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## FOREWORD

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## **CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION**

### **1-1 REISSUES AND CANCELS.**

This UFC supersedes UFC 3-201-01 with Change 5 dated 1 April 2021.

### **1-2 PURPOSE AND SCOPE.**

This UFC provides civil engineering requirements for all new and renovated Government facilities for the Department of Defense (DoD). Where other criteria, statutory or regulatory requirements, are referenced, the more stringent requirement must be met.

### **1-3 APPLICABILITY.**

1\ This UFC follows the same applicability as UFC 1-200-01, paragraph 1-3, with no exceptions. /1/

#### **1-3.1 Foreign Countries.**

All design and construction outside of the United States and United States territories is governed by international agreements, such as the Status of Forces Agreements (SOFA), Host Nation-Funded Construction Agreements (HNFA), and in some instances, Bilateral Infrastructure Agreements (BIA), and country-specific Final Environmental Governing Standards (FGS) or DoDI 4715.05. DoDI 4715.05 is commonly referred to as the Overseas Environmental Baseline Guidance Document (OEBGD). The OEBGD applies when there are no international agreements in place. Therefore, in foreign countries this UFC will be used for DoD projects to the extent that it is allowed by and does not conflict with the applicable international agreements.

### **1-4 GENERAL BUILDING REQUIREMENTS.**

Comply with UFC 1-200-01, *DoD Building Code*. UFC 1-200-01 provides applicability of model building codes and government unique criteria for typical design disciplines and building systems, as well as for accessibility, antiterrorism, security, high performance and sustainability requirements, and safety. Use this UFC in addition to UFC 1-200-01 and the UFCs and government criteria referenced therein.

#### **1-4.1 Low Impact Development.**

Use UFC 3-210-10 for Low Impact Development (LID) criteria. UFC 3-210-10 was developed to comply with the DoD Memorandum implementing Section 438 of the Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA).

**1-5 CYBERSECURITY.**

All control systems (including systems separate from an energy management control system) must be planned, designed, acquired, executed, and maintained in accordance with UFC 4-010-06, and as required by individual Service Implementation Policy.

**1-6 BEST PRACTICES.**

APPENDIX A provides guidance for accomplishing certain civil design and engineering services. The Designer of Record (DoR) is expected to review and interpret this guidance as it conforms to criteria and contract requirements and apply the information according to the needs of the project. If a Best Practices document has guidelines or requirements that differ from any UFC or the Unified Facilities Guide Specifications (UFGS), the UFC and the UFGS must be given a higher order of precedence.

**1-7 GLOSSARY.**

APPENDIX B contains acronyms, abbreviations, and terms.

**1-8 REFERENCES.**

APPENDIX C contains a list of references used in this document. The publication date of the code or standard is not included in this document. Unless otherwise specified, the most recent edition of the referenced publication applies.

**1-9 COMMENTARY.**

Limited commentary has been added to the chapters. Section designations for such commentary are preceded by a “[C]” and the commentary narrative is highlighted with light gray.

## CHAPTER 2 SITE DESIGN

### 2-1 PLANNING.

Site selection and planning require knowledge of environmental requirements, land use restrictions, building setbacks, flood hazard areas, utility connections, utility offsets, vehicle circulation, buffers from natural and manmade features and other similar requirements. Use this UFC prior to starting design to determine specific project requirements including but not limited to demolition, site development, water distribution, and wastewater collection.

#### 2-1.1 Wetlands.

Executive Order (EO) 11990 directs all Federal agencies to avoid wetlands development wherever there is a practicable alternative.

#### 2-1.2 Flood Hazard Planning.

EO 11988 directs all Federal agencies to comply with the minimum requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program. DTM 22-003 directs DoD to avoid development within a flood hazard area to the maximum extent practicable. When mission needs require siting a building within or partially within a flood hazard area, evaluate alternative site locations to avoid or minimize adverse impacts to the floodplain. When no practicable alternative exists, use section 2-1.2.3 to develop a flood risk reduction plan and use section 2-8 to determine the appropriate flood risk reduction criteria.

##### 2-1.2.1 Assessment of Flood Vulnerability.

Provide an assessment of flood vulnerability that integrates: current flood hazard mapping; increases in projected sea level rise; when available, the climate-informed science approach; and future forecasted land use changes over the service life of the facility.

##### 2-1.2.1.1 Non-Tidally Influenced Locations.

Use paragraph 2-8.1.1 Flood Hazard Areas.

##### 2-1.2.1.2 Tidally Influenced Locations.

Use paragraph 2-8.2.1 DoD Regional Sea Level Database.

##### 2-1.2.2 Design Flood Event.

The design flood event is the 100 year or greater flood event used to establish the design flood. The design flood event may include events that exceed the 100-year event, such as areas that may be impacted by projected sea level rise over the service life of the facility, the 500-year flood event, or when available, the Climate-Informed Science Approach.

### **2-1.2.3 Flood Risk Reduction Plan.**

A project-specific Basis for Flood Risk Reduction is required for all facilities sited within a flood hazard area. When developing the Basis for Flood Risk Reduction, fully consider all flood risk reduction measures included in ASCE 24-14 such as breakaway walls, non-engineered and engineered openings, dry proofing and wet proofing. The Basis for Flood Risk Reduction may include temporary flood protection systems.

#### **2-1.2.3.1 Department of Defense Form 1391 Disclosure Requirements.**

When mission needs require siting a building within or partially within a flood hazard area, indicate the following information on DoD Form 1391:

1. Identify the type of flood hazard area: 1 percent annual chance event (ACE), 0.2 percent ACE, Climate-Informed Science Approach; or projected sea level rise over the service life of the facility; and
2. For the Climate-Informed Science Approach, the climate informed science flood elevation as the base flood elevation (BFE) and the design flood elevation (DFE);
3. For the Freeboard Approach, the design flood event, BFE and the DFE; or
4. For the DRSL Approach, sea level rise scenario and timeframe used to establish the DFE.

#### **2-1.2.3.2 Flood Risk Reduction Documentation.**

In accordance with PL 115-232, Section 2805(a)(3), as amended by PL 116-92, evaluate all applicable flood risk reduction measures and document in the Basis for Flood Risk Reduction. Store the Basis for Flood Risk Reduction in project file during the 1391 development process and retain the Basis for Flood Risk Reduction in the project historical file. In tidally influenced locations, the Basis for Flood Risk Reduction must incorporate DoD component direction, when available. DoD component direction may include scenarios and timeframes that are less than or greater than the default values shown in the DRSL Approach column in Table 2-1. The Basis for Flood Risk Reduction must include:

- A description of the site location and rationale for the project's site selection, including if the site is non-tidally or tidally influenced;
- Information concerning alternative sites that were considered and an explanation of why those sites did not satisfy mission requirements;
- A description of the flood hazard area, such as a high velocity V zone, coastal A zone, X zone, area inundated by projected sea level rise, or the Climate-Informed Science Approach, and an assessment of the flood vulnerability;

- A description of the design flood event, such as the 1 percent ACE, 0.2 percent ACE, Climate-Informed Science Approach, or the projected sea level rise scenario and timeframe;
- If using the Climate–Informed Science Approach, the climate-informed science flood elevation, an assessment of the flood vulnerability (risk of flooding), the BFE and the DFE;
- If the project is in a non-tidally influenced location, an assessment of the flood vulnerability (risk of flooding), the BFE and the DFE;
- If the project is in a tidally influenced location, a description of the approach used, Freeboard Approach or DRSL Approach; whichever is more stringent. For the Freeboard Approach, include an assessment of the flood vulnerability (risk of flooding), BFE and the DFE. For the DRSL Approach, include an assessment of the flood vulnerability (risk of flooding), and the sea level rise scenario and timeframe used to establish the DFE; and
- A description of planned flood risk reduction measures.

