Unified Facilities Criteria: Seismic Design for Buildings

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Presentation Outline

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Brief (Rich) History

- Tri-Services developed comprehensive seismic design criteria long before national model codes did (only the UBC and its predecessors were close), e.g.:
 - TM 5-809-10/NAVFAC P-355/AFM 88-3 Ch 13 (1982, 1992)
 - TM 5-809-10-1/NAVFAC P-355.1/AFM 88-3 Ch 13 Sec A (1986)
 - TM 5-809-10-2/NAVFAC P-355.2/AFM 88-3 Ch 13 Sec B (1988)
 - TI 809-04 (1998)
 - TI 809-05 (1999)
 - TI 809-07 (1998)
- Pioneers: Sig Freeman (WJE), Joe Nicoletti (URS), Jim Tanouye, Ralph Strom & Ray Decker (USACE)



Brief History (Continued)

- Evolution of FEMA's NEHRP "recommended provisions" in 1990's and beyond led to including more comprehensive seismic design guidelines in ASCE 7, and thence in the IBC.
- Tri-Services, via UFC 1-200-01, have mandated maximum reliance on the IBC as the national model code (IBC adopts ASCE 7 & all material codes, e.g. ACI 318).
- Funding for DoD criteria development continues to shrink.



Focus & Philosophy

 Incorporate provisions of 2003 International Building Code (IBC) by reference, to maximum extent possible.

∴ Adopt ASCE 7-02 and material-specific codes (e.g. ACI 318-02) by reference, to maximum extent possible.

- Provide DoD-unique criteria and guidance where necessary & appropriate.
- "Look ahead" in a few places and adopt ASCE 7-05 provisions, if they provide some advantage over ASCE 7-02 provisions (ASCE 7-05 is currently under ballot and seismic provisions will be adopted almost *in toto* by 2006 IBC).



Approach to Document Development (1)

- Tri-Service Structural Discipline Working Group (SDWG) oversees development – Caulder (AF), Hewitt (NAVFAC), Rossbach (USACE).
- UFC is primarily developed by CEERD CERL (Hayes, Sweeney, Wilcoski).
- OCONUS seismicity data are developed by USGS (Leyendecker).
- Tri-Service technical review is provided by SDWG, CENWK (Wright, Sivakumar), CENPD (Petersen), & CEHNC (Grant).



Approach to Document Development (2)

- Outside mentoring & peer review are provided by:
 - Bob Bachman (Chair, ASCE 7 Seismic Task Committee)
 - Ron Hamburger (Chair, BSSC Provisions Update Committee - PUC)
 - Jim Harris (Chair, ASCE 7)
 - Bill Holmes (Past Chair, BSSC PUC)
 - Harold Sprague (Member ASCE 7, BSSC PUC)
 - EV Leyendecker (USGS, Member ASCE 7, BSSC PUC)



Approach to Document Development (3)

- Replace TI 809-04 and TI 809-05 with UFC 3-310-04.
- Retain unique guidance features of TI 809-04 in updated form (diaphragms, architectural / mechanical / electrical components, masonry (passed to masonry UFC), & flow charts / reference tables.
- Review each section/paragraph of 2003 IBC and determine if it could be used as written or needed modification.
- Transfer CONUS & OCONUS seismicity data (spectral accelerations, not zones) to UFC 3-310-01 (25 May 05).



Major Features (1)

- UFC directs designers to use provisions of 2003 IBC, except where changes are required. This is covered by <u>Appendix B</u> of the UFC and will apply to conventional DoD buildings. "Default" values are to use IBC provisions. Where changes are required, designer is told to:
 - <u>Add</u> a new section to the IBC provisions;
 - <u>Delete</u> the referenced IBC section;
 - Replace the referenced IBC section with new provision; or,
 - <u>Supplement</u> the referenced IBC section with additional information.



Major Features (2)

- Appendices B, D, & E direct designers to UFC 3-310-01 for spectral acceleration data, including OCONUS data.
- Appendix B creates new DoD-unique Seismic Use Group (SUG) IV, for nationally strategic military assets (e.g. NMD).
- Appendix B addresses existing buildings via reference to ASCE 31-03 (evaluation) & FEMA 356 (rehabilitation).
- Appendix C substitutes a new optional "simplified" design procedure for regular, low-rise buildings. This replaces "simplified analysis" provisions of 2003 IBC (§ 1616.6.1) with a new procedure that will be in ASCE 7-05. Many DoD buildings should fall into this category.



Major Features (3)

- Appendix D provides designers with an optional, alternate design procedure for buildings in SUG III (UFC does not have SUG IIIE and IIIH of TI 809-04):
 - Specifies nonlinear analysis (static or dynamic) for two performance levels: Life Safety at 2%/50, or MCE; and, Immediate Occupancy at 10%/50, or SE;
 - Adopts acceptance criteria from FEMA 356 for LS and IO performance objectives; and,
 - Somewhat restricts use of seismic force-resisting systems to those that are considered to be "good performers" in earthquakes.



Major Features (4)

- <u>Appendix E</u> provides design procedure for SUG IV buildings:
 - Requires buildings to remain elastic and all critical installed equipment to remain operational at MCE (2%/50 yrs) ground motion;
 - Adds vertical motion component to design & provides method of deriving vertical spectrum from horizontal spectrum (from USGS);
 - Further restricts use of structural systems;
 - Encourages use of supplemental energy dissipation and base isolation in appropriate situations; and,



Requires formal peer review.

Major Features (5)

- <u>Appendix F</u> provides guidance for design of architectural, mechanical, & electrical systems:
 - Includes details for ceilings, piping, nonstructural walls (based largely on guidance found in TI 809-04); and,
 - Includes certification / testing procedures for equipment, with sample reports.



Major Features (6)

- Appendix G provides design process flow charts and cross-reference tables that relate UFC provisions to 2003 IBC and ASCE 7-02 provisions (emulates TI 809-04).
- <u>Appendix H</u> provides guidance on diaphragm analysis & design (emulates TI 809-04).
- Note: TI 809-04 guidance on masonry design is transferred to masonry UFC 3-310-06 (see Track 14, Session 14D).
- Note: TI 809-04 guidance on reinforced concrete & structural steel design is dropped, with references to public sector documents provided in <u>Appendix G</u>.



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Training & Future Directions

- **PROSPECT Course 027, Seismic Design for Buildings, is** planned for 22-26 May 06.
- **Revised version of UFC 3-310-04 is planned for ~ FY07:**
 - 2006 IBC will delete most seismic provisions and simply adopt ASCE 7-05 (ala NFPA);
 - ASCE 7-05 seismic provisions are completely reformatted from ASCE 7-02;
 - Hopefully, FEMA 356 (Prestandard and Commentary for the Seismic Rehabilitation of Buildings) will evolve into ASCE 41-xx:
 - Design provisions for non-building structures are not thorough; and,
 - The UFC will move toward direct inclusion in master



structural design UFC (see Track 14, Session 14B).

Questions?

Electronic copy of draft UFC 3-310-04 is available.

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