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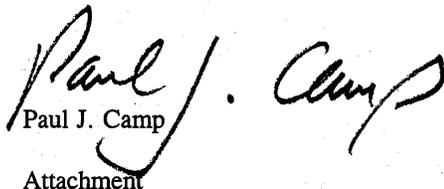
Subject: Leased Building Standards for Seismic Safety Compliance

The leased building standards for Seismic Safety compliance required by EO 12941 have been revised to the "*Standards of Seismic Safety for Federally Owned and Leased Buildings (RP6)*," issued January 2002 by the Interagency Committee on Seismic Safety Construction. It is recommended that all Service leases conform to these new standards.

The leased building standards apply to all or portions of non-Federally owned buildings leased by the Federal Government, unless classified as "exempt" under the Seismic Safety Program (see attachment).

The Service should not enter into new leases, lease renewals or extensions that do not comply with the *Standards*. Seismic safety compliance requires that the building owner obtain seismic safety certification by a registered professional engineer that the building conforms to the *Standards*. If no seismically conforming space is available, an exception for otherwise acceptable space with the best seismic resistance may be pursued.

For more information contact Rick Rampi, the Service's National Seismic Safety Coordinator, at 303-984-6869.


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Attachment

Seismic Safety Program
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The following buildings may be considered exempt from the *Standards of Seismic Safety for Federally Owned and Leased Buildings (RP6)*:

Low Seismicity

All buildings located in regions of low seismicity, unless designated by the Service's National Seismic Safety Coordinator as a critical facility.

Detached Dwellings in Low Seismic Areas

Detached single family and duplex dwellings located in low seismic zones.

Detached Dwellings in Low Seismic Areas with Light Frame Construction

Detached single family and duplex dwellings located in low seismic zones and built out of light frame construction (either wood or steel studs).

Agricultural and Storage or Part-time use

Agricultural and storage structures that are intended only for incidental human occupancy or that are occupied by persons for a total of less than 2 hours a day.

Small, One-Story Buildings of Light Construction

One-story buildings of light frame construction (either wood or steel studs) with areas less than 3000 S.F.

Special Structures

Special, non-building structures including, but not limited to: bridges, transmission towers, industrial towers and equipment, piers and wharves, and hydraulic structures.

Seismic Rehabilitated Buildings

Seismic rehabilitated buildings that comply with the RP6 *Standards* in all 4 compliance categories (structural, nonstructural, foundation/geologic site hazards, and adjacency) to the satisfaction of the Service's National Seismic Safety Coordinator.

Post-Benchmark Buildings

Grand fathered buildings built after the building code adoption of seismic provisions which meet with all 4 compliance categories and are being evaluated to the Life-Safety performance level. Call the Service's National Seismic Safety Coordinator at 303-984-6869 for post-benchmark designation.

Pre-Benchmark Buildings

Buildings built before the building code adoption of seismic provisions which have been shown by seismic evaluation study to be seismically safe to the satisfaction of the Service's National Seismic Safety Coordinator in all 4 compliance categories.

Buildings Designed after 1/5/90

Buildings constructed for the federal government whose design was done after the date of adoption of Executive Order 12699 (January 5, 1990) and do not trigger further seismic evaluation per RP6 *Standards*. Call the Service's National Seismic Safety Coordinator at 303-984-6869 to confirm this designation.

Demolition, Short-Term Leases, or Foreclosure

Buildings scheduled for demolition, temporary short-term leases, or foreclosure.

Useful Life Less than 5 Years

The remaining useful life of the building has been identified as less than five years.

Rehabilitated Buildings Complying with RP 6

Seismic rehabilitated buildings that substantially comply in all 4 compliance categories with the RP6 *Standards* to the satisfaction of the Service's National Seismic Safety Coordinator.

Exempt designation of Service-owned or leased buildings can be verified by calling the Service's National Seismic Safety Coordinator, at 303-984-6869.