## **2-2 NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT.**

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) actions should be completed prior to starting design. Obtain NEPA documentation prepared for the project from the Installation environmental staff. Comply with the identified measures and include them as contract requirements.

## **2-3 PRELIMINARY SITE ANALYSIS.**

Use UFC 2-100-01 to develop a preliminary approach appropriate to the site and adjacent facilities, integrate sustainable strategies, and utilizing a holistic design approach. Conduct a preliminary site visit and obtain photographs of the site. Research and obtain Installation’s master plan, utility maps, and as-built record drawings for information related to topography, utility, and storm drainage availability, including design approaches used in the project vicinity. Evaluate the potential for abandoned or unmapped utilities. Research and review available subsurface investigation data and reports in order to evaluate subsurface conditions. Identify flood hazard areas in accordance with the International Building Code (IBC) Section 1612 and sections 2-1.2 and 2-8 of this UFC. Research and obtain explosive safety requirements. Consult with the Government Project Manager to establish contact with the Installation’s Environmental personnel to determine if the site has environmental concerns, such as radon, pesticides, or known contamination. If required, provide radon mitigation system design in accordance with UFC 3-101-01. Evaluate the need for additional analysis based on project requirements and site conditions.

Conduct detailed consultations with the Government in order to clearly define requirements and preferences.

## **2-4            EXISTING CONDITIONS.**

### **2-4.1           Geotechnical Site Investigation.**

Obtain soil exploration, testing, and evaluation from a professional geotechnical engineer. Determine the extent of exploration and testing based on recommendations with the geotechnical engineer, structural engineer (for foundations), civil engineer (for site elements such as LID, pavements, wells, and septic systems), local stormwater permitting agency (for detention ponds), and Government reviewers. Soils investigation (sampling, testing, and evaluation) must be in accordance with UFC 3-220-01, UFC 3-250-01, and UFC 3-260-02.

Indicate the results of the subsurface investigation, including boring locations, boring logs, groundwater observations, a summary of laboratory test results, and any details required to convey requirements for site preparation on the contract documents.

#### **2-4.1.1        Soil Corrosivity.**

Require geotechnical site investigation for soil corrosivity, when existing operating records, visual observations, inspections, or testing indicate corrosive soil conditions. Provide an evaluation of existing soils at the proposed depths and locations of piping in accordance with AWWA M27, chapter titled *Evaluating the Potential for Corrosion*.

### **2-4.2           Surveying.**

Unless provided by Government personnel, a licensed or certified professional must seal all surveys in accordance with the applicable requirements of the local regulatory agency or overseas equivalent having jurisdiction over the Installation. Where overseas equivalent requirements do not include an accuracy standard, provide surveys at a minimum third order in accordance with National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Federal Geodetic Control Committee, *Standards and Specifications for Geodetic Control Networks*.

Prior to entering property not owned by the Government, consult with the Government Project Manager to establish contact with the Installation's real estate personnel. Notify and obtain authorization for a right of entry over, across, or through all lands public or private landowners necessary to perform required field survey work. Coordinate with the Installation's Security section for approval to enter controlled or restricted areas including but not limited to airfields, ranges, and munition storage. Consult with Government Project Manager to establish contact with the Installation's Environmental personnel before entering the area with regards to any restrictions such as cutting or clearing vegetation, natural resources, or species.

#### **2-4.2.1        Topographic Surveys.**

Provide a topographic survey of the project site in accordance with each service's requirements as well as the requirements of the state or Host nation equivalent in which

the site is located. If state or Host nation equivalent requirements are not available, use *Model Standards for Topographic Surveys*.

### **2-4.3 Environmental Considerations.**

Coordinate with the Installation EV Staff during preliminary site investigation, review existing records and evaluate site for environmental concerns or known contamination such as soil or groundwater contamination. If known contamination or environmental concerns are identified, notify the Government Project Manager and evaluate impacts to project cost to ensure adequate funding for current project.

### **2-4.4 Existing Sewers.**

Use WEF MOP FD-6 for guidance when evaluating and rehabilitating existing sewers.

## **2-5 APPROVALS AND PERMITS.**

The DoR must identify, assist, and provide, as applicable, all permits, approvals, and fees required for the design and construction of the new project from Federal, state, and local regulatory authorities or overseas equivalent. The Civil Engineering DoR must be a Professional Civil Engineer experienced and licensed. Licensure in the location of the project may be required to obtain permits and approvals. In the United States and its territories and possessions the Government will review permits for acceptability. In locations outside of the United States and its territories and possessions with Host nation agreements, follow permit approval procedure as directed in project scope and by the Government Project Manager. In locations outside of the United States and its territories and possessions without Host nation agreements, the Government will review and approve site improvement plans for compliance.

Consult with the Government Project Manager to determine the appropriate signatories for permit applications.

## **2-6 CLEARING AND DEMOLITION.**

Identify the following in the construction documents: limits of disturbance; limits of demolition; limits of clearing and grubbing; isolated trees and shrubs to remain or to be removed. Describe size, density, and type of trees to be cleared and grubbed, items to be salvaged or relocated, staging area, temporary storage area and location.

Coordinate with the Installation concerning clearing options to remove merchantable timber from the project site.

During site demolition and preparation, remove existing and abandoned utilities under or within 10 feet (3.0 m) of the foundation of any new facility or building foundation. Reroute existing utilities to remain in accordance with paragraph titled "UTILITIES" in Chapter 2.

## **2-7 SITE DEVELOPMENT.**

Location and orientation of facilities must be based on an analysis of activities to be accommodated and on specific requirements for each project, to include all functional, technical, and economic factors. Use UFC 3-101-01 for building function, size, and orientation criteria.

Incorporate the following into site design, as applicable:

- a. Land use restrictions and setbacks (existing and future).
- b. Circulation (vehicle and pedestrian).
- c. Orientation and Location to integrate green space. Provide adequate grading and drainage while preserving natural topographic features to minimize cut and fill, impact on existing drainage patterns and tree removal.
- d. Operational and natural constraints.
  1. Maintain mandated buffers:
    - (a) Airfield and helipad clearances.
    - (b) Explosives safety clearances.
    - (c) Noise abatement.
    - (d) Antiterrorism and physical security clearances.
    - (e) Storage and handling hazardous material clearances.
    - (f) Separation of incompatible land use or functions.
    - (g) Building setbacks (if established).
    - (h) Fire separation zones per building and fire codes.
  2. Eliminate or minimize construction activities requiring permits for areas such as archaeological sites, wetlands, utilities, and stormwater management.
  3. Minimize site or utility maintenance and operating costs.
  4. Accommodate site constructability and security requirements.
  5. Minimize distance to existing utility connections.

### **2-7.1 Accessibility.**

Use UFC 1-200-01 to determine accessibility requirements.

### **2-7.2 Petroleum, Oil and Lubrication (POL).**

Use UFC 3-460-01 for POL criteria.

**2-8 FLOOD RESISTANT DESIGN.**

Facilities sited within or partially within a flood hazard area must be designed in accordance with UFC 1-200-01 and this UFC. For flood resistant design, UFC 1-200-01 implements the IBC and the IBC implements ASCE 24-14. This UFC modifies the IBC and ASCE 24-14. The term facilities applies to buildings and structures and the terms buildings and structures are used interchangeably for flood resistant design criteria. To minimize impacts to the existing floodplain, EO 11988 directs all Federal agencies to elevate buildings rather than filling in land, wherever practicable. Use UFC 4-152-01 for waterfront construction.

