

# **Broadcast Tower Maintenance and Condition Assessment, Standards,** and Best Practices for Tower **Contractor Selection 2023 Broadcasters Clinic**

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#### The Deadliest Job in the United States

#### • Building the Cellular Infrastructure

"...rapid expansion of AT&T's 3G network ... directly contributed to the spike in tower climber fatalities in 2008 that led Edwin Foulke of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to declare the occupation "the deadliest job in the United States." (OSHA) Rushing to complete their work, with minimal oversight and inadequate fall protection, eleven tower climbers fell to their deaths while working at AT&T sites—more than the number of fatalities at all other providers' cellular sites combined."

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 Since then, the industry has been engaged in updating and upgrading the engineering standards and the procedures and practices that govern tower design, installation, modification, inspection, and maintenance.

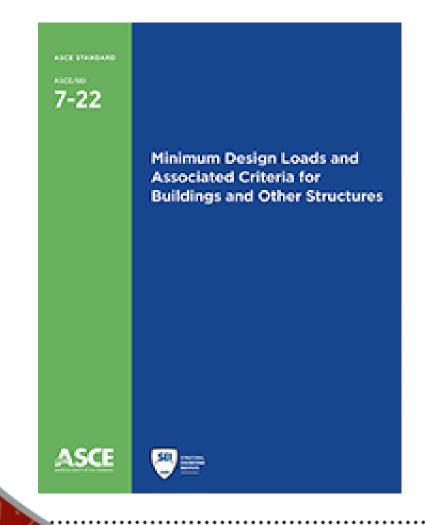


#### **Governing Standards**





#### **Driver for Standard Updates**



- ASCE 7-22 Minimum Design Loads and Associated Criteria for Buildings and Other Structures
  - First-ever criteria for:
    - Tornado-resistant structure design
  - Improvements in models for environmental hazards:
    - Atmospheric icing
    - Earthquake
    - Tsunami
    - Rain, snow, and wind
  - Digital Resource ASCE 7 Hazard Tool
    - https://asce7hazardtool.online/



#### **ANSI/TIA-222-H Risk Categories**

Table 2-1: Risk Categorization of Structures

	Use or Description of Structure	Risk Category
Clarge Structure	Structures that due to use or location represent a low risk to human life and/or damage to surrounding facilities in the event of failure. Structures in this category are used for services that are optional and/or where an extensive delay in returning the services would be acceptable such as: redundant wireless antennas; low-power radio access nodes (small cell); single-appurtenance supporting structures that allow for rapid repair or replacement, residential wireless and conventional 2-way radio communications; television, radio and scanner reception; wireless cable; amateur and CB radio communications.	I
	Structures that due to use or location represent a moderate risk to human life and/or damage to surrounding facilities in the event of failure. Structures in this category are used primarily for redundant services (i.e. services that may be provided by other means) such as: commercial wireless communications (cellular, PCS, 3G, LTE, 4G, 5G, etc.); television and radio broadcasting; community access television (CATV); microwave communications; non-hardened sites that support antennas or equipment that may be used for redundant communications by police and fire departments, first responders, etc. during emergencies and small wind turbines. This category applies to all structures except those identified in Risk Categories I, III, and IV.	II
2	Structures that due to use or location represent a substantial risk to human life and/or damage to surrounding facilities in the event of failure. Structures with the potential to cause mass disruption (loss of power, transportation, water, etc.) of day-to-day civilian life in the event of failure. Structures in this category are used for communications across non-redundant and hardened networks such as: civil or national defense; rescue or disaster operations; military and navigation facilities.	Ш
42	Structures that due to use or location represent a substantial hazard to the community in the event of failure. Structures in this category are those that in the event of failure would threaten the functionality or integrity of facilities that are designated as Risk Category IV facilities.	IV











#### **TIA-222-H Major Changes**

- Wind Speeds are now Ultimate Wind Speed instead Nominal Wind Speed used in Rev. G
- Separate Wind Speed and Icing maps for each Risk Category

Rev. G Risk Category II Tower 90 MPH Nominal Wind Speed Rev. H Risk Category II Tower 114 MPH Nominal Wind Speed

- Wind Speeds are decreased 10% or more for most of the country
- Wind Speeds in central Florida increase by 5% to 10%



