

- E. The edition(s) of the codes and standards used in the design shall be referenced in the DBD and construction drawings (*as noted in 1.5.C and 1.5.H*). The use of the documents listed under References below (e.g., various codes, standards, reports, papers, etc.) might be necessary in order to comply with this Chapter.

2.0 ACRONYMS AND NOTATIONS¹⁸

The following is a list of acronyms, notation, symbols, and shortened titles used in this Chapter. Load-related symbols and factors are defined in Sections II and III.

AA – Aluminum Association	CE – Carbon Equivalent
AASHTO – American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials	CIP – Cast in place
ACI – American Concrete Institute	CFR – Code of Federal Regulations
ADM – Aluminum Design Manual	DBD – Design Basis Document
AISC – American Institute of Steel Construction	DBE – Design Basis Earthquake
AISI – American Iron and Steel Institute	DOD – Department of Defense
ANSI – American National Standards Institute	DOD-TM - Department of Defense Technical Manual
API – American Petroleum Institute	DOE G – Department of Energy Guideline
ASCE – American Society of Civil Engineers	DOE M – Department of Energy Manual
ASME - American Society of Mechanical Engineers	DOE O – Department of Energy Order
ASTM – ASTM International	DOE-STD – Department of Energy Standard
ASD – Allowable Stress Design	ESM – Engineering Standards Manual
ATC – Applied Technology Council	F_{μ} – Inelastic Energy Absorption Factor
ASME – American Society of Mechanical Engineers	FDD – Facility Design Description
AWS – American Welding Society	FEMA – Federal Emergency Management Agency
BLEVE – Boiling Liquid Expanding Vapor Explosion	FIMS – Facility Information Management System
BNL – Brookhaven National Laboratory	HC – Hazard Category
	HVAC – Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning
	I, I_p – Importance Factor
	IBC – International Building Code
	ICC – International Code Council
	ICC ES – International Code Council Evaluation Service
	IEBC – International Existing Building Code

¹⁸ The acronyms and notations listed herein are not intended to be only/all of those used in this chapter, nor are they intended to be all of those that might be required by the documents referenced in this chapter. Rather the listing is merely intended to include some of the more commonly used acronyms and notations in the chapter and in the documents referenced in it.

IEEE – Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers	QA – Quality Assurance
IMP – Implementation procedure	R, R_p – Response Modification Coefficient
ISD – Implementation Support Documents	RC – Risk Category
LANL – Los Alamos National Laboratory	RFP – Request for Proposal
LANS – Los Alamos National Security, LLC	S_{D1} – Response Spectral Acceleration at 1 Second Period
LLNL – Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory	S_{DS} – Peak Response Spectral Acceleration (0.2 Second Period)
LRFD – Load & Resistance Factor Design	SD – Strength Design
ML – Management Level	SDC – Seismic Design Category
NASPEC – North American Specification	SDD – System Design Description
NDC – NPH Design Category	SDQP – Structural Design Quality Plan
NEMA – National Electrical Manufacturers Association	SF – Scale Factor
NFPA – National Fire Protection Association	SMACNA – Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors' National Association
NNSA – National Nuclear Security Administration	SPRP – Structural Peer Review Plan
NPH – Natural Phenomena Hazard	SSCs – Structures, Systems, and Components
NRC/NUREG – Nuclear Regulatory Commission	TEMA – Tubular Exchanger Manufacturers Association
OEITS – other equipment important to safety	UFC – Unified Facilities Criteria
PI – Post-installed	UHRS – Uniform Hazard Response Spectrum
POC – Point of Contact	ϕ – Capacity Reduction Factor

3.0 DEFINITIONS

Anchor – A steel element either cast into concrete or masonry, or post installed into a hardened concrete or masonry member. Including headed bolts, hooked bolts (J- or L- bolt), headed studs, expansion anchors, undercut anchors, etc. Anchors in the context of the ESM also include steel to steel connection elements and welds. Anchors are used to transmit applied loads.

Anchorage – A device or a collection of devices that provide structural support or restraint for systems and components to prevent falling, sliding, overturning, and excessive displacement.

Attachment – The structural assembly, external to the surface of the concrete that transmits loads to or receives loads from the anchor.

Corrosive – A chemical that causes visible destruction of, or irreversible alterations in, living tissue by chemical action at the point of contact. A chemical shall be considered corrosive if, when tested on the intact skin of albino rabbits by the method described in DOT 49 CFR, Part 173.137, such chemical destroys or changes irreversibly the structure of the tissue at the point of contact following an exposure period of 4 hours. This term does not refer to action on inanimate surfaces. [IBC 2015]

Exceedance frequency – The annual probability of exceeding a given ground motion. For example, at LANL, the 2007 UPSHA¹⁹ has estimated that the mean exceedance frequency associated with a peak ground acceleration of 0.47g is 4×10^{-4} (i.e., 1/2500) or an average return period of 2,500 years.

