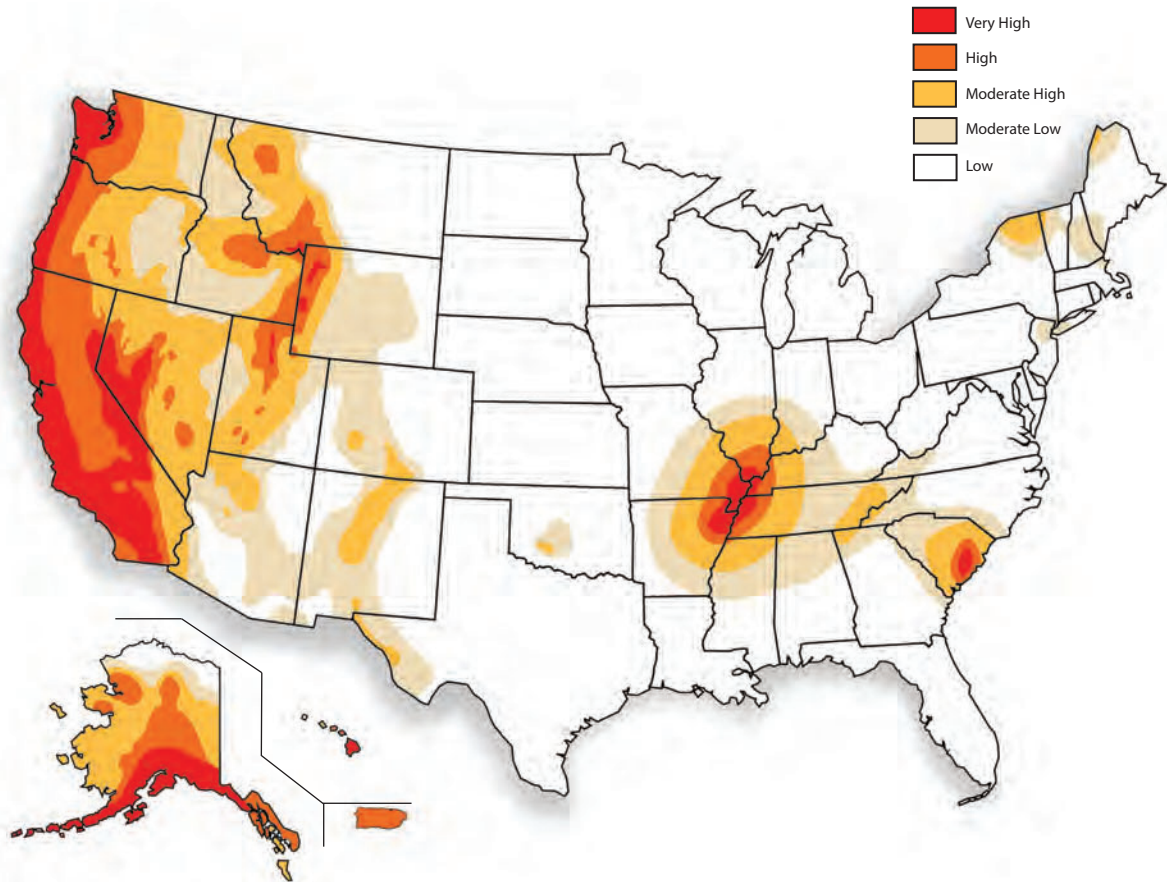


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FOREWORD

Background

In 1971, after the San Fernando earthquake when two VA buildings collapsed, VA began to undertake a full seismic safety program. Title 38 - United States Code, section 8105 required the Secretary to assure that each medical facility constructed or altered shall be of construction that is resistant to fire, earthquake, and other natural disasters. This initiated the creation of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Structural Safety of VA Facilities, which formally approved in 1975 the original VA Seismic Design document, H-08-8, Earthquake Resistant Design Requirements for VA Facilities. These requirements were developed with the concept that all VA Essential Facilities must remain in operation after an earthquake and were far in advance of National Codes.

This document is periodically updated and revised. The revision of H-08-8 to H-18-8 in 1995 was a major rewrite to bring VA seismic design requirements more in line with the updated national model codes. Further updates/revisions of minor nature were made in 1997, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2011, and 2013.

Current Revision Highlights:

- Referenced versions of national codes and standards changed to the latest date-specific editions at the time this standard was published.
- Seismic evaluation and retrofit requirements for existing buildings are updated to align with the baseline requirements of RP 8, with modifications, and ASCE 41-13.
- Redundant exemptions for existing structures and nonstructural components and equipment were removed as they are covered in Sections 2.3-2.4 and ASCE 7 Chapter 13, respectively.

Note: A vertical bar is placed to the right of the revised sections.



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1.0 DEFINITIONS

1.1 AISC 341: Seismic Provisions for Structural Steel Buildings, 2010 Edition.

1.2 ASCE 7: ASCE/SEI 7-10, Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures, American Society of Civil Engineers, 2010 Edition.

1.3 ASCE 41: ASCE/SEI 41–13, Seismic Evaluation and Retrofit of Existing Buildings, American Society of Civil Engineers, 2013 Edition.

1.4 Category of Facilities:

- a) **Critical Facilities:** Buildings that are required to remain functional after an earthquake or other natural disaster such as hurricane, tornado, etc. These facilities include, but are not limited to, the VA occupancy categories listed as Critical Facilities in Table 5, and they shall be assigned to Risk Category IV.
- b) **Essential Facilities:** Buildings that must remain operational with minor repairs after an earthquake or other natural disaster such as hurricane, tornado, etc. These facilities include, but are not limited to VA occupancy categories listed as Essential Facilities in Table 6, and they shall be assigned to Risk Category III.
- c) **Ancillary Facilities:** These facilities include, but are not limited to, the VA occupancy categories listed as Ancillary Facilities in Table 7. All ancillary facilities shall be designated as non-essential facilities and shall be assigned to Risk Category II.

1.5 FEMA 396: Incremental Seismic Rehabilitation of Hospital Buildings, American Society of Civil Engineers.

1.6 IBC: International Building Code, 2015 Edition.

1.7 OSHPD: Office of Statewide Health Planning & Development, State of California.

1.8 Risk Category: A category used to determine earthquake design loads based on the nature of the occupancy, as defined in Section 7.0.

