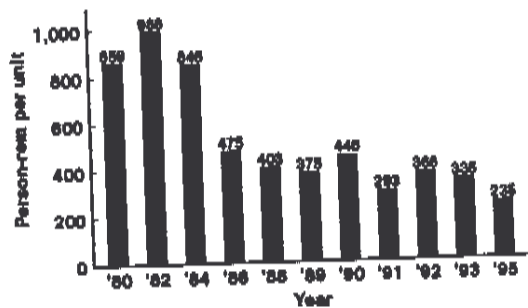


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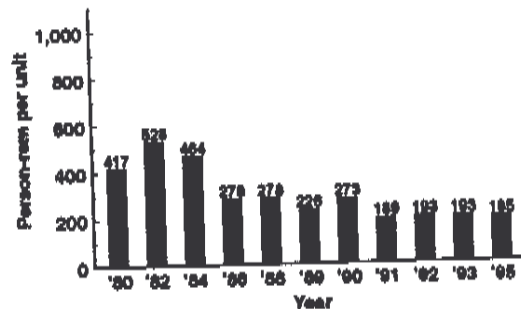
Although one less nuclear plant was on line, U.S. nuclear power generation declined little in 1993. The average capacity factor rose to a record 72.5% from 71.3% in 1992. The figure would be 74.6% if plants that did not operate in 1993 are excluded from the total, according to the Nuclear Energy Institute. Three US nuclear plants licensed to operate in 1993 - Browns Ferry 1 and 3 and Burnswick 1 - were off line for the entire year. Data collected by the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations show that the performance of U.S. nuclear plants improved or held steady in 1993.

The figures below show that the radiation exposure data for BWRs decreased from 368 person-rem in 1992 to 335 person-rem in 1993 while it remained unchanged for PWRs.

Radiation Exposure and Goal for 1995, BWRs



Radiation Exposure and Goal for 1995, PWRs



For more, "US Industry Lauds Rise in Performance," *Nuclear Engineering International*, p. 11, June 1994.