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10A.1 Introduction

This appendix summarizes the codes, standards, criteria, and practices that will be generally used in the design and construction of civil engineering systems for the Vernon Power Plant. More specific project information will be developed during execution of the project to support detailed design, engineering, material procurement specification and construction specifications.

10A.2 Codes and Standards

The design of civil engineering systems for the project will be in accordance with the laws and regulations of the federal government and the State of California, City of Vernon ordinances, and industry standards. The current issue or edition of the documents at the time of filing this Application for Certification (AFC) will apply, unless otherwise noted. In cases where conflicts between the cited documents exist, requirements of the more conservative document will be used.

10A.2.1 Civil Engineering Codes and Standards

The following codes and standards have been identified as applicable, in whole or in part, to civil engineering design and construction of power plants:

- American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO)—Standards and Specifications
- American Concrete Institute (ACI)—Standards and Recommended Practices
- American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC)—Standards and Specifications
- American National Standards Institute (ANSI)—Standards
- American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM)—Standards, Specifications, and Recommended Practices
- American Water Works Association (AWWA)—Standards and Specifications
- American Welding Society (AWS)—Codes and Standards
- Asphalt Institute (AI)—Asphalt Handbook
- State of California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS)—Standard Specification
- California Energy Commission—Recommended Seismic Design Criteria for Non-Nuclear Generating Facilities in California, 1989
- Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute (CRSI)—Standards

- Factory Mutual (FM)—Standards
- National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)—Standards
- California Building Standards Commission—2001 California Building Code
- Steel Structures Painting Council (SSPC)—Standards and Specifications

10A.2.2 Engineering Geology Codes, Standards, and Certifications

Engineering geology activities will conform to federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances and industry codes and standards.

10A.2.2.1 Federal

None are applicable.

10A.2.2.2 State

The Warren-Alquist Act, PRC, Section 25000 et seq., and the California Energy Commission (CEC) Code of Regulations (CCR), Siting Regulations, Title 20 CCR, Chapter 2, require that an AFC address the geologic and seismic aspects of the site.

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), PRC 21000 et seq., and CEQA guidelines require that potential significant effects, including geologic hazards, be identified and a determination made as to whether they can be substantially reduced.

10A.2.2.3 City

California State Planning Law, Government Code Section 65302, requires each city to adopt a general plan, consisting of nine mandatory elements, to guide its physical development. Section 65302(g) requires that a seismic safety element be included in the general plan.

Site development activities will require certification by a Professional Geotechnical Engineer and a Professional Engineering Geologist during and following construction, in accordance with the California Building Code (CBC), Chapter 70. The Professional Geotechnical Engineer and the Professional Engineering Geologist will certify the placement of earthen fills and the adequacy of the site for structural improvements, as follows:

- Both the Professional Geotechnical Engineer and the Professional Engineering Geologist will address CBC Chapter 70, Sections 7006 (Grading Plans), 7009 (Cuts), 7012 (Terraces), 7013 (Erosion Control), and 7015 (Final Report).
- The Professional Geotechnical Engineer will also address CBC Chapter 70, Sections 7011 (Cuts) and 7012 (Terraces).

Additionally, the Professional Engineering Geologist will present findings and conclusions pursuant to PRC, Section 25523 (a) and (c); and 20 CCR, Section 1752 (b) and (c).