When mission needs require siting a building within or partially within a flood hazard area, obtain the project specific Basis for Flood Risk Reduction, when available. When the Basis for Flood Risk Reduction is not available, the DoR is responsible for preparing the Basis for Flood Risk Reduction, consistent with section 2-1.2. Use the Basis for Flood Risk Reduction and Table 2-1 when computing the minimum DFE. Table 2-1 modifies ASCE 24-14, Table 1-1 Flood Design Class of Buildings and Structures and provides DFEs. Ensure proper correlation between vertical datums and submit flood design calculations, including the governing criteria used, to the Government Civil Engineer.

**Table 2-1 Design Flood Elevation (DFE)**

<b>ASCE 24-14 Flood Design Class</b>	<b>Freeboard Approach <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>DRSL Approach <sup>2,3,4</sup></b>	<b>Climate-Informed Science Approach</b>
1 (minimal risk; non-essential facilities)	BFE	Lowest 2065	BFE
2 (moderate risk; non-essential facilities)	BFE + 2 ft (600 mm)	Low 2065	BFE + 1 ft (300 mm)
3 Subcategory 3a (high risk; non-essential facilities)	BFE + 2 ft (600 mm)	Medium 2065	BFE + 1 ft (300 mm)
3 Subcategory 3b <sup>5</sup> (high risk; essential facilities)	BFE + 3 ft (900 mm)	High 2065	BFE + 2 ft (600 mm)
4 <sup>6</sup> (high risk; essential facilities)	BFE + 3 ft (900 mm)	Highest 2065	BFE + 2 ft (600 mm)

1. The freeboard approach complies with PL 115-232, Section 2805(a)(4)(A) and (B).
2. The default sea level rise scenario complies with USD (A&S) DTM 22-003, "Flood Hazard Area Management for DoD Installations," dated June 7, 2022.

3. Use the site-specific value from the DoD Regional Sea Level (DRSL) database corresponding to the designated scenario (lowest/low/medium/high/highest) for the 1 percent ACE for year 2065. The DRSL database is publicly available at <https://drsl.serdp-estcp.org/Site>. The FOUO DRSL database is available at <https://sealevelscenarios.serdp-estcp.org>.
4. These are default values in the absence of a Basis for Flood Risk Reduction. When provided, use the component's sea level rise scenario and timeframe in lieu of the value provided in this column.
5. Essential facilities that would not need to remain operational during the design flood event but would need to be fully operational immediately following a storm event.
6. Essential facilities that would need to remain operational during the design flood event.

## **2-8.1 Non-Tidally Influenced Locations.**

### **2-8.1.1 Flood Hazard Areas.**

The boundaries of the flood hazard area for the design flood event must be designated by:

- a. When available, the Climate-Informed Science Approach,
- b. The applicable Flood Insurance Study (FIS) with the accompanying Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) or Flood Boundary and Floodway Map (FBFM) issued by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), when available,
- c. Past flooding events, storm of significant impact,
- d. A flood hazard map adopted by the Installation; or
- e. A flood study performed to determine flood hazard areas in accordance with FEMA accepted hydrologic and hydraulic engineering practices used to define flood hazard areas.

When a new project site occupies two or more flood hazard areas, site the buildings or most vulnerable buildings to avoid the flood hazard area that presents the highest risk to the extent practicable.

#### **2-8.1.1.1 Base Flood Elevation.**

Determine the BFE for the design flood event in accordance with the following order of precedence:

1. When available, the Climate-Informed Science Approach;
2. As indicated on the applicable FIS and accompanying FIRM;
3. When regulation promulgated by a state or other government source is greater than the BFE identified in the Basis for Flood Risk Reduction, use the BFE established by the state or other government source;
4. A flood study performed to determine the BFE in accordance with FEMA;  
or

5. A flood elevation established by the Installation using documented historical flood data from previous extreme flood events.

When a building is sited within or partially within one or more flood hazard areas or BFE contours, use the flood hazard area or BFE that presents the highest risk to the buildings. In some cases, it may be acceptable to design portions of buildings that are structurally independent.

#### **2-8.1.1.2 Design Flood Elevation.**

Determine the DFE in accordance with the following order of precedence:

1. Use Table 2-1 to determine the DFE using the Freeboard Approach or, when available, the Climate-Informed Science Approach.
2. When regulation promulgated by a state or other government source is greater than the DFE computed in the first order of precedence, use the DFE established by the state or other government source.

#### **2-8.2 Tidally Influenced Locations.**

##### **2-8.2.1 DoD Regional Sea Level Database.**

The DRSL Database provides five global and site-specific sea level change scenarios for three discrete time periods, 2035, 2065, and 2100. These scenarios are bound by the lowest scenario which is based on the 95% confidence interval for sea level trends developed by NOAA and the highest scenario which is based on the highest projection from the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change produced by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. The three intermediate scenarios are based on equally proportional 0.5 m increment subdivisions of the upper bound for the 2100 time period which deviates from the United Nations Framework Convention on climate change scenarios. For the 2100 time period, the five global scenarios from the DRSL Database are lowest 0.7 ft (0.2 m), low 1.6 ft (0.5 m), medium 3.3 ft (1 m), high 4.9 ft (1.5 m), and highest 6.6 ft (2.0 m).

In accordance with PL 116-92, Section 2804 and DTM 22-003 on Flood Hazard Area Management for DoD Installations, use the DRSL Database to determine site-specific mean sea level rise when the tidal record is a minimum of 50 years or two National Tidal Datum Epochs. Use the following order of precedence to select the appropriate sea level rise scenario and timeframe:

1. Basis of Flood Risk Design retained in the project file.
2. The DRSL Approach column in Table 2-1.

For the lowest scenario, the NOAA relative sea level trend from the 95% confidence interval may be interpolated or extrapolated to estimate future sea level rise increases for time periods not provided in the DRSL Database. The low, medium, high and highest scenarios may be graphically interpolated to estimate sea level rise between the

time periods provided in the DRSL Database. Do not extrapolate the low, medium, high and highest scenarios in the DRSL Database.

### **2-8.2.2 Flood Hazard Areas.**

Determine the flood hazard area in accordance with the most stringent of the following requirements:

1. Paragraph 2-8.1.1, or
2. The 1 percent ACE EWL elevation from the DRSL Database.

### **2-8.2.3 Base Flood Elevation.**

When using the DRSL approach, set the BFE equal to the EWL for the 1 percent ACE from the DRSL Database.

#### **[C] 2-8.2.3 Base Flood Elevation**

The EWL is the historical extreme water level value from the DRSL Database, not including wave height, having a 1 percent chance of being equal or exceeded in any given year. When using the DRSL Approach, the 1 percent ACE EWL from the DRSL Database is used as the 1 percent ACE flood event to consistently apply flood design criteria between the Freeboard Approach and the DRSL Approach.

### **2-8.2.4 Design Flood Elevation.**

Use the following procedure to account for projected current and future mean sea level rise over the service life of the facility. Procedure for determining the DFE in tidally influenced locations:

1. Use paragraph 2-8.1.1.2 to determine  $DFE_{\text{freeboard}}$ .
2. Use paragraph 2-8.2.1 to determine the sea level rise scenario and timeframe.
3. Use Equation 2-1 to determine  $DFE_{\text{SL}}$ .
4. DFE equals  $DFE_{\text{freeboard}}$  or  $DFE_{\text{SL}}$ , whichever is more stringent.