### **TIA-222-H Major Changes**

#### • Exposure Category

- Surface Roughness B: urban and suburban areas, wooded areas, or other terrain with numerous closely spaced obstructions having the size of single-family dwellings or larger.
- Surface Roughness C: open terrain with scattered obstructions having heights generally less than 30 ft. [9.1 m]. This category includes flat open country, grasslands and athletic fields.
- Surface Roughness D: flat, unobstructed areas, shorelines and water surfaces. This category includes smooth mud flats, salt flats and unbroken ice.
  - Rev. G applied Exposure C to hurricane coastlines
  - Exposure D applies average wind pressures 10% to 15% higher the Exposure C



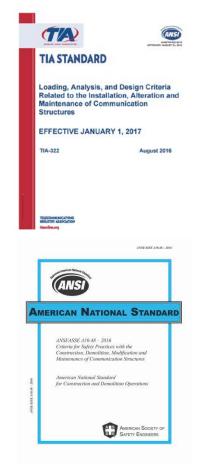
### **TIA-222-H Major Changes**

- Rev. H Ground Elevation Factor
  - Wind pressure decreases with elevation
    - 2% Reduction for Chicago and most of Michigan
    - 17% Reduction in Denver
    - 7% Reduction in Las Vegas
    - 4% in Atlanta and Phoenix
- Topographic Factor increased wind pressure on tall hills and ridges
  - Rev. H specifically allows the use of site-specific topographical factors
- Rooftop Wind Speed Factor: New factor for roof top structures increased wind pressure over rooftops.
  - Only applies to buildings that are isolated and 50-feet tall or taller

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#### ANSI/TIA-322 and ANSI/ASSE-A10.48

- ANSI/TIA-322 Loading, Analysis, and Design Criteria Related to the Installation, Alteration and Maintenance of Communication Structures
  - Engineering Standard
- ANSI/ASSE-10.48 Criteria for Safety Practices with the Construction, Demolition, Modification and Maintenance of Communication Structures
  - Contractors Standard Means and Methods





#### 322/A10.48 Overview

- ANSI/TIA-322 and ANSI/ASSE A10.48 build upon core engineering and accepted safe work practice concepts presented in the ANSI/TIA-1019-A with expanded and focused content to facilitate greater understanding and improved communications between engineers and contractors when planning and assessing tower construction activities
- General conformance to all minimum construction requirements set forth in the ANSI/TIA-1019-A are satisfied or exceeded through proper application of the minimum criteria now established within the ANSI/TIA-322 and ANSI/ASSE A10.48 standards
- When properly utilized, results in reduced construction costs through planning, better procedures, increased risk identification and mitigation, and substantial improvements to overall construction safety and work quality



#### **Roles and Responsibilities–General Contractor**

- For all Classes of construction, GC must provide a designated and qualified onsite "Competent Rigger" to identify hazards, take corrective measures to mitigate hazards, and to implement all necessary construction means and methods.
- For Class III and IV construction, GC must provide or engage a designated and qualified "Qualified Person" to assist in developing the rigging plan and to communicate construction requirements to all stakeholders.
- For Class IV construction, GC's "Qualified Person" must assist in rigging plan development while coordinating and engaging necessary involvement of a "Qualified Engineer" to assess supporting structure under all pertinent construction phases



#### **Roles and Responsibilities–General Contractor**

- Competent Rigger:
  - Required for ALL classes of construction
  - Must be onsite
  - Communicates directly with Qualified Person when questions arise on construction activities



- Qualified Person:
  - Only required on Class III and IV construction activities
  - May be onsite, in office, or same individual serving as either Competent Rigger or Qualified Engineer (aka Supervising Engineer)
  - Communicates directly with Qualified Engineer when questions arise on construction activities





#### **Roles and Responsibilities–Engineering**

- Engineer of Record: Registered professional engineer with expertise in the discipline applicable to the scope of work and who assumes responsibility for the design and structural adequacy of the structure in its COMPLETED state
- Qualified Engineer: Registered professional engineer who is knowledgeable and experienced in the communication structures industry and capable of understanding the contractor's rigging plan and the scope of work impact upon the structure, and is responsible for analyzing the structure's strength and stability while accounting for construction loads in accordance with the ANSI/TIA-322 standard
  - The Qualified Engineer does NOT have the responsibility for development of the rigging plan, field supervision, or implementation of the construction means and methods
- Supervising Engineer: Accepts all responsibilities as defined for a Qualified Engineer and assumes or shares the additional responsibilities as defined for a Qualified Person, and may have responsibility in specifying certain portions of the construction means and methods
  - Assumes all or a portion of the responsibilities in developing the rigging plan and may additionally
    provide field supervision or other means of oversight to verify execution of the planned construction
    means and methods