1.9 RP 8: Standards of Seismic Safety for Existing Federally Owned and Leased Buildings, Interagency Committee on Seismic Safety in Construction (ICSSC) Recommended Practice 8 (RP 8), The National Institute of Standards and Technology (RP 8 is available at <http://www.nehrp.gov/pdf/nistgcr11-917-12.pdf>).

1.10 Seismic Design Category: A classification assigned to a structure based on its risk category and the severity of the design earthquake ground motion at the site (as defined in ASCE 7).



1.11 Seismicity

Table 1. Seismicity Levels

Region of Seismicity	S_s	S_1
Very High	$\geq 1.250g$	$\geq 0.500g$
High	$< 1.250g$ $\geq 0.750g$	$< 0.500g$ $\geq 0.300g$
Moderate – High	$< 0.750g$ $\geq 0.350g$	$< 0.300g$ $\geq 0.140g$
Moderate – Low	$< 0.350g$ $\geq 0.250g$	$< 0.140g$ $\geq 0.100g$
Low	$< 0.250g$	$< 0.100g$

Note: Values for S_s and S_1 at all VA sites are given in Table 8. The seismicity levels defined in this table are only used for managing the VA seismic inventory (e.g., Exceptionally High Risk, High Risk buildings, etc.).

1.12 Soft Story & Extreme Soft Story: As defined in ASCE 7, Table 12.3-2.

1.13 Spectral Response Acceleration: A parameter used to characterize the anticipated earthquake shaking at a given site (Table 8).

S_s : Spectral response acceleration parameter at short periods corresponding to the mapped maximum considered earthquake.

S_1 : Spectral response acceleration parameter at a period of 1 sec corresponding to the mapped maximum considered earthquake.

S_{DS} : Design spectral response acceleration parameter at short periods adjusted for site class effects, as defined in ASCE 7.

S_{D1} : Design spectral response acceleration parameter at a period of 1 sec adjusted for site class effects, as defined in ASCE 7.

1.14 VA Seismic Safety Coordinator: A VA Designated Seismic Safety Coordinator in the Office of Facilities Planning (OFP) within the Office of Construction & Facilities Management (CFM), responsible for reporting VA compliance with Executive Order 13717, Establishing a Federal Earthquake Risk Management Standard. When the VA Seismic Safety Coordinator is referenced in this manual for approvals, the Associate Executive Director for OFP also maintains the same approval authority.



2.0 GENERAL

These requirements cover all VA facilities including those of National Cemetery Administration, Veterans Benefits Administration, and Veterans Health Administration.

2.1 New Critical and Essential Facilities

All new Critical and Essential Facilities shall be designed and constructed in full compliance with the earthquake design and detailing requirements of IBC as modified in these provisions.

2.2 New Ancillary Facilities

All new Ancillary Facilities shall be designed and constructed in full compliance with the earthquake design and detailing requirements of IBC with no additional modifications.

2.3 Existing Facilities

Evaluation and retrofit of all existing facilities shall comply with the minimum RP 8 standards as modified in these provisions, including triggers for evaluation and potential mitigation in Section 2.4.

2.4 Existing Facilities - Evaluation

- a. In addition to the RP 8 Section 2.1 triggers, a seismic evaluation and potential mitigation shall be conducted for existing Critical and Essential facilities in areas where $S_{DS} \geq 0.167$ and $S_{D1} \geq 0.067$ and Ancillary Facilities in areas where $S_{DS} \geq 0.330$ and $S_{D1} \geq 0.133$ that meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - i. Facilities selected for renovation as part of a VA classified Major Construction project.
 - ii. Facilities assigned to Seismic Design Category C, D, E, or F that are selected for renovation where the area of renovation is greater than 50% of the total area.
 - iii. A project is planned which significantly extends the building's useful life through alterations or repairs which total more than 30% of the replacement value of the facility. This applies for facilities assigned to Seismic Design Category C, D, E, or F.
 - iv. Facilities under consideration by VA for lease with total floor area greater than 10,000 ft².
 - v. A significant addition to an existing building is planned that is not structurally independent of the existing building is planned.
 - vi. A building is being relocated from its current site.
- b. Existing Critical, Essential, and Ancillary Facilities shall be evaluated using the



procedures in ASCE 41 for the performance objectives in accordance with Table 2.

2.5 Existing Facilities – Retrofit

All Critical and Essential Existing Facilities shall be retrofitted using nonlinear procedures described in ASCE 41 to achieve the performance objectives in accordance with Table 2.

2.6 Existing Facilities Performance Objectives for Evaluation and Retrofit

The performance objectives used for Evaluation and Retrofit are shown in Tables 2-4 and are defined in ASCE 41.

Table 2. Performance Objectives

Description	Evaluation	Retrofit
All triggered situations in Section 2.4.a and RP 8 Section 2.1, unless noted otherwise below	BPON	BPON
Damaged structures described in RP 8 Section 2.1(d)	BPOE	BPOE
Leased space	BPOE	BPOE

Table 3. Basic Performance Objectives Equivalent to New Building Standards (BPON)

Risk Categories	Seismic Hazard Level	
	BSE-1N	BSE-2N
Critical and Essential	Immediate Occupancy Structural Performance	Life Safety Structural Performance
	Operational Nonstructural Performance	N/A
Ancillary	Life Safety Structural Performance	Collapse Prevention Structural Performance
	Position Retention Nonstructural Performance	N/A



Table 4. Basic Performance Objectives Equivalent to Existing Building Standards (BPOE)

Risk Categories	Seismic Hazard Level	
	BSE-1E	BSE-2E
Critical and Essential	Immediate Occupancy Structural Performance	Life Safety Structural Performance
	Position Retention Nonstructural Performance	N/A
Ancillary	Life Safety Structural Performance	Collapse Prevention Structural Performance
	Life Safety Nonstructural Performance	N/A

2.7 Existing Facilities Retrofit – Alternative Approach

An alternative approach may be permitted on a case-by-case basis upon approval by the VA Seismic Safety Coordinator for Critical and Essential Facilities to be strengthened according to procedures in ASCE 41.

2.8 Spectral Response Accelerations

The selection of Seismic Design Category for use in the design and analysis of all new and existing facilities shall be based on the spectral response accelerations shown in Table 8 after adjustment for site class effects as specified in ASCE 7. For the design of buildings in Seismic Design Category A, use ASCE 7 section 11.7. For all other Seismic Design Categories (B – F), use ASCE 7 Chapter 12: Seismic Design Requirements for Building Structures.