#### **Equation 2-1. Design Flood Elevation**

$$DFE_{SL} = EWL + SLR$$

Where:

$DFE_{SL}$  = Sea level rise impacted design flood elevation

$EWL$  = 1 percent ACE EWL from the DRSL Database

$SLR$  = Increases to site-specific mean sea level from the DRSL Database

### **[C] 2-8.2.4 Design Flood Elevation**

Equation 2-1 is equivalent to using the combined tab in the DRSL Database.

### **2-8.3 Flood Resistant Design Options.**

ASCE 24-14 does not require elevating all building types as a minimum standard. ASCE 24-14 allows additional flood resistant design standards to be used when constructing flood resistant buildings and minimizing damage from the design flood event. Flood resistant design standards include flood risk reduction measures such as:

- Design of openings (see ASCE 24-14, paragraph 2.7.2),
- Openings in breakaway walls (see ASCE 24-14, paragraph 2.7.1.1),
- Non-engineered openings (see ASCE 24-14, paragraph 2.7.2.1),
- Engineered openings (see ASCE 24-14, paragraph 2.7.2.2),
- Dry floodproofing (see ASCE 24-14, paragraph 6.2), or
- Wet floodproofing (see ASCE 24-14, paragraph 6.3).

Fully investigate flood resistant design standards, including temporary flood protection systems, and evaluate the impact of their use based on level of risk, non-essential or essential status, level of protection provided, user impacts and cost.

### **2-8.4 Flood Protection Systems.**

When the design flood event cannot be mitigated using the flood risk reduction measures identified in ASCE 24-14, use a flood protection system to protect the building or buildings. A flood protection system may also be used when an engineering and cost analysis indicates that a flood protection system is advantageous to the intent of the project or master development plan. Flood protection systems may consist of dams, levees, floodwalls, and other types of flood protective works.

#### **2-8.4.1 Establishing Flood Protection System Design Criteria.**

Flood protection systems meeting the minimum design requirements in 44 CFR 65.10 may be accredited by FEMA for protection against the 1 percent ACE. FEMA accreditation of flood protection systems is encouraged but not required. Use 44 CFR Section 65.10 for the design of flood protection systems providing protection to the 1% ACE. Design flood protection systems to protect the building or buildings to the minimum DFE. When the design flood event exceeds the 1 percent ACE, the DoR must modify the minimum height of wall and associated criteria provided in 44 CFR Section 65.10 to account for the minimum DFE and submit the revised criteria to the Government Civil Engineer for review and approval prior to beginning design. In accordance with 44 CFR Section 65.10, the flood protection system is required to be certified by the DoR. Refer to FEMA GD34 for guidance on FEMA accreditation.

#### **[C] 2-8.4.1 Establishing Flood Protection System Design Criteria**

A registered professional engineer is responsible for certifying flood protection systems.

Flood protection system accreditation may be received from FEMA once a registered professional engineer has completed the certification process and all of the required documentation has been submitted to FEMA for review.

### **2-8.5 Mission Critical Roads.**

Design mission critical roads and roads used for evacuation to be above the BFE plus freeboard or in accordance with the Installation's emergency management plan. Determine freeboard based on the reliability of available flood hazard area maps and supporting data, flood elevation and floodway data, increases in projected sea level rise, climate-informed science approach, or in accordance with FEMA accepted hydrologic and hydraulic engineering practices used to define flood hazard areas.

#### **[C] 2-8.5 Mission Critical Roads**

Mission critical roads provide at least one route of travel to mission critical buildings.

Freeboard is used to provide a factor of safety. A minimum freeboard of 1 foot (300 mm) is recommended.

### **2-9 GRADING.**

UFC 1-200-01 implements grading requirements from the IBC and provides supplements to IBC criteria. Use UFC 1-200-01, paragraph titled "Soils and Foundations", to determine the appropriate requirements for site grading. Grading must direct water towards new or existing drainage features and away from impervious site features such as buildings, structures, runways, and roads. Grading must not result in low spots that hold water or that direct water towards new or existing site features. Conform to existing topography to the greatest extent possible.

Crowned sections are the standard cross sections for roads, runways, taxiways, and safety areas. Crowned sections are generally symmetrical and slope away from the center line of the pavement.

#### **2-9.1 Transverse and Longitudinal Slopes.**

Acceptable ranges of transverse and longitudinal slopes are indicated in Table 2-2. Grading criteria is also indicated in AASHTO GDHS.

**Table 2-2 Grading**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Item Description</b>	<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Best Practices</b>
1	Longitudinal grades of roads	Min. 0.3%	Min. 0.5%
2	Transverse grades of roads	Min. 2.0%	
3	Concrete pavement in parking areas	Min. 1.0%	Min. 1.5% Max. 5.0%
4	Curb & Gutter or Valley Gutter	Min. 0.3%	Min. 0.5%
5	Bituminous pavement in parking areas	Min. 1.5%	Min. 2.0% Max. 5.0%
6	Permeable Pavements in parking areas*	Min. 1.0%	Max. 5.0%
7	Walks, Transverse	Max. 2.0%	
8	Walks, Longitudinal		Max. 5.0%
9	Concrete Landings	Max. 2.0%	
10	Paved Concrete Ditches, longitudinal	Min. 0.3%	
11	Unpaved Ditches, longitudinal*	Min. 0.5%	
12	Pervious Surfaces (Grass, Turf, or Landscape)*	Min 2.0%	

\* Regulatory agency’s stormwater management criteria may govern for items used as stormwater management features.

**2-9.2 Finished Floor Elevations.**

Establish minimum finished floor elevations in accordance with this UFC, UFC 1-200-01 paragraph titled “Structural Design”, or UFC 3-101-01, whichever is more stringent.

**[C] 2-9.2 Finished Floor Elevations**

The referenced criteria is included for projects that many or may not be in a flood hazard area. For example, if a project is not in a flood hazard area, UFC 3-101-01 may provide the more stringent criteria.

**2-9.3 Airfields.**

Use the airfield grading criteria in UFC 3-260-01.

## **2-10 VEHICLE CIRCULATION.**

The DoR must address unique aspects of military facilities when designing roads and parking. For example, roads on military installations are typically designed for lower speeds while also addressing the movement of specialized military vehicles. Roads, parking areas and structures must conform to current antiterrorism and accessibility requirements.

### **2-10.1 Special Circulation Areas.**

Circulation areas for vehicles other than normal passenger cars have special requirements to maintain traffic safety. These areas require additional space to accommodate unusual traffic patterns and greater turning radii for maneuverability. Special circulation areas include areas such as drop off areas, delivery and service zones, garbage collection areas (dumpsters), drive-in facilities, emergency vehicle access, and entry control facilities. The design must also address the turning and reverse movements for the largest vehicle including but not limited to deliveries, emergencies, and garbage collection that will use the facility and discourage through traffic.

#### **2-10.1.1 Dumpster Pads.**

Consider site circulation, building location, and distance to service doors. Coordinate the location of dumpster pads with Government personnel. Provide access to dumpster pads that is fully coordinated with the operation of the facility and facilities waste collection plan. When wheeled trash cans or carts are used as part of the facilities waste collection plan, provide sidewalks and ramps for access to and from the facility. Size dumpster pads in accordance with the Installation waste collection service. Provide site circulation and reverse turning area that allows dumpster trucks to maintain a forward movement to and from the dumpster pads. For frontloading dumpster trucks, provide a straight approach for dumpster trucks to access and align with the dumpster, reverse away, and exit forward. For rear-loading dumpster or roll off trucks, provide a reverse turning area that allows for a straight approach for dumpster trucks to access and align with the dumpster after reversing, and exit forward. For side-loading dumpster trucks, provide a straight approach for dumpster trucks to access and align with the dumpster, reverse away if needed, and exit forward. The concrete dumpster pad must be large enough to accommodate the:

- Front wheels of frontloading dumpster trucks;
- Rear wheels of rear-loading and roll-off dumpster trucks; or
- Front and rear wheels of side-loading dumpster trucks.