### Standardized Common Terminology & Definitions



- Establishes key stakeholder titles and responsibilities
- Standardizes terminology for common equipment and components involved in telecommunications construction
- Provides standard set of symbols and notations for consistency in load charts and construction engineering reviews



#### **Construction Classes and Rigging Plans**



 Construction Class determines the minimum personnel which must be provided or engaged by the contractor in the development, review, and implementation of their **Rigging Plan** 

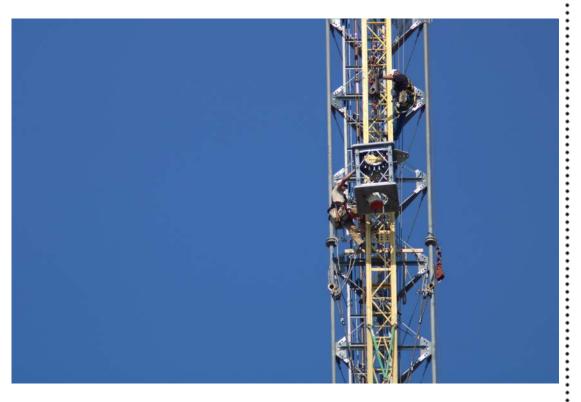
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#### **Construction Classes and Rigging Plans**

- When is a Rigging Plan required?
  - In short, a rigging plan in accordance with ANSI/ASSE A10.48 is required for ALL tower construction activities including, but not limited to:
    - Tower installation and/or decommissioning of equipment/appurtenances
    - · Tower structural modifications to members/components
    - Tower installation or decommissioning/demolition
    - Tower foundation installation/modification
    - Any construction activity involving a telecommunication structure

#### • ANSI/ASSE A10.48 provides four Construction Classes

- Construction classes have lifted load limits
- Categorized by potential impact to supporting structure's strength/stability
- Categorized by personnel involved in planning/implementation process
- Require varying levels of documentation and involvement by project stakeholders
- Rigging plans for Class II, III, and IV construction must be documented





#### **Construction Class Considerations**

- Four Construction Classes With Three Basic "Buckets" Which Determine Class:
  - Construction Scope of Work
    - Includes any potential impacts to supporting structure's strength and/or stability (includes foundation)
  - Maximum Gross Load Weight when Lift System is Attached to Structure
    - Staged maximum limits at 350 pounds, 500 pounds, and 2,000 pounds
  - Construction Procedures
    - Includes construction sequencing and duration
    - Must account for individuals' experience implementing work





#### **Rigging Plan Overview**

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- A systematic and detailed presentation showing the equipment and procedures required for construction in accordance with the ANSI/ASSE A10.48 that will provide for the safety of personnel and for the stability of the structure and lifted components.
- Basic Rigging Plan Elements Include:
  - Project/Site Specific Information
  - Key Stakeholders Responsible for Construction Planning and Implementation
  - Construction Class
  - Scope of Work
  - Supporting Structure Information & Site Layout
  - Construction Sequence and Duration
  - Lifting System Details/Info & Lifted Load(s) Information
  - Construction Equipment and Rigging Information, Including Size and Capacity, and Attachment/Anchorage Details
  - Any Special Procedures, Details, or Documents Needed to Ensure A Safe Work Environment During Construction
    - Monitoring requirements, proof testing requirements, etc.



- Class I Rigging Plans
  - "Minimum" Required Class For The Following:
    - Gross lift loads for lift systems attached to the structure shall not exceed 350 pounds (excludes cranes or other lifting systems not attached to structure)
    - Construction activities do **NOT** adversely impact the strength or stability of the supporting structure and SOW does not require any special, custom, or unique construction methods.
    - Prepared by Qualified Person and/or Competent Rigger



- Class II Rigging Plans
  - "Minimum" Required Class For The Following:
    - Gross lift loads for lift systems attached to the structure shall not exceed 500 lbs. (excludes cranes or other lifting systems not attached to structure)
    - Construction activities do **NOT** adversely impact the strength or stability of the supporting structure and SOW does not require any special, custom, or unique construction methods.
    - Prepared by Qualified Person and/or Competent Rigger