3.0 MODIFICATIONS TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF ASCE 7 FOR NEW CRITICAL AND ESSENTIAL FACILITIES ASSIGNED TO HIGH SEISMIC DESIGN CATEGORIES

3.1 Structural Irregularities (ASCE 7, Section 12.3.3)

For structures assigned to Seismic Design Categories D, E, or F, the following types of vertical irregularities as defined by ASCE 7 Table 12.3-2 are not allowed:

- a. Stiffness irregularity – Soft Story
- b. Stiffness irregularity – Extreme Soft Story
- c. Weight (mass) irregularity
- d. Vertical geometric irregularity

3.2 Seismic-force-resisting-systems (ASCE 7, Table 12.2-1)

The following structural systems are permitted for new Critical and Essential Facilities assigned to Seismic Design Categories D, E, or F.

- a. Building Frame Systems
 - i. Steel eccentrically braced frames (EBF) moment resisting connections at columns away from links
 - ii. Special reinforced concrete shear walls (Building Frame)
 - iii. Special reinforced masonry shear walls (Building Frame)
 - iv. Special steel concentrically braced frames
 - v. Light frame walls with shear panels-wood structural panels/sheet steel panels (Building Frame) for structures two stories or less
 - vi. Buckling-restrained braced frames, moment-resisting beam-column connections
- b. Moment-Resisting Frame Systems, if approved by the VA Seismic Safety Coordinator.
 - i. Special steel moment-resisting frames (SMRF)
 - ii. Special reinforced concrete moment-resisting frames
- c. Dual Systems
 - i. Special reinforced concrete shear walls with SMRF
 - ii. Special reinforced masonry shear walls with SMRF
 - iii. Steel EBF with SMRF
 - iv. Special steel concentrically braced frame with SMRF
 - v. Buckling-restrained braced frame

Other structural systems as permitted by the ASCE 7 for Seismic Design Categories D, E or F, including ones that employ seismic isolation and seismic damping systems are permitted subject to written approval by the VA Seismic Safety Coordinator. Proposals to obtain written approval for other structural systems shall demonstrate the equivalent performance of those systems, relative to the permitted systems,



considering (a) initial construction and maintenance costs, (b) requirements for bracing non-structural components and building contents, (c) risk of economic losses and disruption to hospital functions due to earthquakes and (d) other demonstrable benefits.

3.3 Special Provisions for structures assigned to Seismic Design Categories D, E, or F.

The provisions of this section shall apply to all new Critical and Essential Facilities.

- a. Bay spacing essentially shall be equal and uniform throughout.
- b. Transfer beams or trusses supporting upper level columns shall not be used unless permitted on a case by case basis by the VA Seismic Safety Coordinator.
- c. Seismic joints shall be avoided, if at all possible. When required, they shall be specifically identified in the schematic design phase of the project and approved by the VA Seismic Safety Coordinator, subject to the following provisions:
 - i. Seismic joints shall be properly detailed on the working drawings;
 - ii. Seismic joints shall be sized based on the maximum expected displacements, considering the effects of story drift, diaphragm displacements and rotations, and a realistic approximation of element section properties. For materials designed considering the ultimate limit state, such as concrete, the stiffness representative of this state shall be used. Seismic separations shall be 125% of the separation required by ASCE 7; and
 - iii. Adjacent structures that are not integral with an existing structure shall be separated by not less than 2 inches per story.

3.4 Limitations on Reinforced Concrete Structures

The provisions of this section shall apply to all new Critical and Essential Facilities assigned to Seismic Design Categories D, E, or F.

- a. Prestressed concrete structural members, including pre-tensioned and post-tensioned members, and precast elements such as tilt-up wall panels, and precast beam and column elements shall not be used to resist seismic forces.
- b. Lightweight concrete shall not be used in structural members resisting earthquake forces, except in concrete floors and roof slabs used as diaphragm elements to distribute earthquake forces to vertical lateral-load resisting elements.

3.5 Limitations on Steel Structures

The provisions of this section shall apply to all new Critical and Essential Facilities assigned to Seismic Design Categories D, E, or F.

- a. Special steel moment resisting frame system shall be in compliance with Section E3



of AISC 341.

- b. Steel eccentrically braced systems shall be subject to the following special provisions:
 - i. Connections of non-structural elements shall not be located in the vicinity of EBF link beams. Non-structural elements include, but are not limited to, pre-cast panel connections, elevator guide rail supports, stairs, and pipe supports, etc.

3.6 Story Drift Limitations

The calculated story drift for the construction of all new Critical and Essential Facilities assigned to Seismic Design Categories D, E, or F shall not exceed 50% of the values allowed by ASCE 7.



4.0 ELEMENTS OF STRUCTURES, NONSTRUCTURAL COMPONENTS, AND EQUIPMENT SUPPORTED BY STRUCTURES FOR CRITICAL AND ESSENTIAL FACILITIES

- 4.1** In structures assigned to Seismic Design Category C, D, E, or F, new or relocated permanent equipment and nonstructural components and their attachments, and the structure-supported attachments of permanent equipment shall be designed to resist total design forces prescribed in ASCE 7, Chapter 13 as modified by this document.

Exceptions: Seismic restraint may be omitted for the exceptions prescribed in ASCE 7, Chapter 13, with the modifications below:

- a. Gas and medical piping less than 1 inch inside diameter;
 - b. Piping in boiler and mechanical equipment rooms less than 1 inch inside diameter for Seismic Design Category D, E, or F and 1 ¼ inch inside diameter for Seismic Design Category C; and
 - c. All other piping less than 2 ½ inch inside diameter except for automatic fire suppression systems.
- 4.2** In structures assigned to Seismic Design Category C, D, E, or F, permanent equipment and components are to have Special Seismic Certification in accordance with requirements of section 13.2.2 of ASCE 7 except for equipment and components that are considered rugged as listed in section 2.2 of OSHPD code application notice CAN No. 2-1708A.5, and shall comply with section 13.2.6 of ASCE 7.



5.0 SITE DATA FOR CRITICAL AND ESSENTIAL FACILITIES

5.1 New and Existing Facilities

Geologic hazards and site-specific ground-response reports shall be required for all proposed construction of new and proposed seismic retrofit of existing Critical and Essential Facilities assigned to Seismic Design Category C, D, E, or F.