Existing facility – Refer to IBC definition and any ESM Chapter 16 amendment to same.

Explosives facility – A structure or defined area used for explosives storage or operations. Excluded are explosives presenting only localized, minimal hazards as determined by the Authority Having Jurisdiction. Examples of excluded items may include user quantities of small arms ammunition, commercial distress signals, or cartridges for cartridge actuated tools, etc. [DOE G 420.1-1A]

Facility – One or more building(s) or structure(s), including systems and components, dedicated to a common function (includes operating, non-operating, and facilities slated for decontamination and decommissioning).

Inelastic energy absorption factor (F_p) – A reduction factor used to reduce demand to account for inelastic behavior. The Inelastic Energy Absorption Factor is a function of the Limit State and the structural system or equipment configuration. See ASCE 43 for more detail.

Graded approach – A process by which the level of analysis, documentation, and actions necessary to comply with requirements are commensurate with: the relative importance to safety, safeguards, and security; the magnitude of any hazard involved; the life cycle stage of a facility; the programmatic mission of a facility; the particular characteristics of a facility; and any other relevant factor.

Hazard – A source of danger (i.e., material, energy source, or operation) with the potential to cause illness, injury, or death to personnel (workers or the public), damage to an operation, or damage to the environment (without regard for the likelihood or credibility of accident scenarios or consequence mitigation).

Hazard categorization – Evaluation of the consequences of unmitigated releases to classify facilities or operations into the following hazard categories:

- *Hazard Category 1: Has the potential for significant off-site consequences.*
- *Hazard Category 2: Has the potential for significant on-site consequences.*
- *Hazard Category 3: Has the potential for only significant localized consequences.*

DOE-STD-1027-92 provides guidance and radiological threshold values for determining the hazard category of a facility. DOE-STD-1027-92, Chg 1, *Hazard Categorization and Accident Analysis Techniques for Compliance with DOE Order 5480.23, Nuclear Safety Analysis Reports*, interprets Hazard Category 1 facilities as Category A reactors and other facilities designated as such by the Program Secretarial Officer. [DOE G 420.1-1A]

Hazardous material – Any solid, liquid, or gaseous material that is radioactive, toxic, explosive, flammable, corrosive, or otherwise physically or biologically threatening to health. [DOE G 420.1-1A]

Health hazard – A classification of a chemical for which there is statistically significant evidence that acute or chronic health effects are capable of occurring in exposed persons. The term “health hazard” includes chemicals that are toxic or highly toxic, and corrosive. [2015 IBC]

¹⁹ Refer to the URS Corp. document contained in Miscellaneous References herein.

High confidence of low probability of failure (HCLPF) – Usually a 90% confidence of a less than 10% probability of failure which results in about a 1% to 2% probability of failure

Highly toxic – A chemical which produces a lethal dose or lethal concentration that falls within any of the following categories:

1. Has a median lethal dose (LD_{50}) of ≤ 50 mg per kilogram of body weight when administered orally to albino rats weighing between 200 and 300 g each.
2. Has an LD_{50} of ≤ 200 mg per kilogram of body weight when administered by continuous contact for 24 hr (or less if death occurs within 24 hr) with the bare skin of albino rabbits weighing between 2 and 3 kg each.
3. Has an LD_{50} in air of ≤ 200 parts per million by volume of gas or vapor, or ≤ 2 mg per liter of mist, fume, or dust, when administered by continuous inhalation for 1 hr (or less if death occurs within 1 hr) to albino rats weighing between 200 and 300 g each.

Mixtures of these chemicals with ordinary materials, such as water, might not warrant classification as highly toxic. While this system is basically simple in application, any hazard evaluation that is required for the precise categorization of this type of chemical shall be performed by experienced, technically competent persons. [adaptation of 2015 IBC]

Limit state (LS) – The limiting acceptable condition of the SSC. The limit state may be defined in terms of a maximum acceptable displacement, strain, ductility, or stress. The four LSs are as follows:

A = Short of collapse, but structurally stable

B = Moderate permanent deformation

C = Limited permanent deformation

D = Essentially elastic

Major modification – A modification/ change to a DOE nuclear facility that substantially changes the existing safety basis [adaptation of DOE-STD-1189-2008]. Determination is made through a checklist (see [SBP114-1](#), *Safety Basis Development for Projects, Att 2*).

Mean annual hazard – The expected (or average) exceedance frequency associated with a given hazard. Future seismic loads are highly variable. For a given site, there is typically, a “mean annual seismic hazard” curve that expresses the average (or expected) value of a ground motion parameter, such as peak ground acceleration, as a function of the probability of exceedance of that variable.