- Class III Rigging Plans
  - "Minimum" Required Class For The Following:
    - Gross lift loads for lift systems attached to the structure shall not exceed 2,000 lbs. (excludes cranes or other lifting systems not attached to structure)
    - All new structure and foundation construction
    - All construction activities involving cranes or other lifting devices not attached to structure
    - Construction activities do NOT adversely impact the strength or stability of the supporting structure and SOW does not require any special, custom, or unique construction methods.
    - Prepared by Competent Rigger and Qualified Person



#### • Class IV Rigging Plans

#### • "Minimum" Required Class For The Following:

- Any planned lift exceeding 2,000 pounds where the rigging system is directly attached to the structure (excludes cranes or other lifting systems not attached to the structure)
- Removal of structural members or any activities involving reduced supporting structure strength or stability (i.e., structural member removal/replacement, guy wire installation/removal/replacement, significant foundation work impacting stability, etc.)
- Removal of unique appurtenances where either imposed construction loading or supporting structure strength/stability is questioned by the Contractor
- SOW involves custom or infrequent construction methods
- Specially engineered lifts
- Unique situations
- All tower decommissioning and demolition
- Prepared by a Competent Rigger and Qualified Person with a Qualified Engineer



Checklist for Evaluating Qualified Contractors

Name of Contractor:	
Contact Person for Contractor:	
Title:	Address:
Telephone:	Email:

The contractor has insurance coverage required for the scope of work prior to commencing the work (e.g. worker's compensation; general liability; etc.). (Attoch Certificates of Insurance.)

- The contractor has the necessary experience, references and capability to properly perform the specific job at hand.
- The contractor has a written safety and health program consistent with the NATE Accident Prevention, Safety and Health Program Guide, including:
  - Drug and alcohol policy
  - New employee safety orientation program
  - Technician certification
  - Site-safety assessments
  - Training and documentation
  - OSHA recordkeeping
  - Personnel hoisting (per ANSI A10.48)
- Upon request, the contractor shall provide a site-specific safety plan for the service to be provided for this job based on current industry standards including but not limited to ANSI Z359 and ANSI/ASSE A10.48 Standards.
- The contractor agrees there will be a competent person at the project site at all times
- The contractor agrees to maintain written records of all safety audits
- The contractor agrees to notify the Company in writing if subcontractors are to be used prior to the use of such subcontractors.
- The contractor agrees that any subcontractors hired will be required to meet the same contractor requirements outlined in this document.

Individual Completing Questionnaire:

Title:

• Resources

#### National Association of Tower Erectors(NATE)

https://natehome.com/safety-education/safety-resources/

• Many free templates, checklists, and presentations useful to tower owners

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Tower Climber Orientation

Introduction

# **Additional NATE Resources** NATE Tower Site Site Cognition Cuide

Equipment Basics Checklist

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- Does the contractor have the insurance coverage required for the project:
  - Commercial Liability
  - Automobile Liability
  - Workers Compensation and Employer
     Liability
  - Excess Liability up to the value of the project
- Get a Certificate of Insurance from the Contractor with your company as a Named Additional Insured



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#### **Managed Safety System**



**Project Manual** 

- Does the Contractor have the necessary experience needed to perform the work required
- Does the contractor have written Health and Safety Plans including:
  - Drug and alcohol policy
  - New employee safety orientation program
  - Technician certifications
  - Site-safety assessments
  - Training and documentation
  - OSHA recordkeeping program
  - Personnel hoisting (per ANSI A10.48)

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- Require that there be a Competent Person on-site at all times work is being performed
  - OSHA defines a competent person in 29 CFR 1926.32(f) as
    - "one who is capable of identifying existing and predictable hazards in the surroundings or working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous to employees, and who has the authorization to take prompt corrective measures to eliminate them."
  - The Competent Person must be identified before work begins.



- Hard Hats
  - Inspected Daily
  - Must have a chin strap when climbing on tower
  - Everyone on site should wear one
- CPR/First Aid and Rescue Trained climber(s) as members of the crew







- Crew members should have Personal Protective
   Equipment which includes appropriate clothing
  - Footwear
  - Eye protection
  - Hand protection
  - Work clothing
  - Hearing protection





- Full Body Harness
  - Any Climber on your tower should have a Full Body Harness
- 6' Dual Shock Absorbing Lanyard
  - Connect Small Snap Hook to Dorsal
     D-Ring
  - Required For 100% Tie Off
  - Work positioning hooks are not considered fall protection equipment

