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Abstract: Recommended practices are provided for establishing procedures that will yield data to demonstrate that the Class 1E equipment can meet its performance requirements during and/or following one safe shutdown earthquake event preceded by a number of operating basis earthquake events. This recommended practice may be used to establish tests, analyses, or experienced-based evaluations that will yield data to demonstrate Class 1E equipment performance claims or to evaluate and verify performance of devices and assemblies as part of an overall qualification effort. Common methods currently in use for seismic qualification by test are presented. Two approaches to seismic analysis are described, one based on dynamic analysis and the other on static coefficient analysis. Two approaches to experienced-based seismic evaluation are described, one based on earthquake experience and the other based on test experience.
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Introduction

This introduction is not part of IEEE Std 344-2004, IEEE Recommended Practice for Seismic Qualification of Class 1E Equipment for Nuclear Power Generating Stations.

This revision of IEEE Std 344-1987 was developed to expand and clarify guidance for developing programs to seismically qualify Class 1E equipment for nuclear power generating stations. Specific areas of amplification included are based on experience gained since 1987.

The Class 1E equipment to be qualified by procedures or standards based upon this revised recommended practice can be of many forms; therefore, this recommended practice presents the guidelines for many acceptable seismic qualification methods with the intent of permitting the user to make a judicious selection from the options offered. This revised recommended practice attempts to define more fully the procedures by which Class 1E equipment can be seismically qualified. It presents the methods that are known by the working group to be practices that are acceptable to the nuclear power generation industry, its equipment suppliers, and the industrial test and analysis facilities utilized by the industry. The clarification and update of methods in this recommended practice reflect an effort to recommend state-of-the-art techniques at the time of publication.

The methods and definitions presented in this revision are not intended to limit other seismic qualification techniques. Exceptions to these recommended practices may be made at any time where it can be shown that the substituted procedure verifies that the equipment can perform its safety function with justifiable methodology. The basis for a technical justification may be, but is not limited to, partial analysis, tests on similar equipment, experience data, or a combination thereof. Engineering judgment may be used in conjunction with these methods. Exceptions to these guidelines, which are founded on a broad base of actual test, analysis, and earthquake experience, supplemented by engineering judgment, may be used to meet the intent of this standard, provided the methods are justified.

The Foreword of the 1987 revision of this standard noted that experience-based methods for seismic qualification of equipment were under development, and Clause 9 of the 1987 revision contained interim guidance for the use of experience data for this purpose. Since then, development of the experience-based approach has been furthered by the Seismic Qualification Utility Group (SQUG). The SQUG approach was used at many nuclear power plants to resolve USI A-46. It has also been adopted, in part, and used by other governmental and industrial organizations. Accordingly, Clause 10 and relevant parts of Clause 11 of this revision of the standard have been rewritten to incorporate the results of this development. Use of the experience-based approach in this recommended practice is acceptable for use in nuclear plants if it is consistent with the plant's licensing/regulatory design basis.

Issues related to use of median-centered in-structure response spectra for the earthquake experience-based method, operating basis earthquake (OBE) requirements associated with the test experience method, and generation of a test-experience spectrum were considered at length by the working group in the preparation of this document.

Further guidance for qualification of replacement components and devices within an existing, previously qualified larger equipment assembly by the earthquake experience-based method is deferred to the next revision of the standard. Special consideration could be added to determine how to extend earthquake experience data to replacement of components and devices in a previously qualified equipment assembly so that there is sufficient detail and traceability in the areas of equipment performance (physical configuration, operational, and dynamic), installation, excitation, and demonstration of safety function.

Adherence to this recommended practice to obtain equipment seismic qualification alone will not suffice for assurance of public health and safety since it is the integrated performance of structures, fluid systems,

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instrumentation systems, electrical systems, and man/machine interface systems of a nuclear power generating station that establishes totally safe operating conditions.

This standard was prepared by Subcommittee 2 Working Group 2.5 (Seismic) of the Nuclear Power Engineering Committee of the IEEE Power Engineering Society.

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1. Overview

This recommended practice is divided into 11 clauses. Clause 1 provides the scope of this recommended practice. Clause 2 lists normative references to other standards that are useful in applying this recommended practice. Clause 3 provides definitions that are either not found in other standards or have been modified for use with this recommended practice. Clause 4 provides background information on earthquake behavior and on the performance of equipment during simulated seismic events. Clause 5 defines the most commonly used methods for seismic qualification of equipment contained in this recommended practice. Clause 6 provides guidance on the measurement and application of damping in the seismic qualification of equipment. Clause 7 provides procedures for two approaches most commonly used to seismically qualify equipment by analysis. Clause 8 provides procedures for the commonly used methods for seismic qualification of equipment by test. Clause 9 provides guidelines for seismic qualification of equipment that cannot be practically qualified by analysis or testing alone. Clause 10 provides guidelines for two approaches to seismically qualify equipment using experience data for a reference equipment class. Clause 11 provides documentation guidelines for the seismic qualification of equipment.

This recommended practice also contains six annexes. Annex A explains how to measure the zero period acceleration (ZPA) from seismic test data. Annex B explains frequency content and stationarity of the input waveform. Annex C provides guidance on fragility testing. Annex D explains the use of test duration and response cycles in ensuring adequate equipment response relative to low-cycle fatigue capability. Annex E provides guidance in establishing statistically independent simulated simultaneous multiaxis motions for seismic testing and analysis. Annex F provides bibliographic references.

1.1 Scope

This document describes recommended practices for establishing seismic qualification procedures that will yield quantitative data to demonstrate that the Class 1E equipment can meet its performance requirements during and/or following one safe shutdown earthquake (SSE) event preceded by a number of operating basis earthquake (OBE) events. The test, analysis, or experienced-based evaluation methods described herein may be used to yield data to demonstrate Class 1E equipment performance claims or to evaluate and verify performance of devices and assemblies as part of an overall qualification effort.

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