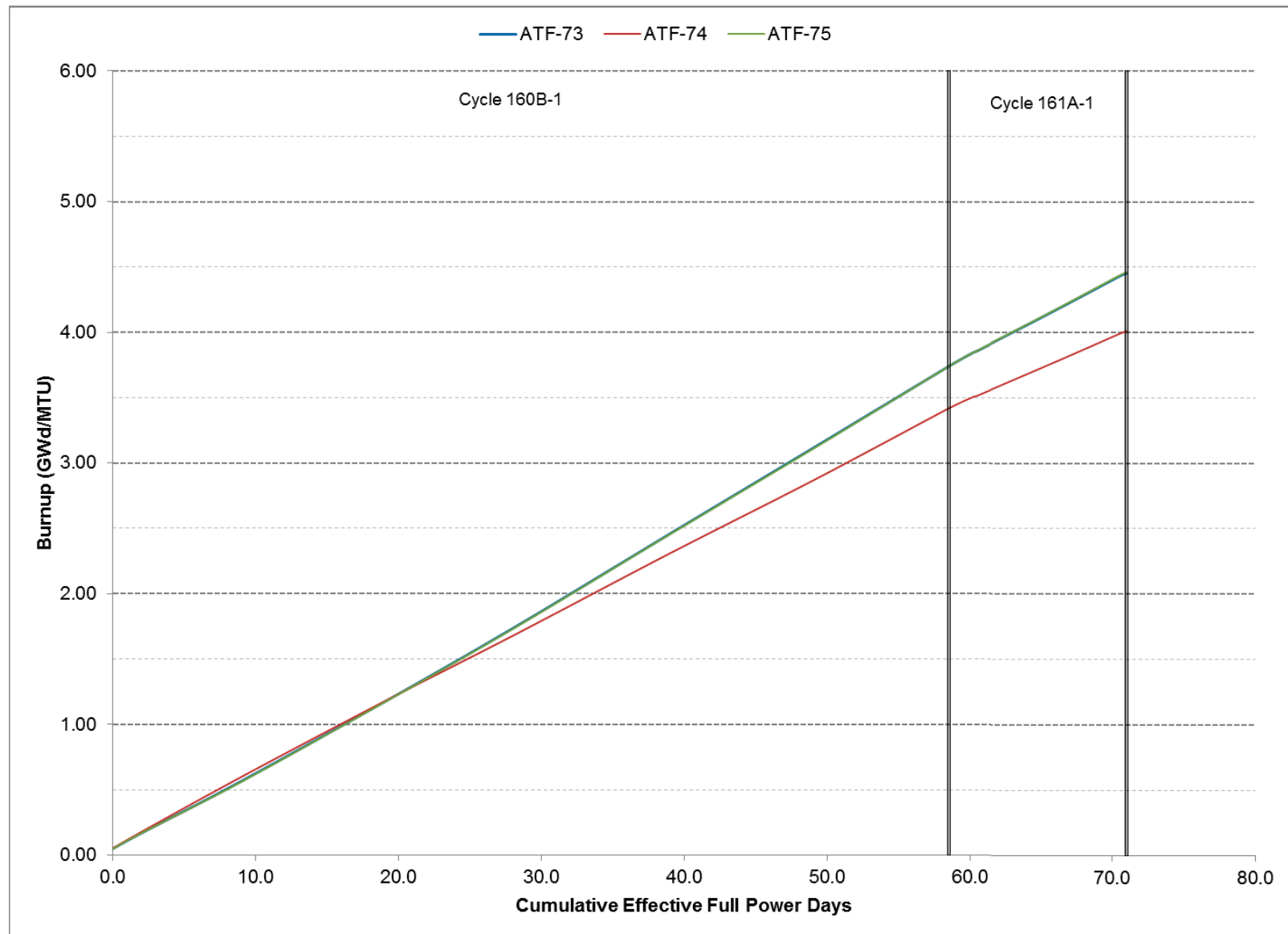


Figure 23. Burnup as a function of Cumulative Effective Full Power Days of ORNL-FCCI Capsules ATF-73, 74, and 75

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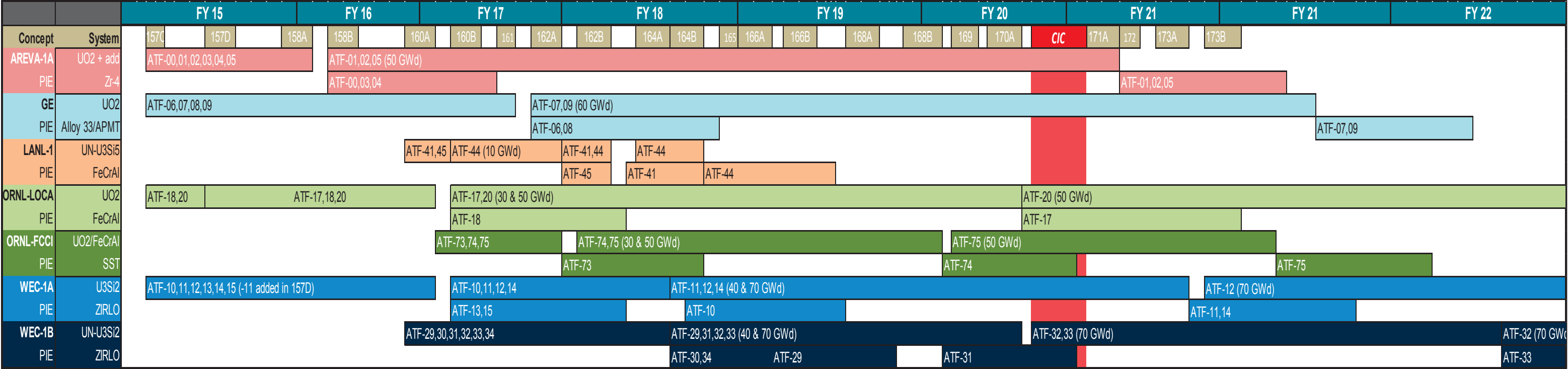


Figure 24. Current Irradiation and Subsequent Post-Irradiation Examination Schedule.  
NOTE: The top line in each concept's stripe indicates irradiation time. The bottom line identifies when a specific capsule(s) is scheduled to undergo PIE.

### 3. FUTURE IRRADIATION TESTING AND SHIPPING

ATF-1 experiment capsules will continue to be irradiated in FY 2018. No additional capsules are scheduled for insertion into the ATR during FY 2018; however, two shipments of irradiated ATF-1 capsules to HFEF are currently planned to be completed in FY 2018. The first shipment is planned to include LANL capsule ATF-45, ORNL-FCCI capsule ATF-73, and GE capsules ATF-06 and ATF-08. The second shipment, expected late in FY 2018, is expected to be comprised of LANL capsules ATF-41 and ATF-44, Westinghouse 1A capsule ATF-10, and Westinghouse 1B capsules ATF-30 and ATF-34. These plans are contingent upon the ATR operating as scheduled. In FY 2019, irradiation will continue along with the shipment of any irradiated capsules that reach their burnup targets.

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