Natural phenomena hazard (NPH) – An act of nature (e.g., earthquake, wind, tornado, flood, precipitation, volcanic eruption, or lightning strike) that poses a threat or danger to workers, the public, or to the environment by potential damage to structures, systems, and components.

New facility – Refer to IBC definition and any ESM Chapter 16 amendment to same.

Nonreactor nuclear facility – Those facilities, activities or operations that involve, or will involve, radioactive and/or fissionable materials in such form and quantity that a nuclear or a nuclear explosive hazard potentially exists to workers, the public, or the environment, but does not include accelerators and their operations and does not include activities involving only incidental use and generation of radioactive materials or radiation such as check and calibration sources, use of radioactive sources in research and experimental and analytical laboratory activities, electron microscopes, and x-ray machines. [DOE G 420.1-1A]

Other equipment important to safety – Refer to ESM Chapter 1 Section Z10 definition.

Peak spectral acceleration – The maximum acceleration response that a prescribed forcing function can produce in a single degree of freedom oscillator (independent of the natural frequency of the oscillator).

Peer review – A formal review process in which an external party (independent from the project) will review the methodology, results, and process by which a design is developed.

Physical hazard – A chemical for which there is evidence that it is a combustible liquid, cryogenic fluid, explosive, flammable (solid, liquid or gas), organic peroxide (solid or liquid), oxidizer (solid or liquid), oxidizing gas, pyrophoric (solid, liquid or gas), unstable (reactive) material (solid, liquid or gas), or water-reactive material (solid or liquid). [2015 IBC]

Positive attachment/connection – Anchors, bolts, welds, screws and other such fasteners, etc.; not relying on gravity or friction. [adapted from various; e.g., ASCE 7, IBC, SDI, etc.]

Post-installed anchor – An anchor installed in hardened concrete. Expansion, adhesive, and undercut anchors are examples of post-installed anchors.

Response modification coefficient (R) – A factor used to reduce demand (that would be generated by a commercial structure behaving elastically due to the design-basis earthquake) to target the development of the first significant yield. It accounts for the displacement ductility demand required by the system and the inherent overstrength of the seismic force-resisting system (SFRS). R is a function of the structural system configuration (i.e., the SFRS selected for use dictates the value of R). [adaptation of ASCE 7-10 Expanded Commentary on Ch. 12]

Safety basis – The documented safety analysis and hazard controls that provide reasonable assurance that a DOE nuclear facility can be operated safely in a manner that adequately protects workers, the public, and the environment. [DOE G 420.1-1A]

Safety class – A category for facilities or SSCs identified by a safety analysis whose importance to safety is to prevent or mitigate potential adverse consequences to the general public or the environment.

Safety significant – A category for facilities or SSCs identified by a safety analysis whose importance to safety is a preventative or mitigative function that is a major contributor to defense-in-depth and /or to prevent or mitigate potential adverse consequences to the facility workers or occupants.

Seismic hazard curves (HC) – Description of the ground motion parameter of interest as a function of annual frequency of exceedance. Peak ground acceleration and spectral accelerations at 0.2 sec and 1 second natural period plotted as a function of annual frequency of exceedance are common. The seismic hazard curves are determined from a probabilistic hazard assessment following the guidance in ANSI/ANS 2.27 and 2.29.

Significant chemical or toxicological hazard – A dose applied to /received by a facility worker, collocated worker, or the public that warrants protection (in the form of SSCs) against the hazard. The NPH categorization of the SSCs (e.g., RC-II, NDC-2, etc.) is based on the dose and the unmitigated consequences of SSC failure. The methodology for the categorization should be consistent with DOE-STD-1189 (i.e., Appendix B for collocated workers and the public, and Appendix C for facility workers) and direction from the responsible program office. [adapted from DOE-STD-1189 Appendices, and DOE-STD-1020]

Spectral acceleration – The maximum acceleration response of a single-degree or freedom oscillator of a known frequency, f and viscous damping, β , subjected to a prescribed forcing function or earthquake ground motion time history.

Structural element – Portion of a structure involved in a load path, such as a beam, column, shear wall, diaphragm, brace, anchor or support. [adapted from various places in ASCE 7]

Structures, systems, and components (SSCs) – A structure is an element, or a collection of elements, to provide support or enclosure, such as a building, free-standing tanks, basins, dikes, or stacks. A system is a collection of components assembled to perform a function, such as piping, cable trays, conduits, or HVAC. A component is an item of mechanical or electrical equipment, such as a pump, valve, or relay, or an element of a larger array, such as a length of pipe, elbow, or reducer.

