- 21.1.1.7 Structural systems designated as part of the seismic-force-resisting system shall be restricted to those *permitted by ASCE 7*. Except for *Seismic Design Category* A, for which Chapter 21 does not apply, the following provisions shall be satisfied for each structural system designated as part of the seismic-force-resisting system, regardless of the *Seismic Design Category*:
- (a) Ordinary moment frames shall satisfy 21.2.
- (b) Ordinary reinforced concrete structural walls *and ordinary precast structural* walls need not satisfy any provisions in Chapter 21.
- (c) Intermediate moment frames shall satisfy 21.3.
- (d) Intermediate precast *structural* walls shall satisfy 21.4.
- (e) Special moment frames shall satisfy 21.5 through 21.8.
- (f) Special structural walls shall satisfy 21.9.
- (g) Special structural walls constructed using precast concrete shall satisfy 21.10.

All special moment frames and special structural walls shall also satisfy 21.1.3 through 21.1.7.

- **1908.1.3 ACI 318, Section 21.4.** Modify ACI 318, Section 21.4, by renumbering Section 21.4.3 to become 21.4.4 and adding new Sections 21.4.3, 21.4.5 and 21.4.6 to read as follows:
- 21.4.3 Connections that are designed to yield shall be capable of maintaining 80 percent of their design strength at the deformation induced by the design displacement or shall use Type 2 mechanical splices.
- 21.4.4 Elements of the connection that are not designed to yield shall develop at least 1.5 Sy.
- 21.4.5 Wall piers not designed as part of a moment frame shall have transverse reinforcement designed to resist the shear forces determined from 21.3.3. Spacing of transverse reinforcement shall not exceed 8 inches (203 mm). Transverse reinforcement shall be extended beyond the pier clear height for at least 12 inches (305 mm).

Exceptions:

- 1. Wall piers that satisfy 21.13.
- 2. Wall piers along a wall line within a story where other shear wall segments provide lateral support to the wall piers and such segments have a total stiffness of at least six times the sum of the stiffnesses of all the wall piers.