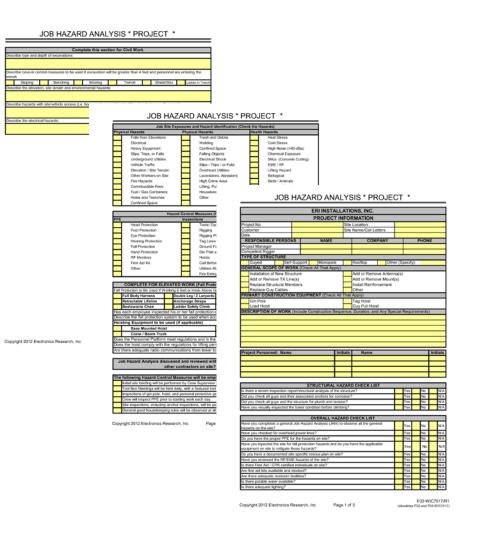






#### **Site Hazard Analysis**

- Job specific site hazard analysis for installation and tower modification projects
- Should be written
- OSHA provides the definition of a hazard as: "a danger which threatens harm to employees" or "unsafe workplace conditions or practices (dangers) that could cause injuries or illness (harm) to employees." To identify hazards in a workplace, contractors should use a systematic approach. There are various strategies that can be used, depending on the type of work.





#### **Overhead Electrical Wires**

- The hazards associated with overhead electrical lines impact the safety of the crew
- OSHA requires an electrical safety plan be established for each project where equipment or work operations may contact or disrupt power lines
- Each project is to have a plan that provides for identification and marking of all electrical lines







#### **Material Safety Data Sheets**

- Are Safety Data Sheets (SDS) readily available for all chemicals with which the crew may come into contact
- OSHA requires contractors to ensure that the hazards of all chemicals produced or imported are evaluated, and that all information concerning their hazards is transmitted to employers and employees
- This information should be transmitted using a comprehensive hazard communication program
- The program should include all container labeling and all forms of warning, material safety data sheets and employee training
- Contractors should have SDS for any hazardous chemicals on site





#### **Proper Safety Signs**



- Are appropriate safety signs in place to provide adequate warning of potential hazards
- Generally, signage should be located on each side of the project area within 50-feet of the project boundary.
- Note if the safety signs appropriate to the work are placed in obvious locations to warn of the hazards associated with the work
- The signs should warn of the hazard before it is approached



#### **Emergency & Rescue Plan**

- Emergency Phone Numbers
- Site Location and Directions
- Communications (Radio, Cell Phone, etc.)
- RF Safety Plan
- Checklist of Rescue Equipment & Written Rescue Procedures
- Identification of Competent Rescue Climber
- BEFORE A RESCUE ATTEMPT ALWAYS CALL 911 (just in case you both need rescued)

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ENFORCEMENT DOCUMENTATION

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Accident Investigation Form

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Pre-Lift Meeting and Checklist

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REPORT OF DOWN TIME, DELAY OR EXTRA WORK

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	Emergency Phone Numbers
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in Office:	812-925-6000 911 or
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#### ERI' INSTALLATIONS, INC. TOWER PERSONNEL SITE SPECIFIC RESCUE PLAN

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#### **Accident Report Forms**

- Are emergency data forms available
  - Forms are required for reporting details regarding accidents and injuries for OSHA 300 logs and insurance first report claims
  - Make certain the Supervisor is aware of his/her responsibilities should an accident occur
  - Some companies utilize dial-in services for someone to take the information over the telephone
  - Make sure the Supervisor has the forms or number available, in case of an emergency
  - Necessary information including maps or directions to hospitals and numbers for emergency services should be updated and verified as accurate

	Accident Investigat	ion Form			
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	Fire:		911 or		ne of the accident.
Witness 2 Name & Job	Ambulance: Hospital:		911 or		I driver's license
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	Bill Smith, Installa	bons Manager	Office (812) 925-6000 Cell (812) 480-0284	ext 274	g Office.
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# **Hoisting Personnel**

- Per OSHA Directive CPL 02-01-036 hoisting of personnel is allowed
- However, Compliance Guidelines must be adhered to
  - Proper hoist operator training and pre-lift meetings
  - Specific equipment and rigging to be used
  - Trial lifts and documentation
  - Maximum accent & decent speeds
  - Maximum number of personnel per lift
  - Communications and weather restrictions







# Site Housekeeping



- Debris on a job site can be hazardous in numerous ways, from creating tripping hazards to the combustible nature of substances
- OSHA requires employers to be aware of and keep work sites free of such potential hazards