The geotechnical investigation shall use appropriate methods to allow the most accurate evaluation of the site class in accordance with Chapters 20 and 21 of ASCE 7, including field shear wave velocity measurements.

5.2 Geologic Hazards Report

The purpose of the geologic hazards report shall be to identify potential geologic and seismic conditions that require detailed evaluation, and may require mitigation by the project. The report shall contain data that provide an assessment of the nature of the site and potential for earthquake damage based on preliminary investigations of the regional and site geology, subsurface conditions and the potential seismic shaking. The engineering geologic report shall not contain design criteria, but shall contain basic data to be used for a preliminary earthquake engineering evaluation of the project. The basis for seismic assessment in geologic hazards reports must be stated clearly.

The report shall include, but shall not be limited to the following:

- a. Geologic investigation;
- b. Identification of any known active and potentially active faults, both regional and local, including estimates of the peak ground accelerations that could occur at the site; and
- c. Evaluation of any slope stability problems at or near the site, liquefaction potential and settlement potential of the building site.

VA shall approve the engineering geologic hazard report prior to the preparation of the geotechnical report.

5.3 Site-Specific Ground-Response Report

The site-specific ground-response report shall present a detailed characterization of earthquake ground motions for the site. The characteristics of the expected strong ground motion to be used in design shall be determined by site evaluation studies based on geological and seismological characteristics of the site, including data given in the engineering geologic hazards report. The estimates should be derived by accepted methods of seismological practice, including Next Generation Attenuation (NGA) relationships where applicable, and fully documented in the ground response report. The



level of ground motions to be developed shall be determined using the procedures in Chapter 21 of ASCE 7.

VA shall approve the site-specific ground response report prior to its adoption for project design.



6.0 COMMENTARY

Section 2.0

Sections 2.3-2.6: Executive Order 13717 requires Federal agencies adopt RP 8 and future editions for the minimum seismic safety standards of existing buildings and encourages agencies to exceed the minimum standards of RP 8 to achieve more resilience in Federal buildings. The H-18-8 seismic evaluation and retrofit requirements for existing buildings are aligned with the baseline requirements of RP 8, with modifications. The modifications are consistent with ASCE 41-13. Note that ASCE 41-13 merges evaluation and retrofit of existing buildings into a single standard and is adopted in H-18-8.

Section 3.0

Section 3.1: The design engineer shall provide multiple lines of resistance when selecting a lateral force-resisting configuration. Redundancy of frame lines is intended to avoid concentration of seismic force demands in the structure and/or foundation system. Lines of lateral force resistance shall be located at major areas of plan irregularity such as reentrant corners.

Section 3.2: The permitted structural systems listed in Section 3.2 are chosen to provide cost-effective and reliable seismic performance.

Section 3.3c: Because seismic joints have a serious impact on exterior veneer/building envelope, floor joints, and interior construction and utilities, they should be avoided if at all possible.



Section 5.0

Site class is used to determine the values of short-period and 1-second design spectral accelerations, S_{DS} and S_{D1} that define Seismic Design Category in accordance with ASCE 7. An accurate evaluation of site class is to be made in accordance with Chapter 20 and Chapter 21 of ASCE 7 and is to be presented in the geotechnical evaluation report. Field shear wave velocity measurements typically provide the most reliable basis for an accurate evaluation of site class. Exceptions for low seismicity were removed because certain local site conditions have been observed to significantly amplify response spectral characteristics within a period range which may be in resonance with certain structures.

Although geotechnical studies exist for most of VA's vulnerable sites, the intent of this provision is to replace those studies (conducted in mid-seventies) for all proposed construction of new and proposed seismic retrofit of existing Critical and Essential Facilities assigned to moderate or high seismic design categories.

New site-specific studies for VA facilities are to consider up-to-date information on the attenuation of earthquake ground motions with distance from the earthquake source, and other relevant seismologic and geologic information. Research sponsored by the Pacific Earthquake Engineering Research Center has led to significantly improved procedures to estimate attenuation of earthquake motions (e.g., publication in 2008 of so-called Next Generation Attenuation (NGA) relationships for plate-boundary tectonic regimes dominated by crustal faults, such as the Western United States). It is the intent of VA requirements that new site-specific studies for VA facilities take advantage of those improved procedures and other pertinent published information on earthquake ground motion estimation, in accordance with the state of practice for the seismic design of buildings.

The standard practice of preparing a geotechnical report containing foundation recommendations, soil-bearing values, results of any necessary soil borings, etc., is still required for all VA projects.



7.0 RISK CATEGORIES AND SPECTRAL RESPONSE ACCELERATIONS

[VA Facilities Occupancy Categories]

Table 5. Critical Facilities

Occupancy Sub-name
Acute Care
Ambulatory Care/ Outpatient Clinic
Animal Facility
Boiler Plants
Communications Center
Emergency Command Center
Emergency Generator
Fire/Police Station
Hazardous Material Storage
Hospital
Information Technology
Medical Gas Storage
Medical Research/Records
National Continuity of Operation Center
Security & Law Enforcement
Water Tower, Utility Supply Storage Structure

Table 6. Essential Facilities

Occupancy Sub-name
Consolidated Mail-Out Pharmacy
Dietetics
Domiciliary
Drug/Alcohol Rehabilitation
Long Term Care
Medical Equipment Storage
Mental Health - Inpatient
Psychiatric Care Facility
Rehabilitation Medicine

Table 7. Ancillary Facilities

Occupancy	Sub-name
Accessory Non-Building Structure	Maintenance Facility (Shops)
Auditorium	Maintenance Storage (Equipment)
Biomedical Eng. (equip. & wheelchair repair)	Materials Management Storage
Canteen-Cafeteria	Office
Canteen-Retail Store	School
Cemetery Building	Parking Garage
Chapel	Plant Outbuilding
Child Care	Post Office
Clinical Service Administration Office	Recreational
Community-Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC)	Student Housing
Connecting Corridor-Concourse, and Bridge	Temporary Building
Credit Union	Toilets (Outhouse)
General Administration Office	Training, Education
Greenhouse	Veterans Services
Quarter (Residential)	Warehouse
Laundry	Waste Management (Incinerator & Recycle)
Library/Museum	Waste Storage