##### **2-10.1.1.1 Airfields.**

Locate dumpsters in locations approved by Airfield Operations (AIROPS) to avoid a Bird/Animal Aircraft Strike Hazard (BASH) issue.

## **2-10.2 Traffic Studies.**

Provide traffic studies and analysis in accordance with Surface Deployment and Distribution Command Transportation Engineering Agency (SDDCTEA) Pamphlet 55-17 and SDDCTEA Pamphlet 55-8.

## **2-10.3 Design Vehicles.**

Design vehicle types include:

- a. Passenger car, truck, light-delivery truck, bus, and truck combinations are as defined by AASHTO (moving vans, refuse trucks and school buses, snow-clearing trucks).
- b. Emergency vehicles.
- c. Specialized military vehicles such as tracked vehicles.

Obtain design information for emergency vehicles and specialized military vehicles from the Government Project Manager.

## **2-10.4 Design Traffic.**

Use ITE LP-674B to evaluate average daily traffic (ADT) and peak hourly traffic, as applicable. Adjust for vehicles other than passenger cars. In addition to the vehicles indicated in ITE LP-674B (trucks, RV's, buses), add specialized military vehicles as a vehicle type and determine the nearest equivalent AASHTO vehicle type.

## **2-10.5 Roads.**

Design roads in accordance with SDDCTEA Pamphlet 55-17, AASHTO GDHS, AASHTO RSDG-4, and AASHTO VLVLRL as applicable.

Single-lane roads may be provided for fire lanes and approach drives to buildings within built-up areas. Access roads to unmanned facilities may also be single-lane roads. Where shoulders are not sufficiently stable to permit all-weather use and the distance between intersections is greater than ½-mile (805 m), turnouts must be provided at 1/4-mile (402 m) intervals along single lane roads for use by occasional passing or meeting vehicles.

### **2-10.5.1 Fire Lane and Emergency Vehicle Access.**

Fire lanes and emergency vehicle access must comply with UFC 3-600-01.

## **2-10.6 Parking Areas.**

Design parking areas in accordance with SDDCTEA Pamphlet 55-17, Chapter titled "Parking". Parking areas include on-street parking, off-street parking lots, and parking structures. Refer to scope of work to determine the gross area or number of parking

spaces. If the number of parking spaces is not identified in the project scope of work, use Table A-2 for guidance. Provide parking spaces primarily by off-street parking areas or structures.

For Flood Design Class IV facilities, design parking supporting essential personnel that would need to remain at the facility during the design flood event to be above the BFE plus freeboard. Determine freeboard based on the reliability of available flood hazard area maps and supporting data, flood elevation and floodway data, increases in projected sea level rise, climate-informed science approach, or in accordance with FEMA accepted hydrologic and hydraulic engineering practices used to define flood hazard areas.

### **[C] 2-10.6 Parking Areas**

Freeboard is used to provide a factor of safety. A minimum freeboard of 1 foot (300 mm) is recommended.

#### **2-10.6.1 On-Street Parking.**

The use of on-street parking is discouraged. On-street parking will not be allowed within 20 feet (6.1 m) of an intersection. The minimum length for the first and last stall is 20 feet (6.1 m). The minimum length for each interior stall is 22 feet (6.7 m).

Exception to SDDCTEA Pamphlet 55-17: The minimum width for all passenger vehicle stalls is 8 feet (2.4 m).

#### **2-10.6.2 Off-Street Parking.**

Typically, 90 degree parking is preferred for off-street parking for ease of traffic flow. If 90 degree parking is not used, the designer must be able to justify by showing that the minimum functional and technical requirements are met while providing an economic benefit to the Government. Provide minimum 9 feet (2.7 m) wide and 18.5 feet (5.6 m) long parking spaces for 90 degree parking. The design must discourage through traffic.

Exception to SDDCTEA Pamphlet 55-17: In areas of limited space, provide a minimum buffer strip of 8 feet (2.4 m) when sufficient space is available.

#### **2-10.6.3 Compact Cars.**

Compact spaces may be used when there will be a consistent number of compact size vehicles accessing the facility on a regular basis. Do not use compact spaces when sufficient space is available for standard size passenger vehicles.

#### **2-10.6.4 Motorcycles.**

When motorcycle spaces are subtracted from the required regular spaces a parking study must be performed to determine the consistent number of motorcycles regularly

parking at the facility throughout the year. When performing the traffic study, take into account adverse weather (winter in northern climates). Do not subtract motorcycle spaces from required regular spaces unless supported by a traffic study.

Motorcycle parking surfaces are typically designed as rigid pavements to prevent kickstands from penetrating bituminous pavement in warm weather. The minimum size for motorcycle spaces is 9 feet (2.7 m) long and 4.5 feet (1.3 m) wide.

### **2-10.6.5 Parking Areas Outside of the United States.**

Use UFC 1-200-01 and refer to the “Forward” at the beginning of this UFC to determine accessibility requirements for areas outside of the United States. When standard passenger car dimensions, as indicated in SDDCTEA Pamphlet 55-17, are not used, a traffic engineering study (parking study, parking design vehicle study) must be performed to determine the predominant vehicle size and parking layout. Perform traffic engineering studies in accordance with SDDCTEA Pamphlet 55-8. The minimum parking size for all cars is 8 feet (2.4 m) x 16 feet (4.8 m).

During the parking study, take into account the following at a minimum:

- Requirements for each project.
- An analysis of activities to be accommodated.
- Government vehicle use.
- Standard vehicles from the United States.
- Current and future parking demand.
- Variety of parking areas needed.
- Truck traffic, including deliveries- and garbage collection.
- Emergency vehicles.
- Minimum entrance widths.
- Number of entrances.
- AT setbacks.
- Parking (on-street, off-street, parking orientation, aisle widths, minimum stall size and orientation, accessible spaces).

### **2-10.7 Bicycle Facilities.**

Use AASHTO GDHS and SDDCTEA Pamphlet 55-17 for the design of bicycle facilities. Use Best Practices document, AASHTO GBF for additional design guidance.

## **2-11 SITE APPURTENANCES.**

Provide site appurtenances in accordance with state or local standards where project is located.

### **2-11.1 Pedestrian Circulation.**

Allow for pedestrian circulation between various new and existing facilities by providing a network of new sidewalks that connect new pedestrian circulation systems with existing pedestrian circulation systems. Use UFC 1-200-01 to determine accessibility requirements. Use AASHTO GDHS and SDDCTEA Pamphlet 55-17 for the design of pedestrian circulation systems. Use Best Practices document, AASHTO GPF for additional design guidance.

Sidewalks may consist of portland cement concrete, bituminous concrete (asphalt), solid pavers, permeable pavers, or pervious concrete. The minimum thickness of PCC concrete sidewalks is 4 inches (100 mm). Provide bituminous sidewalks with a minimum 4 inches (100 mm) thick base and a 1 inch (25 mm) thick bituminous surfacing. The minimum width for all sidewalks is 4 feet (1.2 m). In high volume or urban areas, the minimum width for sidewalks is 6 feet (1.8 m). Where the sidewalk is adjacent to the curb, increase the minimum width to account for obstacles such as signs and fire hydrants. Consult with the Government Project Manager for special sidewalk requirements for facilities with high pedestrian volumes such as barracks, medical facilities, where extra wide walks may be required.

