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Transport in High Density Pellet Fueled DIII-D Discharges¹ L.R. BAYLOR, T.C. JERNIGAN, M.R. WADE, *Oak Ridge National Laboratory*, R. MAINGI, *Oak Ridge Affiliated Universities*, R.J. GROEBNER, M.A. MAHDAVI, *General Atomics* — Pellet fueled NBI H-mode discharges have been produced on DIII-D with line-average density 20%-40% above the Greenwald density limit for long periods and with global energy confinement near JET-DIII-D ELM-free H-mode scaling. Transiently, line-average density 50% higher than the Greenwald limit has been obtained with normalized confinement times of up to 0.9, relative to JET-DIII-D scaling. Densities as high as three times the Greenwald limit are obtained, but cause a transition to L-mode. The particle and energy transport do not appear to be significantly increased at densities above the Greenwald limit in DIII-D. In some cases, strong gradients in the density and pressure profiles suggesting an interior transport barrier and reduced core transport are observed near the $q = 2$ surface. Analysis of the power balance and particle and energy transport in these discharges with the TRANSP code will be presented.

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