Table 8. Spectral Response Accelerations at VA Facilities

Site	Station Number	State	Lat.	Long.	S_5	S_1	Seismicity
Abraham Lincoln	915	IL	41.392	-88.123	0.157	0.071	L
Albany	528A8	NY	42.651	-73.772	0.181	0.07	L
Albuquerque	501	NM	35.055	-106.578	0.453	0.136	MH
Alexandria (VAMC)	502	LA	31.355	-92.437	0.112	0.063	L
Alexandria (NCA)	825	LA	31.322	-92.433	0.111	0.063	L
Alexandria	826	VA	38.802	-77.058	0.118	0.051	L
Alton	800	IL	38.885	-90.163	0.348	0.149	MH
Altoona	503	PA	40.489	-78.396	0.114	0.051	L
Amarillo	504	TX	35.205	-101.906	0.154	0.045	L
American Lake	663A4	WA	47.137	-122.574	1.296	0.513	VH
Anchorage	463	AK	61.233	-149.744	1.5	0.682	VH
Ann Arbor	506	MI	42.287	-83.716	0.094	0.048	L
Annapolis	801	MD	38.976	-76.506	0.119	0.05	L
Asheville	637	NC	35.588	-82.484	0.302	0.107	ML
Atlanta	508	GA	33.802	-84.312	0.187	0.09	L
Augusta	509	GA	33.472	-81.99	0.296	0.113	ML
Augusta (Lenwood)	509A0	GA	33.465	-82.026	0.292	0.113	ML
Balls Bluff	827	VA	39.126	-77.586	0.124	0.052	L
Baltimore (VAMC)	512	MD	39.29	-76.624	0.13	0.052	L
Baltimore (NCA)	802	MD	39.277	-76.707	0.128	0.051	L
Baltimore (Loch Raven)	512GD	MD	39.336	-76.596	0.132	0.052	L
Barrancas	828	FL	30.352	-87.286	0.087	0.053	L
Batavia	528A4	NY	43.012.	-78.199	0.205	0.062	L
Bath (NCA)	803	NY	42.347	-77.349	0.134	0.055	L
Bath (VAMC)	528A6	NY	42.343	-77.346	0.133	0.055	L
Baton Rouge	829	LA	30.449	-91.169	0.106	0.056	L
Battle Creek	515	MI	42.345	-85.292	0.087	0.049	L
Bay Pines (VAMC)	516	FL	27.811	-82.779	0.055	0.03	L
Bay Pines (NCA)	830	FL	27.813	-82.766	0.055	0.03	L
Beaufort	831	SC	32.44	-80.679	0.545	0.183	MH
Beckley	517	WV	37.765	-81.193	0.202	0.078	L
Bedford	518	MA	42.505	-71.273	0.223	0.071	L
Beverly	804	NJ	40.054	-74.916	0.207	0.061	L
Big Spring	519	TX	32.231	-101.473	0.084	0.03	L
Biloxi (VAMC)	520	MS	30.414	-88.944	0.103	0.057	L
Biloxi (NCA)	832	MS	30.409	-88.946	0.103	0.056	L
Birmingham	521	AL	33.504	-86.801	0.265	0.105	ML
Black Hills	884	SD	44.344	-103.449	0.117	0.041	L
Boise	531	ID	43.621	-116.191	0.315	0.107	ML
Bonham	549A4	TX	33.566	-96.166	0.134	0.063	L
Boston	523	MA	42.327	-71.111	0.211	0.068	L

Note: Values of S_5 and S_1 have been obtained from the design maps of Chapter 22 of ASCE 7 and are intended for design of new facilities. For existing buildings, refer to ASCE 41 for spectral response acceleration parameters that correspond to the appropriate seismic hazard level. Site acronyms: NCA (National Cemetery Administration), VAMC (VA Medical Center), VBA (Veterans Benefits Administration).



Site	Station Number	State	Lat.	Long.	S_s	S_1	Seismicity
Brevard	675GA	FL	28.255	-80.743	0.07	0.035	L
Brockton	523A5	MA	42.063	-71.054	0.191	0.064	L
Bronx	526	NY	40.868	-73.906	0.281	0.072	ML
Brooklyn	630A4	NY	40.609	-74.024	0.271	0.07	ML
Buffalo	528	NY	42.952	-78.813	0.211	0.06	L
Butler	529	PA	40.874	-79.944	0.125	0.053	L
Calverton	805	NY	40.923	-72.82	0.166	0.058	L
Camp Butler	806	IL	39.867	-89.653	0.201	0.103	ML
Camp Nelson	833	KY	37.895	-84.564	0.185	0.093	L
Canandaigua	528A5	NY	42.901	-77.2712	0.15	0.059	L
Castle Point	620A4	NY	41.544	-73.963	0.209	0.067	L
Cave Hill	834	KY	38.245	-85.728	0.204	0.106	ML
Charleston	534	SC	32.784	-79.954	1.135	0.361	H
Chattanooga	835	TN	35.036	-85.245	0.383	0.126	MH
Cheyenne	442	WY	41.148	-104.786	0.156	0.054	L
Chicago (Lakeside CBOC)	537GD	IL	41.893	-87.622	0.132	0.061	L
Chicago (Westside)	537	IL	41.87	-87.678	0.135	0.062	L
Chillicothe	538	OH	39.389	-83.019	0.124	0.066	L
Cincinnati	539	OH	39.139	-84.508	0.144	0.078	L
City Point	836	VA	37.306	77.298	0.16	0.059	L
Clarksburg	540	WV	39.27	-80.362	0.11	0.057	L
Cleveland (Brecksville)	541A0	OH	41.294	-81.629	0.166	0.057	L
Cleveland (Wade Park)	541	OH	41.514	-81.614	0.18	0.058	L
Coatesville	542	PA	39.998	-75.796	0.206	0.061	L
Cold Harbor	837	VA	37.589	-77.28	0.168	0.059	L
Columbia	589A4	MO	38.937	-92.328	0.168	0.093	L
Columbia	544	SC	33.975	-80.959	0.428	0.146	MH
Columbus Amb. Care Center	757	OH	39.982	-82.911	0.117	0.061	L
Corinth	838	MS	34.925	-88.508	0.431	0.184	MH
Crown Hill	807	IN	39.826	-86.176	0.156	0.085	L
Culpeper	839	VA	38.471	-77.991	0.152	0.058	L
Cypress Hills	808	NY	40.687	-73.882	0.271	0.07	ML
Dallas	549	TX	32.693	-96.792	0.092	0.051	L
Dallas (Fort Worth)	916	TX	32.716	-96.942	0.091	0.05	L
Danville (VAMC)	550	IL	40.132	-87.592	0.177	0.092	L
Danville (NCA)	809	IL	40.127	-87.58	0.177	0.092	L
Danville	840	KY	37.65	-84.769	0.18	0.096	L
Danville	841	VA	36.725	-78.132	0.142	0.064	L
Dayton (VAMC)	552	OH	39.743	-84.264	0.153	0.072	L
Dayton (NCA)	810	OH	39.748	-84.258	0.154	0.072	L
Denver	554	CO	39.732	-104.936	0.178	0.058	L
Des Moines	636A6	IA	41.628	-93.661	0.065	0.046	L