### **2-11.2 Curb or Curb and Gutter.**

Use concrete curb and gutter when overland flow cannot be achieved; to extend curb or curb and gutter from an adjacent facility; or to confine traffic. Asphalt-type curbs are only allowed in remote areas where approved by the Installation.

#### **2-11.2.1 Airfields.**

Curbs and gutters are not permitted to interrupt surface runoff along a runway, taxiway, heliport, or apron. The runoff must be allowed unimpeded travel transversely off the runway and then directed to the inlets.

### **2-11.3 Wheelstops.**

Provide 6 feet (1.8 m) long wheelstops anchored to the pavement at parking spaces adjacent to sidewalks, buildings, stormwater management facilities, areas of extreme slope, and other areas without curb where a vehicle would likely cause property damage. Locate the front face of the wheelstop 30 inches (750 mm) from the edge of the pavement or sidewalk.

Where snow removal equipment is used, wheelstops may not be allowed by the Installation; coordinate with Government Project Manager.

## **2-11.4 Bollards.**

### **2-11.4.1 Bollards around Structures.**

Provide bollards around any structures subject to damage from vehicular traffic by incidental contact; such bollards must be at minimum 4 feet (1.2 m) high. For steel bollards, provide minimum 4 inch (100 mm) diameter filled with concrete and painted. Bollards on aircraft aprons protecting fire hydrants must not exceed 30 inches (750 mm) aboveground and 24 inches (600 mm) above load bearing paving.

### **2-11.4.2 Bollards for Security.**

For vehicular barrier and crash rated applications, use UFC 4-022-02.

## **2-11.5 Signage and Markings.**

Provide signs and associated pavement markings to facilitate proper utilization of the project site. Provide new traffic control devices such as signs and markings in accordance with SDDCTEA Pamphlet 55-17. Also use Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, SHSM, and *Department of Defense Supplement to the National Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices*.

Provide non-reflectorized pavement markings for paved parking areas, reflectorized pavement markings for paved roads, and fire access markings in accordance with marking criteria and procedures recognized by the Department of Transportation (DOT) in the state in which the project is located or local governing authority's requirements.

## **2-11.6 Dumpster Enclosures.**

Where dumpster pads are required on a project, provide a dumpster pad enclosure conforming to the Installation Appearance Plan.

## **2-12 UTILITIES.**

New underground utilities such as water, sanitary sewer, ~~V1/V1~~ and natural gas must be at least 10 feet (3.0 m) from foundations for buildings and structures. For building connections, minimize the length of piping under the building by running the service piping around the outside of the building. Provide horizontal and vertical separation between new and existing utilities for rehabilitation, maintenance, repair or replacement. Minimize underground utilities located beneath pavements, except where crossings are required. Locate utilities to minimize connection costs and traffic interference with future maintenance.

Obstructions including signs and poles for overhead utilities must be located outside the limits of usable shoulder on roads designed without barrier curbs. Where practicable, roads designed with barrier curbs must have the desirable lateral clearances to obstructions as indicated in AASHTO GDHS except that fire hydrant clearances must be in accordance with UFC 3-600-01.

**2-12.1 Water Distribution Systems.**

Use UFC 3-230-01 for water distribution system criteria. Use UFC 3-230-03 to establish water demand.

**2-12.2 Wastewater Collection Systems.**

Use UFC 3-240-01 for wastewater collection and treatment criteria.

**2-12.3 Lighting.**

Use UFC 3-530-01 for lighting criteria.

**2-13 STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEMS.**

Refer to Chapter 3 of this UFC.

**2-14 ENTRY CONTROL FACILITIES.**

Use UFC 4-022-01 and SDDCTEA Pamphlet 55-15 for entry control facility criteria.

**2-15 BRIDGES, OVERPASSES AND UNDERPASSES.**

Where applicable, comply with AASHTO GDHS, AASHTO RSDG-4 and AASHTO LRFDBDS. Use Best Practices document USDA 0625 1808P as applicable.

For railroad bridges, also comply with UFC 4-860-01, the design manual of the relevant railroad company and use Best Practices document, the American Railway Engineering and Maintenance-of-Way Association (AREMA) publication *Manual for Railway Engineering*.

## **CHAPTER 3 STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEMS**

### **3-1 DESIGN CRITERIA.**

Design surface drainage, underground drainage systems, stormwater management facilities, and erosion and sediment control in accordance with the criteria noted in this UFC, UFC 3-210-10, HDS-5, state drainage manual, or the local regulatory agency with jurisdiction over the Installation; whichever is more stringent. Ensure that the stormwater runoff does not adversely affect the project site (building function, parking, roads) for the service life of the facility, the surrounding facilities for the service life of the surrounding facilities, and future forecasted land use changes. Submit calculations to the Government Civil Engineer and document the governing criteria used. For additional design guidance, consult Best Practices, as indicated in APPENDIX A and manufacturer's data.

The design of the storm drainage system and stormwater management features must address the following:

- The storm drainage system and stormwater management plan must comply with Federal, state, and local regulatory requirements including regional or site-specific stormwater management agreements.
- Minimize grading to complement the features and functions of the natural drainage system and the existing contours.
- The siting and sizing of stormwater management facilities must take into account the high and seasonal groundwater table elevations.
- Utilize overland flow and natural site features where storm drainage will not impact site function or adversely affect surrounding sites. Drainage systems must prevent erosion of existing soils, ponding, and convey flow to a suitable outfall location.
- Culverts, ditches, and other drainage structures must be designed to minimize adverse environmental effects such as erosion, impacts to wetlands, and blocking fish passage.
- If a suitable point of discharge does not exist, one must be constructed.

#### **3-1.1 Approved Methodologies.**

Peak design flow must be calculated using the Rational Method for drainage areas smaller than 200 acres, Technical Release 55 (TR-55) curve number method or as approved by the Government Civil Engineer. Intensity-duration-frequency (IDF) curves are available in most state or local regulatory agency drainage manuals or from NOAA. If the IDF curves are not available, particularly in areas outside of the United States, the DOR needs to develop them on a project-by-project basis. Submit IDF curves with the calculations for approval from the Government Civil Engineer.

The TR-55 curve number methodology is approved and recommend for LID calculations required by UFC 3-210-10.

### **3-1.2 Design Storm Frequency.**

For the design of surface and underground stormwater drainage systems, use a minimum 10-year storm frequency, the facility type minimum, or the minimum required by the state or local governing authority; whichever is more stringent.

#### **3-1.2.1 Airfields.**

Runways, taxiways, heliports, and aprons use the minimum required by the local governing authority for airfields and heliports or a minimum 5 year storm frequency. Retrofit projects on existing runways, taxiways, heliports, and aprons should be designed using a 5 year storm. Where an engineering and cost analysis indicates that it is advantageous to the project, a minimum 2 year storm frequency may be used for retrofit projects.

#### **3-1.2.2 Principal Roads.**

For principal roads, collector or local roads with speeds greater than 50 mph (80 kph) use the minimum storm frequency and intensity required in the state drainage manual or a minimum intensity of 4 in/hr (100 mm/hr); whichever is more stringent.

### **3-1.3 Maximum Spread.**

The maximum spread for roads is ½ driving lane. For collector and local roads, use a minimum 5-year storm frequency. Roads with speeds greater than 50 mph must be designed in accordance with the state or local regulatory agency with jurisdiction over the Installation; whichever is more stringent.

#### **3-1.3.1 Airfields.**

The maximum spread for airfields must not include runways, taxiways and heliport pavements or paved shoulders using a 5 year storm frequency.

