

1 **PROPOSAL 2-5—Revision 5 (2009) Part 3**  
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5 **SCOPE: Proposed New Chapter 16 for the 2009 Provisions**  
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8 **Reason for Proposal:**

- 9       **1.** When Response History Analyses (RHA) are used, they are commonly used as an MCE  
10       verification after a preliminary design has been completed. This code change adds a  
11       number of important requirements for RHA, to be conducted at the MCE level.
- 12       **2.** The code change also revises requirements to provide a better overview and organization  
13       to the chapter, provide consistency with and remove duplication of analysis requirements  
14       in Chapter 12, and avoid repeated language within Chapter 16
- 15       **3.** The chapter is reorganized to emphasize nonlinear RHA, although linear RHA remains  
16       an option.

17 The proposal extensively modifies and reorganizes Chapter 16. The entire chapter as proposed is  
18 shown below as new.

**CHAPTER 16**  
**SEISMIC RESPONSE-HISTORY ANALYSIS**

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**16.1 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

A response-history analysis (RHA) shall consist of an analysis of a mathematical model of the structure to determine its response, through methods of numerical integration, to suites of ground motion acceleration histories. The analysis shall be performed in accordance with the requirements of this chapter. Structures with elements of the seismic force-resisting system responding significantly beyond their elastic limit shall satisfy Section 16.3.12. Where the analysis is used to validate a design that uses the exceptions in Section 16.1.1, the ground motions shall be scaled to the MCE ground motion level per Section 16.2 and the acceptance criteria shall meet Section 16.4.

**16.1.1 Design Requirements.** The design of the structure shall meet all requirements of the equivalent lateral force procedure or modal response spectrum analysis in accordance with Section 12.6, except that specific exceptions to such requirements are permitted to be taken, provided the exceptions are:

1. clearly identified in the documentation submitted for Design Review, and
2. justified through rational application of the RHA.

**16.1.2 Level of Ground Motion.** The analysis shall be based on the MCE ground motions, defined in Section 11.4.

**16.1.3 Occupancy Categories III and IV.** For Occupancy Categories III and IV, the ground motion is per Section 16.1.2, but the acceptance criteria per Section 16.4 are more restrictive compared to values applicable to Occupancy Categories I and II.

Where alternative acceptance criteria are used, they shall be demonstrated to be consistent with the importance factor  $I$  per Section 11.5.

Nonstructural elements shall be designed per Chapter 13 using  $I_p$  per Section 13.1.3.

**16.2 GROUND MOTION**

A suite of not less than seven appropriate ground motions shall be used in the analysis.

Appropriate ground motion acceleration histories shall be obtained from records of events having magnitudes, fault distance, and source mechanisms that are consistent with those that control the maximum considered earthquake. Where the required number of appropriate recorded ground motion records are not available, appropriate

simulated or modified ground motion records are permitted to be used to make up the total number required.

Where applicable, the ground motion acceleration histories shall include near fault and directivity effects including direction of fault rupture and velocity pulses, as appropriate.

**16.2.1 Duration.** Each response-history analysis shall be run for the full duration of the ground motion, except that the first or last portion of the record provide that the truncation does not significantly modify either the frequency content or the number of cycles of ground motion with an amplitude sufficient to induce nonlinear response.

**16.2.2 Two-Dimensional Analysis.** Where two-dimensional analyses are performed, each ground motion shall consist of a horizontal acceleration history. The ground motions shall be scaled such that the average value, over all ground motions, of the 5 percent damped response spectra for the suite of motions is not less than the MCE response spectrum for the site for periods ranging from  $0.2T$  to  $1.5T$  where  $T$  is the natural period of the structure in the fundamental mode for the direction of response being analyzed.

**16.2.3 Three-dimensional Analysis.** Where three-dimensional analysis is performed, ground motions shall consist of pairs of appropriate horizontal ground motion acceleration components. For each pair of horizontal ground motion components, an SRSS spectrum shall be constructed by taking the square root of the sum of the squares of the five-percent-damped response spectra for the scaled components (where an identical scale factor is applied to both components of a pair). Each pair of motions shall be scaled such that for each period between  $0.2T$  and  $1.5T$ , the average, over all component pairs, of the SRSS spectra does not fall below 1.3 times the corresponding ordinate of the MCE response spectrum by more than 10 percent.

**16.3 MODELING AND ANALYSIS**

Mathematical models shall conform to the requirements of Section 12.7. Design Review requirement are described in Section 16.5.

**16.3.1 Interaction of Elements.** The analysis shall consider the interaction of all structural and nonstructural elements that can adversely affect the response of the structure to earthquake motions, including elements not designated as part of the seismic-force-resisting system.