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Detroit	553	MI	42.356	-83.06	0.096	0.047	L
Dublin	557	GA	32.536	-82.943	0.17	0.084	L
Durham	558	NC	36.009	-78.938	0.152	0.076	L
Eagle Point	906	OR	42.462	-122.789	0.594	0.317	H
East Orange	561	NJ	40.753	-74.236	0.275	0.072	ML
El Paso	756	TX	31.821	-106.463	0.358	0.111	MH
Erie	562	PA	42.102	-80.063	0.155	0.053	L
Fargo	437	ND	46.906	-96.775	0.053	0.02	L
Fayetteville (VAMC)	564	AR	36.081	-94.157	0.17	0.093	L
Fayetteville (NCA)	842	AR	35.068	-94.165	0.169	0.093	L
Fayetteville	565	NC	35.088	-78.877	0.216	0.096	L
Finn's Point	811	NJ	39.608	-75.551	0.181	0.057	L
Florence	843	SC	34.223	-79.628	0.551	0.194	MH
Florida	911	FL	28.606	-82.21	0.071	0.037	L
Fort Bayard	885	NM	32.798	-108.154	0.253	0.077	ML
Fort Bliss	886	TX	31.826	-106.428	0.367	0.113	MH
Fort Custer	909	MI	42.337	-85.318	0.087	0.049	L
Fort Gibson	844	OK	35.806	-95.23	0.151	0.078	L
Fort Harrison	436	MT	46.616	-112.1	0.533	0.154	MH
Fort Harrison	845	VA	37.429	-77.366	0.173	0.061	L
Fort Howard	512GF	MD	39.198	-76.445	0.128	0.051	L
Fort Leavenworth	887	KS	39.352	-94.931	0.109	0.06	L
Fort Logan	888	CO	39.649	-105.053	0.188	0.06	L
Fort Lyon	889	CO	38.085	-103.142	0.152	0.055	L
Fort McPherson	890	NE	41.023	-100.524	0.074	0.033	L
Fort Meade (VAMC)	568	SD	44.412	-103.469	0.113	0.041	L
Fort Meade (NCA)	891	SD	44.374	-103.472	0.115	0.041	L
Fort Mitchell	908	AL	32.346	-85.024	0.122	0.071	L
Fort Richardson	910	AK	61.266	-149.681	1.5	0.683	VH
Fort Rosecrans	892	CA	32.69	-117.245	1.115	0.42	H
Fort Sam Houston	846	TX	29.476	-98.433	0.08	0.031	L
Fort Scott	893	KS	37.83	-94.713	0.114	0.071	L
Fort Sill	920	OK	34.766	-98.352	0.47	0.131	MH
Fort Smith	847	AR	35.384	-94.429	0.171	0.09	L
Fort Snelling	894	MN	44.864	-93.222	0.048	0.028	L
Fort Thomas	539A	OH	39.065	-84.446	0.146	0.078	L
Fort Wayne	610A4	IN	41.031	-85.143	0.119	0.062	L
Fresno	570	CA	36.773	-119.779	0.634	0.257	MH
Gainesville	573	FL	29.636	-82.345	0.088	0.049	L
Glendale	848	VA	37.436	-77.235	0.16	0.058	L
Golden Gate	895	CA	37.633	-122.428	2.471	1.188	VH
Grafton	812	WV	39.336	-80.031	0.111	0.056	L

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Grand Island	636A4	NE	40.942	-98.359	0.103	0.042	L
Grand Junction	575	CO	39.066	-108.533	0.233	0.069	L
Gulfport	520A0	MS	30.414	-88.944	0.103	0.057	L
Hampton (VAMC)	590	VA	37.016	-76.333	0.097	0.048	L
Hampton (NCA)	849	VA	37.019	-76.335	0.097	0.048	L
Hines	578	IL	41.864	-87.838	0.143	0.063	L
Hines (VBA)	201	IL	41.864	-87.838	0.143	0.063	L
Honolulu	459	HI	31.36	-157.89	0.575	0.166	MH
Hot Springs (NCA)	896	SD	43.432	-103.474	0.155	0.048	L
Hot Springs (VAMC)	568A4	SD	43.437	-103.475	0.154	0.048	L
Houston (VAMC)	580	TX	29.706	-95.39	0.071	0.038	L
Houston (NCA)	851	TX	29.932	-95.453	0.073	0.039	L
Houston (VBA)	362	TX	29.702	-95.388	0.071	0.038	L
Huntington	581	WV	38.384	-82.484	0.152	0.073	L
Indianapolis	583	IN	39.777	-86.187	0.159	0.086	L
Indianapolis, Cold Spring Rd	583A4	IN	39.802	-86.203	0.159	0.086	L
Indiantown Gap	813	PA	40.33	-76.515	0.164	0.057	L
Iowa City	636A8	IA	41.631	-91.496	0.086	0.056	L
Iron Mountain	585	MI	45.811	-88.063	0.045	0.025	L
Jackson	586	MS	32.328	-90.168	0.159	0.088	L
Jackson (VBA)	323	MS	32.327	-90.166	0.159	0.088	L
Jefferson Barracks	852	MO	38.502	-90.287	0.449	0.171	MH
Jefferson City	853	MO	38.566	-92.162	0.201	0.106	ML
Kansas City	589	MO	39.064	-94.527	0.112	0.065	L
Keokuk	814	IA	40.398	-91.407	0.122	0.075	L
Kerrville (NCA)	854	TX	30.047	-99.14	0.057	0.027	L
Kerrville (VAMC)	671A4	TX	30.014	-99.117	0.057	0.027	L
Knoxville (VAMC)	636A7	IA	41.32	-93.099	0.071	0.051	L
Knoxville (NCA)	855	TN	35.976	-83.926	0.414	0.124	MH
Lake City	573A4	FL	30.182	-82.637	0.099	0.055	L
Las Vegas	593	NV	36.283	-115.083	0.515	0.169	MH
Leavenworth (NCA)	897	KS	39.267	-94.89	0.11	0.061	L
Leavenworth (VAMC)	589A6	KS	39.267	-94.89	0.11	0.061	L
Lebanon (NCA)	856	KY	37.57	-85.253	0.186	0.102	ML
Lebanon (VAMC)	595	PA	40.312	-76.406	0.172	0.058	L
Lexington (NCA)	857	KY	38.061	-84.509	0.187	0.091	L
Lexington, Cooper Dr (VAMC)	596A4	KY	38.03	-84.507	0.187	0.091	L
Lexington, Leestown (VAMC)	596	KY	38.075	-84.539	0.186	0.091	L
Lincoln	636A5	NE	40.796	-96.625	0.132	0.049	L
Little Rock (VAMC)	598	AR	34.733	-92.316	0.4	0.162	MH
Little Rock (NCA)	858	AR	34.723	-92.259	0.406	0.164	MH
Livermore	640A4	CA	37.626	-121.763	1.5	0.6	VH