The maximum spread for airfields must not encroach on the center 50 percent, along the centerline, of runways, taxiways, or helipad surfaces using a 10 year storm frequency.

##### **3-1.3.1.1 Aprons.**

The maximum spread for aprons is a depth of 4 inches (100 mm) using a 5 year storm frequency.

The maximum ponding depth is 4 inches (100 mm) around apron inlets.

### **3-1.4 Inlet Design.**

Size and locate drainage inlets to limit the spread of water. Use bicycle safe inlet grates where bicycle travel is possible.

For paved parking, storage, and similar areas, inlets must be provided in sag locations.

#### **3-1.4.1 Airfields.**

Avoid drainage patterns consisting of closely spaced interior inlets in pavements with intervening ridges for airfields. Such grading may cause taxiing problems, including bumping or scraping of wing tanks. For paved apron areas, inlets must be provided in sag locations.

If there is a long, gradually sloping swale between a runway and its parallel taxiway (in which the longitudinal grade is all in one direction), additional inlets should be placed at regular intervals down this swale. The area around these additional inlets may have ridges to protect the area around the inlet, prevent bypassing, and facilitate the entry of the water into the structure. The grades and grade changes for ridges must be provided in accordance with UFC 3-260-01.

### **3-1.5 Erosion and Sediment Control.**

Design erosion and sediment controls that minimize the discharge of pollutants from earth disturbing activities in conformance with the applicable requirements of the regulatory agency with jurisdiction over the Installation regarding erosion and sediment control. Where requirements do not exist, provide an erosion and sediment control plan in accordance with the requirements of Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Construction General Permit.

### **3-1.6 Pollution Prevention.**

Segregate stormwater from industrial processes that may introduce conventional pollutants, such as oil, grease or lubricants, or any toxic or non-conventional pollutant. When stormwater segregation is not possible, provide collection and treatment in accordance with UFC 3-240-01.

#### **3-1.6.1 Petroleum Fuel Facilities.**

Use UFC 3-460-01 for the design of stormwater collection systems associated with petroleum fuel facilities.

## **3-2 MATERIAL SELECTION FOR AIRFIELDS.**

The use of plastic pipe is not approved for use under any type of airfield pavement except for subsurface water collection and disposal.

### **3-3 ROOF DRAINAGE.**

Use UFC 3-420-01 to size underground roof drainage or use a minimum interior diameter of 6 inches (150 mm), whichever is greater. When using underground piping to collect roof drainage, provide an air break between the downspouts and underground piping. Connect a maximum of three downspouts to each underground roof drainage header and connect each underground roof drainage header to a storm drainage structure. Use a maximum length of 150 feet (45.7 m) from the most distant downspout to the storm drainage structure. Provide cleanouts for changes in direction and each downspout connection. Provide cleanouts for underground roof drainage piping to prevent cleanouts from being located more than 100 feet (30.4 m) apart.

Where roof drainage is discharged to grade, provide splash blocks or paved channels to direct the flow away from the structure. Eliminate safety hazards such as ice, ponding, and flooding in pedestrian and vehicular traffic areas.

### **3-4 SURFACE DRAINAGE.**

Surface drainage must convey flow to a point of discharge capable of handling the stormwater flow from the design storm event.

#### **3-4.1 Open Channels.**

For channels with flows greater than 100 cfs (2.83 cms), provide 1 foot (300 mm) of freeboard or design for the 100 year storm event. Major channels with flows greater than 100 cfs (2.83 cms) are usually trapezoidal in cross section. Minor channels are usually V shaped in cross section.

##### **3-4.1.1 Channel Characteristics.**

Use the following channel characteristics for channels:

- Maximum side slopes of 2:1, horizontal to vertical, unless using steeper side slopes are supported by a geotechnical report.
- Use Manning's Roughness Coefficient, "n", of 0.030 for unmaintained earth channels. For other surface materials see state or local regulatory agency's requirement.

##### **3-4.1.2 Airfields.**

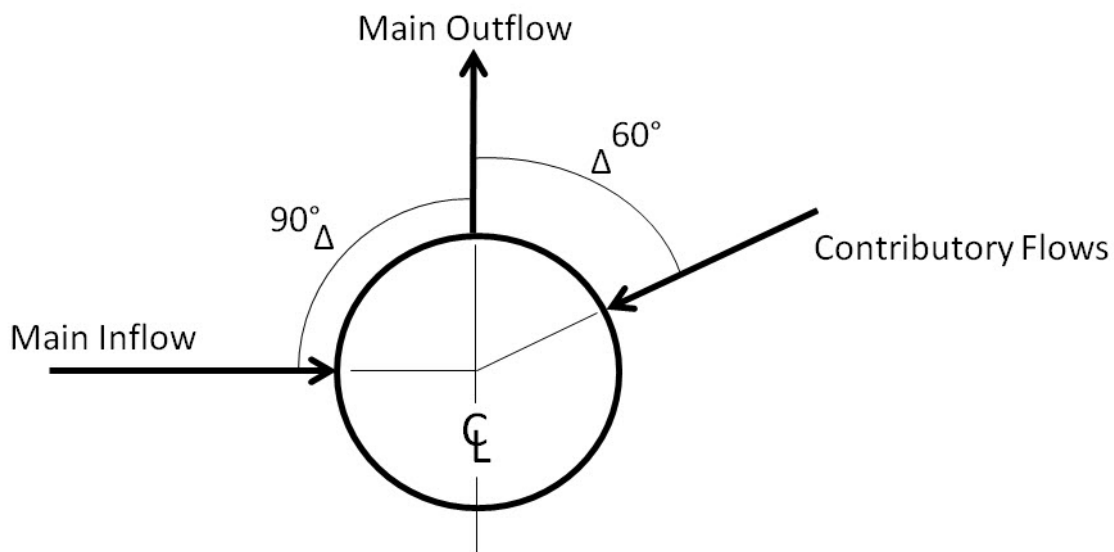
Open channels or natural water courses are permitted only at the periphery of an airfield or heliport facility and must be well removed from the landing strips and traffic areas.

### **3-5 UNDERGROUND GRAVITY STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEM.**

For underground storm drainage design comply with the documents referenced in the paragraph titled, "Design Criteria" in Chapter 3, or the following criteria, whichever is more stringent.

- a. Provide straight alignments for piping between storm drainage structures. Use of curvilinear alignment is not allowed for pipes with a diameter of 48 inches (1200 mm) or less. For pipes with a diameter greater than 48 inches (1200 mm) use of curvilinear alignment may be allowed with explicit authorization by the Government.
- b. Deflection at structures must not be less than 90 degrees for main line flows and not less than 60 degrees for contributory flows, as measured from the centerline of the mainline discharge. See Figure 3-1.

**Figure 3-1 Deflection at Structures**



- c. Storm drainage piping must not pass under buildings and must be a parallel distance of at least 10 feet (3.0 m) from building foundations.
- d. Avoid conflicts with other utilities.
- e. Conflict structures will not be allowed without Government approval.
- f. Comply with state or applicable regulatory agency's requirements for separation distances between utilities and other public health and safety issues.
- g. Provide a structure at collection and inlet points, at changes in horizontal or vertical alignment, at pipe junctions and with minimum spacing of a pipe run according to Table 3-1. Provide a discharge structure wherever flow changes from piped to open channel flow.

