SUBJECT
Review of Design and Construction by Seismic Examination
(Formerly CAN 1-7-133)

CAN: 1-7-133(k)
Effective: 06/22/2020

CODE SECTION

Section 7-133(k) & (o), Chapter 7
2019 California Administrative Code (CAC)

7-133. Fees.

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(k) Seismic examination. The Office shall charge actual costs for the seismic examination on the condition of a hospital building upon written request to the Office by the governing board or authority of any hospital, pursuant to Section 129835 of the Health and Safety Code. In addition, the minimum filing fee of $250.00 shall apply to each application pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 129785(a). The total cost paid for these services shall be nonrefundable.

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(o) SPC-1 hospital building seismic compliance extensions. The Office shall charge actual costs to cover the review and verification of the extension documents submitted, pursuant to Section 130060(g) of the Health and Safety Code. The total cost paid for these services shall be nonrefundable.

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this Code Application Notice (CAN) is to clarify the California Administrative Code (CAC), Section 7-133(k) relative to what constitutes seismic examination and how options that are not part of a project scope can be reviewed as examination.

BACKGROUND

Hospitals often request the office to perform reviews/seismic examinations which are outside the scope of routine project reviews in accordance with CAC Section 7-133(a) and the office performs these reviews as examinations in accordance with CAC Section 7-133(k).
Seismic evaluation and compliance plans are reviewed at cost in accordance with CAC Section 7-133(a)1.A.

Hospitals often ask OSHPD to review the viability of multiple options during their construction bid evaluation. Multiple options occur in the geotechnical reports to be reviewed by OSHPD, even though only one of the options will be used in the project.

Other requests for review of materials, procedures, components and systems either optional or outside the scope of the project may include:

1. Standard details, welding procedures, or similar items to be reviewed as part of make ready projects, even though they are clearly outside the project scope.

2. Building evaluations for voluntary seismic upgrade or potential expansion to be reviewed by the Office prior to initiation of a project.

3. Development of a new technology, system or components (e.g. new steel moment connections, etc.) outside the confinement of a project and the hospital requests the Office to review them as an examination.

4. Value Engineering (VE), which redesign parts of the project, in the middle of construction documents review or construction after OSHPD completed a substantial part of the review for code compliance.

INTERPRETATION

Hospitals can request a seismic examination in accordance with CAC Section 7-133(k), for work affecting seismic design, by submitting a project application form OSH-FD-121 for the following:

1. Value Engineering (VE) for seismic design, which redesign parts of the project, in the middle of construction document review or construction after OSHPD completed substantial part of the review for code compliance.

2. Multiple options for seismic design of a project, even though only one of the options is in the project scope.

3. Any building seismic evaluation or viability of options being considered for future projects.

4. New seismic technology development projects outside the confinement of a facility specific project.

At the completion of the seismic examination, OSHPD shall provide a letter of concurrence, which may include concerns or required conditions associated with the option, procedure,
system or component proposed resulting from the OSHPD review. The OSHPD project shall be closed once the letter of concurrence is issued.

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