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Loma Linda	605	CA	34.05	-117.251	2.411	1.104	VH
Long Beach	600	CA	33.777	-118.119	1.57	0.584	VH
Long Island	815	NY	40.753	-73.402	0.224	0.064	L
Los Angeles (NCA)	898	CA	34.061	-118.455	2.237	0.822	VH
Los Angeles (VAMC)	691GE	CA	34.05	-118.45	2.225	0.827	VH
Loudon Park	816	MD	39.28	-76.675	0.128	0.052	L
Louisville	603	KY	38.27	-85.697	0.201	0.104	ML
Lyons	561A4	NJ	40.666	-74.55	0.253	0.069	ML
Madison	607	WI	43.074	-89.43	0.084	0.046	L
Manchester	608	NH	43.012	-71.441	0.268	0.081	ML
Marietta	859	GA	33.951	-84.538	0.209	0.094	L
Marion	657A5	IL	37.716	-88.95	0.909	0.31	H
Marion (VAMC)	610	IN	40.52	-85.637	0.123	0.069	L
Marion (NCA)	817	IN	40.52	-85.637	0.123	0.069	L
Martinez	612	CA	37.994	-122.116	1.589	0.6	VH
Martinsburg	613	WV	39.418	-77.911	0.13	0.053	L
Massachusetts	818	MA	41.672	-70.571	0.162	0.057	L
McClellan	612GH	CA	38.673	-120.39	0.627	0.239	MH
Memphis (VAMC)	614	TN	35.144	-90.025	0.985	0.343	H
Memphis (NCA)	860	TN	35.174	-89.941	0.966	0.335	H
Menlo Park	640A0	CA	37.466	-122.16	1.5	0.648	VH
Miami	546	FL	25.792	-80.217	0.042	0.02	L
Miles City	436GJ	MT	46.406	-105.829	0.073	0.032	L
Mill Springs	861	KY	37.056	-84.815	0.192	0.1	ML
Milwaukee (Wood)	695	WI	43.02	-87.975	0.087	0.047	L
Minneapolis	618	MN	44.902	-93.205	0.048	0.028	L
Mobile	862	AL	30.673	-88.063	0.102	0.058	L
Montgomery (VAMC)	619	AL	32.377	-86.244	0.133	0.074	L
Montgomery (VBA)	322	AL	32.376	-86.246	0.133	0.074	L
Montrose	620	NY	41.249	-73.926	0.251	0.071	ML
Mound City	863	IL	37.088	-89.178	2.538	0.966	VH
Mountain Home (VAMC)	621	TN	36.311	-82.373	0.304	0.104	ML
Mountain Home (NCA)	864	TN	36.31	-82.373	0.304	0.104	ML
Murfreesboro	626A4	TN	35.91	-86.384	0.253	0.128	ML
Muskogee	623	OK	35.763	-95.413	0.149	0.076	L
Nashville (VAMC)	626	TN	36.142	-86.804	0.304	0.146	MH
Nashville (NCA)	865	TN	36.241	-86.725	0.297	0.144	MH
Natchez	866	MS	31.581	-91.395	0.119	0.07	L
NCA Operations Support	786	VA	38.478	-77.433	0.134	0.054	L
New Albany	867	IN	38.299	-85.804	0.208	0.107	ML
New Bern	868	NC	35.124	-77.052	0.125	0.062	L
New Orleans	629	LA	29.954	-90.079	0.096	0.051	L

