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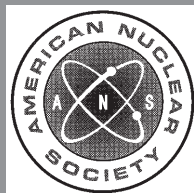
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(This foreword is not part of American National Standard Categorization of Nuclear Facility Structures, Systems, and Components for Seismic Design, ANSI/ANS-2.26-2004.)

This standard has been developed based on methods used by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) for performance categorizing and designing structures, systems, and components (SSCs) in nuclear facilities to withstand the effects of natural phenomena (DOE-STD-1021-93, “Natural Phenomena Hazards Performance Categorization Guidelines for Structures, Systems, and Components,” July 1993, Reaffirmed 2002; DOE-STD-1020-2002, “Natural Phenomena Hazards Design and Evaluation Criteria for Department of Energy Facilities,” January 2002; DOE-STD-1022-94, “Natural Phenomena Hazards Site Characterization Criteria,” March 1994, Reaffirmed 2002; DOE-STD-1023-95, “Natural Phenomena Hazards Assessment Criteria,” March 1995, Reaffirmed 2002).

This standard provides criteria and guidance for selecting a seismic design category (SDC) and Limit State for the SSCs with a safety function in a nuclear facility, other than commercial power reactors, whose seismic design requirements are established by other standards and regulations. The SDC and Limit State are to be used in conjunction with standards ANS-2.27, “Criteria for Investigations of Nuclear Materials Facilities Sites for Seismic Hazard Assessments”; ANS-2.29, “Probabilistic Seismic Hazard Analysis”; and ANSI/ASCE/SEI 43-05, “Seismic Design Criteria for Structures, Systems and Components in Nuclear Facilities.” These standards together establish the design response spectra and the design and construction practices to be applied to the SSCs in the facility, dependent on which SDC and Limit State are assigned to the SSC. The objective is to achieve a risk-informed design that protects the public, the environment, and workers from potential consequences of earthquakes. Application of this group of standards will produce (a) the design response spectra, (b) the SSC Limit State necessary to achieve adequate safety performance during and following earthquakes, and (c) SSC designs that achieve the desired Limit State. Referenced standards and their procedural relationship to this standard are discussed in Appendix A of this standard.

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