## **Qualified Contractor Evaluation Checklist**

- Benchmarks of Experience and Professionalism
  - Appropriate insurance coverage
  - Experience, references and capability to work
  - Written safety program and regular safety audits
  - Site-specific safety plan
  - Competent person on-site
- Prepared Employees
  - Appropriate and documented training
  - Physically able to meet job demands
  - Drug tested



## **Qualified Contractor Evaluation Checklist**

### Safety on Site

- Conduct a hazard assessment
- Maintain good housekeeping on the job site

### • Provide Notification and Records

- Provide an orientation and awareness program for new hires
- Maintain written records of the safety audits
- Maintain written documentation of all training as required



## **Qualified Contractor Evaluation Checklist**

- Follow Guidelines
  - Agree that subcontractors hired will meet all the same contractor requirements
  - Adhere to the provisions of OSHA Directive CPL 2-1.36
  - If required to maintain OSHA 300 logs, have logs available for the past two years



## **TIA-222-H Section 14.3 Intervals**



- Maintenance and condition assessment recommendations for communication structures follows:
  - Three-year intervals for guyed masts and five-year intervals for self-supporting structures
  - After severe wind and /or ice storms, severe seismic events or other extreme conditions
  - Shorter intervals may be required for Risk Category III or IV structures and coastal regions, in corrosive environments, and in areas subject to frequent vandalism



# **Special Considerations**

- Severe loading conditions can be interpreted to be any condition, which subjects the tower and/or supported equipment to high or unusual stresses. Such occurrences include, but are not limited to:
  - sustained wind velocities in excess of 60 MPH
  - significant ice accumulation
  - seismic action
  - galloping guy lines
  - flooding, etc...
  - Major additions, modifications, or changes in the type and location of equipment erected on the tower will require structural verification and may require special inspection.
- In addition to the elevator or equipment hoist maintenance inspection procedures required by the manufacturer, all local and state inspection procedures shall be followed.





Picture 13: Kinked diagonal

### • Structure Condition

- Damaged members (legs and bracing).
- Loose members.
- Missing members.
- Loose and/or missing bolts and/or nut locking devices.
- Visible cracks in welded connections including cracks underneath canister mounts for flag poles and other similar connections.
- Pole flange and base plate cracks visible in base metal or at ends of plate stiffeners (cracks in base metal may only be visible on the inside surface of a pole).
- Record temperature, wind speed and direction, and other environmental conditions.



Picture 17: Organic material on tower



### • Finish

- Paint and/or galvanizing condition.
- Rust and/or corrosion condition including mounts and accessories.
- FAA or ICAO color marking conditions.
- Water collection in members (to be remedied, e.g., unplug drain holes, etc.).



Picture 23: Damaged conduit box



- Lighting (external portions of components only)
  - Conduit, junction boxes, and fasteners (weather tight and secure)
  - Drain and vent openings (unobstructed)
  - Wiring condition
  - Light lenses
  - Bulb condition
  - Controllers
    - Flasher.
    - Photo control.
    - Alarms.
  - Obstructions to lighting system



Picture 26: Cut ground



- Grounding
  - Connections
  - Corrosion
  - Lightning protection

Note: Lightning rods are not required for the protection of the structure in accordance with this Standard but may be required at or near the top of the structure for the protection of equipment or lighting systems.



Picture 40: Rusted mount/hardware



- Antenna and Mount condition:
  - Proper tie-back of microwave dishes
  - Damage to supporting structure at connections
  - Defects, deformations, loose, missing members, etc.
  - Loose or missing hardware
  - Condition of antenna covers



Picture 34: Loose butterfly



- Feed line condition
  - Flanges, seals, dents, jacket damage, grounding, etc.
  - Properly secured/supported on the structure and mount
  - Hanger condition (snap-ins, bolt on, kellum grips, etc.)
  - Secured to structure (waveguide ladder)

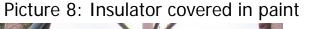


Picture 62: Loose ladder bolt



- Other appurtenances (Ice shields, walkways, platforms, climbing facilities, sensors, floodlights, etc.) Condition
  - Obstructions to climbing path or safety climb systems
  - Defects, deformations, loose or missing members, etc.
  - Loose or missing hardware
  - Secured to structure



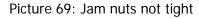




- Insulators (Base insulator, AM detuning kits, fiberglass rods, porcelain insulator, nonmetallic guys, etc.)
  - Cracking and chipping
  - Cleanliness of insulators
  - Spark gaps
  - Isolation transformer
  - Bolts and connections
  - Delamination, UV degradation, rod slippage