1 **16.3.2 Identification of Nonlinear Response.**  
 2 Documentation submitted for Design Review shall  
 3 identify the elements in the Seismic Force Resisting  
 4 System that are designed for nonlinear seismic  
 5 response. All other elements in the SFRS shall be  
 6 demonstrated by analysis to remain essentially  
 7 elastic; refer to 16.4.3.

8 **16.3.3 Two-Dimensional Analysis.** A 2-D analysis  
 9 model is permitted to be used if Section 12.7.3 does  
 10 not require a 3-D model, or if documentation  
 11 submitted for Design Review demonstrates that the  
 12 2-D analysis captures all significant 3-D effects,  
 13 including plan torsion, non-orthogonal earthquake  
 14 response, engagement of overturning resistance  
 15 through flange effects or transverse coupling, and  
 16 non-orthogonal effects on strong-column weak-beam  
 17 behavior.

18 **16.3.4. Direction of Loading.** Two-dimensional  
 19 modeling shall account for direction of loading  
 20 effects in accordance with Section 12.5

21 **16.3.5 Diaphragm Modeling.** Floor and roof  
 22 diaphragms responding linearly shall be modeled  
 23 according to Section 12.3.1.

24 Diaphragms responding beyond the linear range shall  
 25 be modeled using nonlinear force-deformation  
 26 relationships if required by Section 16.3.11

27 **16.3.6 Seismic Mass.** The masses used in the  
 28 analytical model shall be as defined in Section 12.7.2.  
 29 Where modal computation techniques are used for  
 30 response history computation, Section 12.9.1 shall be  
 31 satisfied and the results shall be multiplied by the  
 32 ratio of the total mass to the mass participating in the  
 33 modes included in the analysis.

34 **16.3.7 Gravity Load.** The modeling of and  
 35 demands on elements in the analysis model shall be  
 36 determined considering earthquake effects acting in  
 37 the presence of expected gravity loads. For building  
 38 structures with ordinary occupancies, expected  
 39 gravity loads shall be taken as:

40  $1.0D + 0.5L$

41 For live loads subject to reduction on the basis of  
 42 area per Section 4.8, the tributary area shall be  
 43 permitted to be taken as the total floor area in the  
 44 structure subject to that live load, and  $K_{LL}$  shall be set  
 45 to 1.0.

46 For other occupancies or where the expected gravity  
 47 load is not well represented by  $1.0D + 0.5L$  or is  
 48 highly variable, the analysis shall be modified  
 49 accordingly.

50 **16.3.8 P-delta effects.** P-delta effects shall be  
 51 included in the analysis, using the gravity loads  
 52 defined in Section 16.3.7.

53 **16.3.9 Inherent Plan Torsion.** Inherent plan torsion  
 54 shall be included per Section 12.8.4.1.

55 **16.3.10 Accidental Plan Torsion.** If the accidental  
 56 torsion requirements of Section 12.8.4.2 are included  
 57 in the determination of the strength of the nonlinear  
 58 elements of the structure and in the analysis used to  
 59 meet the requirements of Section 16.1.1, inclusion of  
 60 accidental torsion in the RHA is not required.

61 **16.3.11 Nonlinear Modeling.** The mathematical  
 62 model shall directly account for the nonlinear  
 63 hysteretic behavior of the structural elements, where  
 64 elements include members and connections.

65 The hysteretic force-deformation behavior of  
 66 elements shall be modeled consistent with applicable  
 67 laboratory test data and shall account for all  
 68 significant yielding, strength degradation, stiffness  
 69 degradation, hysteretic pinching, and interaction  
 70 effects indicated by such test data. Strength of  
 71 elements shall be based on expected values  
 72 considering material overstrength, strain hardening,  
 73 and hysteretic strength degradation, at the expected  
 74 range of deformation. The behavior model shall not  
 75 be extended to deformations beyond levels  
 76 substantiated by test data.

77 Linear properties, consistent with the requirements of  
 78 Section 12.7.3, are permitted to be used for those  
 79 elements demonstrated by the analysis to remain  
 80 within their linear range of response.

81 **16.3.12 Stiffness.** To the extent that such effects are  
 82 significant for the MCE response, element properties  
 83 shall account for the following:

84 1. Stiffness properties of reinforced concrete and  
 85 reinforced masonry shall account for cracking and  
 86 other phenomena that affect effective initial stiffness,  
 87 including strain penetration, bond slip, joint and  
 88 panel zone deformation, and tension shift associated  
 89 with shear cracking.