Toxic – A chemical falling within any of the following categories [adaptation of 2015 IBC]:

1. Has a median lethal dose (LD_{50}) of > 50 mg per kg, but ≤ 500 mg/kg of body weight when administered orally to albino rats weighing between 200 and 300 g each.
2. Has an LD_{50} of > 200 mg per kg, but $\leq 1,000$ mg/kg of body weight when administered by continuous contact for 24 hr (or less if death occurs within 24 hr) with the bare skin of albino rabbits weighing between 2 and 3 kg each.
3. Has an LD_{50} in air of > 200 parts per million, but $\leq 2,000$ ppm by volume of gas or vapor, or > 2 mg per liter but ≤ 20 mg per liter of mist, fume, or dust, when administered by continuous inhalation for 1 hr (or less if death occurs within 1 hr) to albino rats weighing between 200 and 300 g each.

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These documents are invoked by reference to the extent applicable. Dates shown are the latest at time of issuance of Section I; however, always use latest edition (except for those referenced by building code of record used).

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- ACI 349, “Code Requirements for Nuclear Safety Related Concrete Structures,” Code and Commentary, 2013
- ACI 349.1R, “Reinforced Concrete Design for Thermal Effects on Nuclear Power Plant Structures,” 2007
- TMS 402 and 602/ACI 530 and 530.1/ASCE 5 and 6, “Building Code Requirements for Masonry Structures,” and “Specification for Masonry Structures,” respectively, 2013.

AISC (American Institute of Steel Construction)

- AISC 341 – Seismic Provisions for Structural Steel Buildings, including Supplement 1, 2010.
- AISC 360 – Specification for Structural Steel Buildings, 2010.

²⁰ The documents listed are those that are explicitly referenced in the chapter as well as some/many of those that are implicitly referenced (e.g., by way of their being referenced by IBC, etc.).

AISI (American Iron Steel Institute)

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- AISI S110/S1, “Standard for Seismic Design of Cold-Formed Steel Structural Systems—Special Moment Frames,” 2007 with Supplement 1, dated 2009 (R2012).
- AISI S200, “North American Standard for Cold-Formed Steel Framing – General Provision,” 2012.
- AISI S210, “North American Standard for Cold-Formed Steel Framing - Floor and Roof System Design,” (R2012)
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- AISI S212, “North American Standard for Cold-Formed Steel Framing - Header Design,” 2007 (R2012).
- AISI S213/S1, “North American Standard for Cold-Formed Steel Framing – Lateral Design,” 2007, with Supplement 1, dated 2009 (R2012).
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ASCE (American Society of Civil Engineers)

- ASCE 4, “Seismic Analysis of Safety Related Nuclear Structures and Commentary,” 1998.
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ASME (American Society of Mechanical Engineers)

- NQA-1, “Quality Assurance Requirements for Nuclear Facility Applications,” March 14, 2008 with 2009 addenda.
- QME-1, “Qualification of Active Mechanical Equipment Used in Nuclear Power Plants,” 2007.

ASTM International (formerly American Society of Testing Materials)

- ASTM G 57, “Standard Test Method for Field Measurement of Soil Resistivity Using the Wenner Four-Electrode Method,” 2006.

DOD (Department of Defense)

- UFC 3-340-01, “Design and Analysis of Hardened Structures for Conventional Weapons Effects,” Unified Facilities Criteria (UFC), 2002.
- UFC 4-010-01, “DoD Minimum Antiterrorism Standards for Buildings,” Unified Facilities Criteria (UFC), October 8, 2003.
- UFC 4-010-02, “DoD Minimum Antiterrorism Standoff Distances for Buildings, Unified Facilities Criteria (UFC), January 2007.
- UFC 3-340-02, “Structures to Resist the Effects of Accidental Explosions, Unified Facilities Criteria (UFC), December 2008.

DOE (Department of Energy) Regs, Orders, and Standards

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- DOE O 414.1D, “Quality Assurance,” 2011, Admin Chg. 1 (2013).
- DOE O 420.1C, “Facility Safety,” Change 1 (2015).
- DOE G 420.1-1A, “Nonreactor Nuclear Safety Design Guide for use with DOE O 420.1C, Facility Safety,” December 2012.
- DOE M 440.1-1A, “Explosive Safety Manual,” 2006.
- DOE-STD-1020, “Natural Phenomena Hazards Analysis and Design Criteria for DOE Facilities,” December 2012.
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- DOE/EH-0545, “Seismic Evaluation Procedure for Equipment in the US DOE Facilities,” March 1997.

EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)

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ICC (International Code Council)

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- AC106, “Predrilled Fasteners (Screw Anchors) in Masonry,” May 2012

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