- Guys
- Strand condition (corrosion, breaks, nicks, kinks, etc.).
  - Guy hardware conditions
    - Turnbuckles or equivalent
      - Thread extended past body
      - Secured with safety cable or equivalent
      - Cracks, defects, damage, etc.
    - Cable thimbles
    - Ice clips
    - Cable connectors (end fittings)
      - Cable clamps applied properly and bolts tight
      - Wire serving
      - Slippage or damaged strands
      - Deadend grips fully wrapped, end sleeve/ice clips (on anchor end)
      - Poured sockets signs of separation, twisting, etc.
      - Shackles, bolts, pins and cotter pins
    - Inspect tension rods / anchor rods welded to fan plates for fatigue cracks.





Picture 71: Rusted cotter pins





	MEASURED GUYED TENSIONS * INTERCEPT METHOD								
Guy	Tension	s:	N	leasured Ter	nsion At 30°F	Corresponding Tension At 60°F			
	Guy Level	Cable Size & Type	Intercept at Transit (feet)	Stressed Cable Length (feet)	Guy Tension At Anchor (lbs)	Percent Tension at Anchor	Cable Length	Guy Tension At Anchor (lbs)	Percent Tension at Anchor
	1 2 3	1 7/16" BS 1 1/2" BS 1 5/8" BS	33.3 63.3 83.3	759.612 939.030 1,190.377	35,683 30,258 42,849	14.16% 10.96% 13.23%	759.685 939.170 1,190.565	32,389 28,385 40,985	12.85% 10.28% 12.65%

#### Measured Deviation From Original Design Tensions

Assume Original Design Tension of 10% BS?:= NO ;See Note 3

Guy	Cable Size	Measured	Design	Percent
Level	& Type	Tension	Tension	Deviation
		(lbs)	(lbs)	(See Note 1)
1	1 7/16" BS	32,389	28,000	15.7%
2	1 1/2" BS	28,385	28,000	1.4%
3	1 5/8" BS	40,985	47,000	12.8%

NOTES: (1) ERI recommends guy tensions be checked annually and re-tensioned, as necessary, to maintain a maximum deviation of +/- 10% for guy wires up to and including 1" diameter and +/- 5% for guy wires greater than 1" diameter.

(2) Guy tensions should be checked during a calm day (i.e. ground wind speed less than 10 mph) with no ice present on the structure or guys. (3) For guyed towers greater than 500°, ERI recommends the tower owner contact the original tower manufacturer, or engineer of record, to define the required design initial gay tensions.

(4) Calculations based upon paper by D.L. Dean titled "Static and Dynamic Analysis of Guy Cables", Journal of the Structural Division, Proceedings of the American Society of Civil Engineers, Vol. 87, No. ST1, January 1961.

### • Guys

- Guy tensions.
  - Measure guy tensions
  - Record temperature, wind speed and wind direction

Note: Minor variations in guy tensions are to be expected due to temperature, wind speed conditions, anchor elevation differences, etc.



Picture 40: Foliage in anchor points



- Concrete Foundations
  - Ground condition
    - Settlement, movement or earth cracks
    - Erosion
    - Site condition (standing water, drainage, trees, etc.)



Picture 75: Rusted anchor shaft



- Concrete Foundations
  - Anchorage condition:
    - Top and bottom base plate nuts tight
    - Nut locking device
    - Grout condition
    - Anchorages
    - Anchor rods



Picture 74: Slab not formed properly



- Concrete Foundations
  - Concrete condition
    - Cracking, spalling, or splitting
    - Chipped or broken concrete
    - Honeycombing
    - Low spots to collect moisture



Picture 56: Secondary concrete



- Concrete Foundations
  - Guyed Mast Anchors
    - Settlement, movement or earth cracks
    - Grade sloped away from anchors
    - Anchor shaft condition below grade
    - Corrosion control measures (galvanizing, coating, concrete encasement, cathodic protection systems, etc.)
    - Anchor heads above grade, clear of vegetation, obstructions, etc. and turnbuckles free to articulate



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239.5	120	60	3.5	0.4375	0.25	0	1.53125	0.875	0	
359.5	120	60	3.5	0.5	0.5	0	1.75	1.75	0	
479.5	120	60	3.5	0.5625	0.75	0	1.96875	2.625	0	
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### Tower Shaft Inspection