90 2. Stiffness properties of steel or other connected  
 91 elements shall account for connection stiffness,  
 92 including for moment frames the effect of panel zone  
 93 (beam-column joint) deformations.

94 **16.3.13 Damping.** The equivalent viscous damping  
 95 level shall not exceed 5% of critical damping for any  
 96 mode required to obtain the effective mass per  
 97 Section 12.7.2, unless substantiated. Documentation  
 98 submitted for Design Review shall identify how  
 99 damping effects are included in the RHA to account  
 100 for energy dissipation that is not considered directly  
 101 in the nonlinear analysis model.

102 **16.4 ANALYSIS RESULTS.**

103 **16.4.1 Design values.** The calculation of design  
 104 values shall account for the signs of response  
 105 parameters and the combinations of response

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1 parameters, such as axial force and bending moment,  
2 that can govern the design.

3 **16.4.2 Analysis Results.** The response parameters  
4 of interest shall be calculated for each ground motion  
5 used for the RHA. For peak value of each parameter  
6 shall be determined for each ground motion. The  
7 average of the peaks shall be used for checking  
8 acceptance criteria. Where a combination of  
9 response parameters is important, such as for  
10 elements resisting both flexural and axial forces,  
11 these results shall be captured to be consistent with  
12 the acceptance criteria.

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14 **16.4.3 Acceptance Criteria for Ductile Behavior.**  
15 Element response that satisfies the definition for  
16 deformation-controlled actions in section 2.4.4.3 of  
17 ASCE/SEI 41 shall be evaluated on the basis of either  
18 nonlinear or linear behavior. If the calculated force  
19 in an element does not exceed 1.5 times its nominal  
20 strength, that element is permitted to be considered  
21 linear (essentially elastic).

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23 **16.4.3.1 Nonlinear Behavior of Ductile Elements.**  
24 Member deformation shall not result in deterioration  
25 of its attainable member strength to less than 80  
26 percent of the peak resistance. Deformation  
27 capacities shall be based on values tabulated in  
28 ASCE/SEI 41 or from laboratory test data for similar  
29 elements. Where ASCE/SEI 41 is used, the  
30 performance levels are to be used as follows:

31 1. Collapse prevention for Occupancy  
32 Categories I and II

33 2. Life safety for Occupancy Category IV

34 3. 80% of Collapse prevention, but not less  
35 than Life safety for Occupancy Category III.

36 Documentation shall be submitted for design review  
37 to substantiate the adequacy of individual elements  
38 and their connections to withstand the deformation  
39 demands from the RHA.

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41 **16.4.3.2: Linear Behavior of Ductile Elements.**  
42 Calculated force demands shall not exceed 150% of  
43 nominal capacities divided by the I factor.

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45 **16.4.4 Acceptance Criteria for Nonductile**  
46 **Behavior.** Any type of element response that does  
47 not satisfy the definition for deformation-controlled  
48 actions in section 2.4.4.3 of ASCE/SEI 41 shall be  
49 evaluated on a linear basis. The demands from  
50 Section 16.4.2 shall not exceed the expected  
51 strength. It shall be permitted to use the nominal  
52 strength in lieu of the expected strength.

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54 **16.4.5 Story Drift.** The story drift ratio shall not  
55 exceed 1.5 times the limits of Section 12.12.1 for any

56 story unless those elements not designated as part of  
57 the seismic force-resisting system are capable of  
58 undergoing the calculated story drift for each RHA  
59 without collapse of the portion of the structure  
60 supported by those elements.

61 **16.4.6 Stability.** The structure shall be shown to be  
62 stable for the MCE ground motions.

63 **16.5 Design Review.** A design review of the  
64 seismic force-resisting system, the structural analysis,  
65 and the documentation shall be performed by an  
66 independent team of registered design professionals  
67 in the appropriate disciplines and others experienced  
68 in seismic analysis methods and the theory and  
69 application of nonlinear seismic analysis and  
70 structural behavior under extreme cyclic loads. The  
71 design review shall include, but need not be limited  
72 to, the following:

73 1. Review of any site-specific seismic criteria  
74 employed in the analysis including the  
75 development of site-specific spectra and  
76 ground motion time histories.

77 2. Review of acceptance criteria used to  
78 demonstrate the adequacy of structural  
79 elements and systems to withstand the  
80 calculated force and deformation demands,  
81 together with that laboratory and other data  
82 used to substantiate these criteria.

83 3. Review of the preliminary design including  
84 the selection of structural system and the  
85 configuration of structural elements.

86 4. Review of the final design of the entire  
87 structural system and all supporting  
88 analyses.