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New York	630	NY	40.737	-73.977	0.278	0.072	ML
Newington	689A4	CT	41.702	-72.741	0.182	0.064	L
Natl. Mem. Cemetery of Arizona	914	AZ	33.696	-112.029	0.206	0.065	L
Natl. Mem. Cemetery of Pacific	899	HI	21.313	-157.843	0.579	0.169	MH
North Chicago	556	IL	42.305	-87.859	0.115	0.056	L
North Little Rock	598A0	AR	34.755	-92.321	0.409	0.164	MH
Northampton	631	MA	42.35	-72.682	0.17	0.066	L
Northport	632	NY	40.894	-73.309	0.22	0.065	L
Oklahoma City	635	OK	35.483	-97.496	0.263	0.077	ML
Omaha	636	NE	41.243	-95.974	0.097	0.045	L
Orlando	675	FL	28.579	-81.321	0.078	0.038	L
Palo Alto	640	CA	37.405	-122.14	1.751	0.762	VH
Perry Point	512A5	MD	39.552	-76.064	0.164	0.055	L
Philadelphia (VAMC)	642	PA	39.948	-75.2	0.202	0.06	L
Philadelphia (NCA)	819	PA	39.926	-75.228	0.202	0.06	L
Phoenix	644	AZ	33.497	-112.067	0.174	0.058	L
Pittsburgh (Heinz Div.)	646A4	PA	40.495	-79.889	0.111	0.052	L
Pittsburgh (Highland Dr.)	646A5	PA	40.482	-79.903	0.111	0.053	L
Pittsburgh (Univ. Dr.)	646	PA	40.446	-79.963	0.11	0.053	L
Poplar Bluff	657A4	MO	36.772	-90.418	0.95	0.331	H
Port Hudson	870	LA	30.66	-91.287	0.106	0.058	L
Portland	648	OR	45.497	-122.684	0.994	0.427	H
Prescott (VAMC)	649	AZ	34.555	-112.453	0.304	0.089	ML
Prescott (NCA)	900	AZ	34.547	-112.448	0.303	0.088	ML
Providence	650	RI	41.832	-71.434	0.176	0.062	L
Quantico	872	VA	38.561	-77.382	0.129	0.053	L
Quincy	820	IL	39.932	-91.356	0.147	0.085	L
Raleigh	873	NC	35.774	-78.621	0.154	0.076	L
Reno	654	NV	39.516	-119.799	1.833	0.618	VH
Richmond (VAMC)	652	VA	37.496	-77.466	0.188	0.062	L
Richmond (NCA)	874	VA	37.514	-77.393	0.18	0.061	L
Riverside	901	CA	33.953	-117.396	1.5	0.6	VH
Rock Island	821	IL	41.51	-90.57	0.108	0.062	L
Roseburg (VAMC)	653	OR	43.224	-123.366	0.832	0.444	H
Roseburg (NCA)	902	OR	43.215	-123.37	0.834	0.445	H
Sacramento	612A4	CA	38.572	-121.296	0.548	0.261	MH
Saginaw	655	MI	43.445	-83.962	0.065	0.039	L
Salem	658	VA	37.274	-80.019	0.199	0.077	L
Salisbury (VAMC)	659	NC	35.684	-80.486	0.2	0.092	L
Salisbury (NCA)	876	NC	35.661	-80.475	0.201	0.092	L
Salt Lake City	660	UT	40.758	-111.841	1.239	0.45	H
San Antonio (VAMC)	671	TX	29.506	-98.58	0.076	0.029	L

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San Antonio (NCA)	877	TX	29.422	-98.467	0.082	0.03	L
San Diego	664	CA	32.875	-117.232	1.2	0.465	H
San Francisco (VAMC)	662	CA	37.782	-122.505	1.944	0.911	VH
San Francisco (NCA)	903	CA	37.801	-122.463	1.518	0.694	VH
San Joaquin Valley	913	CA	37.115	-121.078	2.112	0.697	VH
San Juan	672	PR	18.391	-66.079	0.974	0.38	H
Santa Fe	904	NM	35.697	-105.95	0.451	0.135	MH
Saratoga	917	NY	43.026	-73.615	0.202	0.075	L
Seattle	663	WA	47.564	-122.305	1.465	0.564	VH
Sepulveda	691A4	CA	34.244	-118.482	2.248	0.718	VH
Seven Pines	878	VA	37.521	-77.302	0.171	0.06	L
Sheridan	666	WY	44.827	-106.986	0.206	0.057	L
Shreveport	667	LA	32.503	-93.722	0.126	0.071	L
Sioux Falls	438	SD	43.531	-96.755	0.09	0.035	L
Sitka	905	AK	57.054	-135.322	0.915	0.611	VH
Somerville AMS	796	NJ	40.538	-74.62	0.246	0.068	L
Spokane	668	WA	47.703	-117.478	0.331	0.115	ML
Springfield	879	MO	37.174	-93.264	0.198	0.015	L
St. Albans	630A5	NY	40.691	-73.769	0.263	0.069	ML
St. Augustine	875	FL	29.886	-81.309	0.099	0.059	L
St. Cloud	656	MN	45.574	-94.214	0.06	0.021	L
St. Louis, Jefferson Barracks	657A0	MO	38.493	-90.283	0.451	0.172	MH
St. Louis, John Cochran	657	MO	38.642	-90.231	0.423	0.164	MH
St. Petersburg (VBA)	317	FL	27.813	-82.772	0.055	0.03	L
Staunton	880	VA	38.14	-79.05	0.164	0.065	L
Syracuse	528A7	NY	43.039	-76.139	0.143	0.062	L
Tahoma	919	WA	47.388	-122.095	1.259	0.473	VH
Tampa	673	FL	28.065	-82.428	0.062	0.033	L
Temple	674	TX	31.077	-97.347	0.067	0.039	L
Togus (VAMC)	402	ME	44.28	-69.704	0.225	0.078	L
Togus (NCA)	822	ME	44.277	-69.711	0.225	0.078	L
Tomah	676	WI	44.003	-90.493	0.056	0.036	L
Topeka	589A5	KS	39.026	-95.723	0.132	0.059	L
Tucson	678	AZ	32.181	-110.965	0.27	0.077	ML
Tuscaloosa	679	AL	33.191	-87.486	0.238	0.101	ML
Tuskegee	619A4	AL	32.444	-85.711	0.13	0.074	L
Vancouver	648A4	WA	45.639	-122.658	0.926	0.401	H
Waco	674A4	TX	31.512	-97.164	0.071	0.041	L
Walla Walla	687	WA	46.054	-118.356	0.377	0.133	MH
Washington, DC	688	DC	38.929	-77.01	0.119	0.051	L
West Haven	689	CT	41.283	-72.959	0.188	0.062	L
W. Los Angeles	691	CA	34.053	-118.453	2.228	0.826	VH

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West Palm Beach	548	FL	26.784	-80.113	0.05	0.025	L
West Roxbury	523A4	MA	42.275	-71.172	0.203	0.067	L
West Virginia	912	WV	39.334	-80.073	0.111	0.056	L
White City	692	OR	42.442	-122.836	0.599	0.323	H
White River Junction	405	VT	43.648	-72.342	0.239	0.083	L
Wichita	589A7	KS	37.681	-97.275	0.109	0.054	L
Wilkes-Barre	693	PA	41.248	-75.836	0.153	0.058	L
Willamette	907	OR	45.46	-122.543	0.972	0.408	H
Wilmington (VAMC)	460	DE	39.74	-75.607	0.195	0.059	L
Wilmington (NCA)	881	NC	34.238	-77.922	0.218	0.092	L
Winchester	882	VA	39.184	-78.157	0.131	0.055	L
Wood	823	WI	43.029	-87.98	0.087	0.047	L
Woodlawn	824	NY	42.112	-76.827	0.121	0.054	L
Zachary Taylor	883	KY	38.275	-85.643	0.198	0.103	ML

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