- The tower shaft should be visually inspected at least once every three months (quarterly) or after any severe loading condition. The intent of this inspection is to view the tower shaft from the ground, or by elevator if provided, and to verify the following:
  - Look around to see if there are any bolts, nuts, clamps, other tower or appurtenance parts that have become loose and fallen to the ground, or any evidence that this has occurred on the tower.
  - Verify that members and appurtenances up the tower look to be in place. This can be accomplished by use of a transit or binoculars. If the tower is equipped with an approved elevator, this visual inspection should preferably be conducted while riding up and down the elevator.
  - Verify that all equipment such as antennas, transmission lines, or other appurtenances are positioned at their specified locations and in accordance with the approved tower loading plans and specifications.
  - Visually inspect the tower component coating systems (galvanizing or paint) for any signs of deterioration or spots of local corrosion.
  - Look up the tower and verify that the mast looks straight and is not excessively leaning or is out-ofstraightness a noticeable amount.



- Guy and Guy Anchor Inspection
  - Visually inspect the guy lines to verify that they are in place at the anchor and at the tower. Look at the sags from the anchor to the
    tower and verify that they look reasonably consistent at each anchor point. This will give an indication if one or more lines have
    become significantly loose compared to the other guy lines
  - Make a visual and physical inspection of each guy wire for high frequency vibration. Grasp the strand approximately 2-3 feet away
    from the guy anchor socket and feel for any rhythmic vibrations or jerks on the line. Listening for any sound frequencies given off
    from the wires. Inspect the socket at the hairpin socket, ESCO socket, rocket socket or turnbuckle. Make sure safeties are in place, if
    provided, and that the threaded portions of the fasteners are not backing off. Anchor nuts and lock nuts should be securely in place
    to prevent loosening. The use of spray paint or tape at the threads of these connections can be used as a gage to easily determine if
    movement has occurred
  - All guy wires should be inspected for broken individual wires in the outer layer of the guy strand. A broken wire may be the result of
    a fatigue break and will likely occur at the closed strand bridge socket at the guy anchor or at the open strand socket at the
    connection to the tower. The top and bottom 5 feet of guy strand should be inspected for fatigue wire breaks when possible
  - Check for signs of corrosion at the point where the strand enters the socket, corrosion of the socket, or corrosion of guy strand wires. Inspect preforms, closed bridge socket "U" bolts, ESCO socket connections, turnbuckles, or shackles for any deterioration, including corrosion
  - The guy pins or bolts used as pins at the guy anchor assembly and at the open strand socket at the tower attachment plate shall be
    inspected for any signs of movement or rotation. Verify that all cotter pins and guy pin bolts are in place and in good condition
  - All grounding connections should be inspected to ensure that they comply with the approved grounding system design plans and are properly connected. Inspect connections of ground wires where possible to determine if they remain tight and determine if any visible corrosion or wear is occurring
  - Anodes for special corrosion protection shall be visually checked to verify the caps are accessible and that connection wires are in place



### • Foundation Inspection

- The surfaces of all concrete above grade shall be visually inspected for cracks, chips, spalling, or other visible signs of damage.
- Check the condition of grout under any plates. Look for cracks or any loose material.
- Inspect the soil around the guy anchors and the center pier for signs of movement or subsidence. The finish grade of the soil above the guy anchors and center pier should be marked or otherwise referenced for positive drainage of surface water away for the guy anchor assemblies and center pier.
- Guy anchor assemblies, anchor bolts, plates, rods and embedded material shall be verified that they are sufficiently above grade to prevent excessive corrosion. If steel materials are not above grade, then a check of their corrosion protection should be made. This may involve verifying that coating systems such as galvanizing, painting, or special wrappings are in place.



### Lighting System Inspection

- It should be verified that each light at each level is in working condition.
- Obstruction lighting and associated electrical systems shall be inspected quarterly in accordance with the system manufacturer's requirements and as outlined in the manufacturer's maintenance manuals.
- The obstruction lighting system shall also be inspected as required by federal and local government codes including the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).



### Guy Wire Damper Inspection

- Verify that the location and number of all vibration dampers (high and low frequency) are in accordance with the approved drawings.
- Check the condition of each vibration damper, all safeties, and connection hardware for signs of wear, corrosion, or deterioration.
- Elevator or Equipment Hoist Inspection
  - Tower elevator or equipment hoist systems shall be visually inspected quarterly of all items outlined in the manufacturer's maintenance manuals. In addition, they shall be inspected as required by state and/or local governmental codes.



## **Questions?**

