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SUBJECT: Clarification of Policies and Guidance Associated with Disproportionate Collapse

CATEGORY: Policy and Guidance

1. References:

- a. Unified Facilities Criteria (UFC) 1-200-01, DoD Building Code, with Change 4, 26 December 2024
- b. UFC 3-301-01, Structural Engineering, with Change 6, 30 January 2026
- c. UFC 4-023-03, Design of Buildings to Resist Progressive Collapse (archived)
- d. UFC 4-010-01, DoD Minimum Antiterrorism Standards for Buildings, Change 3, 24 May 2024
- e. UFC 4-020-01 DoD Security Engineering Facilities Planning Manual
- f. ASCE 76-23, Standard for Mitigation of Disproportionate Collapse Potential in Buildings and Other Structures

2. Purpose. This ECB provides guidance for applying the ASCE 76-23, Standard for Mitigation of Disproportionate Collapse in Buildings and Other Structures in replacement of UFC 4-023-03, Design of Buildings to Resist Progressive Collapse.

3. Applicability. This ECB applies to all Army military construction (MILCON), sustainment, renovation and modernization (SRM) projects, and Civil Works vertical construction projects.

4. Background.

a. The DoD has adopted ASCE 76-23 (Standard for Mitigation of Disproportionate Collapse), which allows for the retirement of the Progressive Collapse UFC. To support implementation of ASCE 76-23, a chapter has been added to the Structural UFC 3-301-01 (Chapter 8, Modifications to ASCE 76-23). This chapter provides guidance for the application of ASCE 76-23 to DoD facilities, in particular Risk Assessment, which is a necessary element of design using ASCE 76-23.

b. This change will result in a visible reduction in application of progressive collapse mitigation design, now officially referred to as disproportionate collapse mitigation design. Use Chapter 8, Table 8-1 (Risk Matrix) in conjunction with ASCE 76-23, to determine the required mitigation for disproportionate collapse.

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c. Table 8-1 (Risk Matrix) establishes the minimum mitigation requirements for all new buildings. Nonetheless, higher levels of mitigation can be justified based on project-specific risk assessments. This matrix is not intended to prevent projects from applying additional mitigation, such as Enhanced Local Resistance, vehicle bollards, or more stringent access control.

5. Policy.

a. Follow UFC 1-200-01, Section 1-3.1 for implementation of ASCE 76-23 and Chapter 8 of UFC 3-301-01 into projects.

b. Projects past 35% design or the issuance of the Design-Build Request for Proposal may implement the updated criteria but are not required to do so. Before adopting the updated criteria, the project delivery team (PDT) must re-engage with the security planning personnel and other relevant stakeholders. The purpose of this engagement is to evaluate the implications of reducing the Disproportionate Collapse mitigation. This reduction may offer potential cost savings; however, it will also result in greater risk acceptance for the facility. A formal, risk-informed decision must be documented before implementing UFC updates for the projects.

6. Updates. No additional policy updates are necessary because of these new requirements. Upon expiration of this ECB, reference b. will continue its established applicability.

7. Point of Contact. HQUSACE point of contact for this ECB is Ms. Hien Duong, CEEC, (202) 823-1336, or Ms. Mary Billings, CEEC, (540) 665-2686.

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