Moving the Regulating Rod
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• The Problem

• For many years the Reg Rod showed some wear during inspections
• This wear accelerated after 2000
Also in every day use the Reg rod motor was sticking
A possibility is that the cause of the accelerated wear on the rod and motor was due the change to put all rods down rather than scramming in 2000, since...
• The reg motor was 1.25 inches south of its core location

• A decision was made to move the reg motor 1.5”
• The deck plate had to be cut in place since all three rods go through it
• Precautions were taken to protect the pool and core from falling debris

• Tarp and vacuum
• The cable for the motor had to be cut to be removed.
The absorber was replaced.
• A new base was created to hide the old hole and the cable and rod reassembled