

Chapter 9

RESERVED FOR FUTURE PROVISIONS

In preparing the seismic provisions contained within this standard, the Seismic Task Committee of ASCE 7 established a Scope and Format Subcommittee to review the layout and presentation of the seismic provisions and to make recommendations to improve the clarity and use of the standard. As a result of the efforts of this subcommittee, the seismic provisions of ASCE 7 are presented in Chapters 11 through 23 and Appendices 11A and 11B, as opposed to prior editions wherein the seismic provisions were presented in a single section (previously Section 9).

Of foremost concern in the reformat effort was the organization of the seismic provisions in a logical sequence for the general structural design community and the clarification of the various headings to more accurately reflect their content. Accomplishing these two primary goals led to the decision to create 13

separate sections and to relocate provisions into their most logical new sections.

The provisions for buildings and nonbuilding structures are now distinctly separate as are the provisions for nonstructural components. Less commonly used provisions, such as those for seismically isolated structures, have also been located in their own distinct chapter. We hope that the users of ASCE 7 will find the reformatted seismic provisions to be a significant improvement in organization and presentation over prior editions and will be able to more quickly locate applicable provisions. Table C11-1, located in Commentary Chapter C11 of the 2005 edition of ASCE 7 was provided to assist users in locating provisions between the 2002 and 2005 editions of the standard. Table C11-1 is not included in this edition of the standard.