

January 24, 2022

Dear Colleague,

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), as the lead agency for the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP) and chair of the Interagency Committee on Seismic Safety in Construction (ICSSC), is requesting public comments on the final draft of *Standards of Seismic Safety for Existing Federally Owned and Leased Buildings*, ICSSC Recommended Practice 10 (RP 10-22), also referred to as the *Standards*.

The *Standards* is a technical publication of the ICSSC dating back to a mandate in Public Law 101-614 and adoption by Executive Order (EO) 12941. The *Standards* was recently adopted by EO 13717: *Establishing a Federal Earthquake Risk Management Standard*. EO 13717 establishes seismic requirements for existing buildings that will be altered, leased, financed, or regulated by the Federal Government. EO 13717 requires that agencies whose activities are covered by the order adopt the *Standards* as the minimum level acceptable for managing the earthquake risks in their existing building portfolio or leased space. The EO further requires the ICSSC to review and update the *Standards* as needed to comply with the order. RP 10 represents the latest update and will replace RP 8, NIST GCR 11-917-2, the last edition of the *Standards* published in 2011.

The 30-day public comment period opens today (January 24, 2022) and will close on February 24, 2022. Comments may be submitted via an online comment form or by email (icssc@nist.gov). The process for submitting online comments is available on the NEHRP website at <https://nehrp.gov/about/icssc.htm>. A comment template in Word format is also available at this website for those wishing to provide comments by email. All comments must be received by 11:59pm EST on February 24, 2022.

On behalf of NIST, a NEHRP distribution list is maintained to send out information of interest about NEHRP and ICSSC activities from time to time. You are receiving this email since your name is already on the NEHRP distribution list. If you know of others that may be interested in being added to the NEHRP list, please ask them to visit https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USNIST/subscriber/new?topic_id=USNIST_134 to subscribe. If you wish to be removed from the NEHRP list, please send an email to Tina.Faecke@nist.gov with the word “remove” in the subject line.

Thank you very much for your time and your valued feedback!

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