**Table 3-1 Storm Structure Spacing Criteria**

Pipe Diameter		Maximum Spacing	
inches	mm	feet	meters
12 – 24	300 – 600	300	91.4
27 – 36	675 – 900	400	121.9
42 – 54	1050 – 1350	500	152.4
60 and up	1500 and up	1000	304.8

- h. In the design of culverts and storm drains, account for headwater and tailwater and their effects on hydraulic grade line and capacity.
- i. The following upstream controls limit headwater elevation:
  - 1. Not higher than an elevation that is 18 inches (450 mm) below the outer edge of the shoulder at its lowest point in the grade.
  - 2. Upstream property damage.
  - 3. Elevations established to delineate National Flood Insurance Program or other floodplain zoning.
  - 4. HW/D is at least 1.0 and not to exceed 1.5 or the local requirement. Where HW is the headwater depth from the culvert inlet invert and D is the height of the barrel.
  - 5. Low point in the road grade which is not necessarily at the culvert location.
  - 6. Elevation of terrain and ditches that will permit flow to divert around the culvert.
- j. The tailwater elevation in the storm drain outfall must be either the average of the critical depth and the height of the storm drain conduit,  $(d_c + D)/2$ , or the mean high tide if tidal conditions are present, whichever is greater. Storm drains must be designed for open channel flow. The hydraulic grade line for the storm sewer system must not exceed the pipe crown elevation unless the outfall is submerged. If the controlling tailwater elevation is above the crown elevation of the outfall, the hydraulic grade line for the storm sewer system must not exceed one foot (300 mm) above the crown, or one foot (300 mm) below the structure rim or gutter flow line at inlets, whichever is the lower elevation at each structure.
- k. At structures, set the invert elevation of the inlet pipe equal to or greater than the invert elevation of the outlet pipe to minimize the hydraulic turbulence at the junction in accordance with Table 3-2.
- m. The downstream pipe configuration, slope, and size must have capacity for the upstream hydraulic peak flow. The pipe size must not decrease downstream in the direction of flow.

- n. Locate drainage structures out of paved areas wherever possible. Adjust structure locations to avoid primary wheel tracks when structures must be located in roads.
- o. During design evaluate the potential for infiltration of fine soils into drainage pipe joints and coordinate with the Installation to see if it is a known maintenance issue. Specify watertight joints to mitigate the possibility.

**Table 3-2 Minimum Invert Elevations**

Item Description	Requirement	Best Practice
Main Flow Line <sup>1</sup> (change in grade or depth of pipe do not adversely affect design)	Match inverts <sup>2</sup>	Match crowns <sup>3</sup>
Main Flow Line or Contributory line (lateral) of same size diameter	Match inverts <sup>2</sup>	0.1 feet (30 mm)
Contributory line (lateral) of smaller diameter	0.1 feet (30 mm)	Match crowns <sup>3</sup>

1. Applicable for pipes that are the same size or smaller diameter.
2. In areas where the grade is relatively flat or significantly steep, matching invert elevations will reduce the depth of pipe and may increase headloss.
3. Matching crown line elevations may slightly reduce headloss; however, setting the invert elevation of the outflow pipe at least 0.1 feet (30 mm) lower than the lowest inflow pipe invert elevation is preferred.

**3-5.2 Minimum Pipe Size.**

Use a minimum inside diameter of 12 inches (300 mm) for storm drainage piping (not including roof drainage piping) for runs 50 feet (15.2 m) or less and where the existing downstream pipe is a 12-inch (300 mm) inside diameter with sufficient capacity; otherwise, use a minimum inside diameter of 15 inches (375 mm).

**3-5.3 Minimum and Maximum Cover.**

Use the paragraphs below, as applicable, or perform calculations to determine minimum and maximum cover, pipe material, pipe strength, and bedding requirements to accommodate the imposed dead and live loads during and after construction for all pipes. Minimum and maximum cover tables, for selected pipe material, may be used for single barrel applications with equivalent shapes and loadings. Refer to Chapter 9 of AC 150/5320-5 for additional design guidance on minimum and maximum cover. Account for loads from expected maintenance equipment in non-paved areas.

### **3-5.3.1 Minimum Cover.**

Where the live load does not exceed H-20 Highway loading, the minimum cover for single barrel circular concrete pipe, reinforced concrete pipe, corrugated aluminum pipe, corrugated steel pipe, structural plate aluminum alloy pipe and structural plate steel pipe must be the most stringent of the following requirements:

- Equal to or greater than 24 inches (600 mm);
- Equal to or greater than one-half of the pipe diameter; or
- Equal to or greater than the frost penetration depth minus the inside diameter of the pipe. Best Practice: Equal to or greater than the frost penetration depth minus one-half of the pipe diameter.

#### **[C] 3-5.3.1 Minimum Cover**

Frost penetration depth minus the inside diameter is used to keep the invert of the pipe below the frost penetration depth.

Frost penetration depth minus the one-half of the inside diameter is used to keep the springline of the pipe below the frost penetration depth. The springline is the horizontal centerline of the pipe section.

Use UFC 3-301-01 to determine the minimum frost penetration depth. For pipe under a minimum 6 inch (150 mm) rigid pavement section, minimum cover may be reduced to 12 inches (300 mm) from the top of pipe to the bottom of the rigid pavement section if:

- Single barrel application;
- Live load does not exceed H-20;
- ASTM C76 or ASTM C76M, Class V, circular reinforced concrete pipe is used; and
- Design assumptions and calculations are approved by the Government Civil Engineer.

#### **3-5.3.1.1 Airfields.**

Use Tables 9-9 included in Chapter 9 of AC 150/5320-5 as applicable or determine minimum cover based on project specific loads and conditions.

### **3-5.3.2 Maximum Cover.**

Use Tables 9-1 through 9-7 in Chapter 9 of AC 150/5320-5 as applicable or determine maximum cover based on project specific loads and conditions.

**3-5.4 Design Velocity.**

Provide a minimum full flow velocity as indicated in Table 3-3. Determine full flow velocity using the Manning equation, without surcharge.

**Table 3-3 Design Velocity**

<b>Item Description</b>	<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Best Practice</b>
Full Flow Velocity	Min. 2.5 ft/sec (0.76 m/sec)	Min. 3 ft/sec (0.91 m/sec)

For storm drain system constructability, a minimum slope of 0.2 percent is recommended. The minimum full flow velocity requirement must be met regardless of the pipe slope.

**3-5.5 Manning’s Roughness Coefficient.**

Use Manning’s roughness coefficient, “n” of 0.013 for smooth concrete pipe. For other drainage materials see state or local regulatory agency’s requirement.

**3-5.6 Material Selection.**

Provide storm drain system materials in conformance with the UFGS to meet specific site conditions and soil characteristics. Consider thermal expansion of pipe material based on pipe location and temperatures of stormwater.

**3-5.7 Culverts and Outfalls.**

Culverts and outfalls must have headwalls, endwalls, wingwalls, flared end sections, or mitered end sections at free outlets. In areas of seasonal freezing, the structure must also be designed to preclude detrimental heave or lateral displacement caused by frost action. The most satisfactory method of preventing such damage is to restrict frost penetration beneath and behind the wall to non-frost-susceptible materials. Positive drainage behind the wall is also essential. Outlets and endwalls must be protected against undermining, bottom scour, damaging lateral erosion, and degradation of the downstream channel.

**3-5.7.1 Security and Storm Drainage System Components.**

Provide security barriers at all locations where security fences must cross drainage ditches or swales to ensure that intruders are prevented from passing under the fence. Use protective measures for pipes crossing under security fences with diameters larger than 10 inches (250 mm).

### **3-5.8 Storm Structures.**

Storm structures for roads and site drainage must be in accordance with the UFGS, state DOT standards and specifications where the project is located or the requirements of the applicable local regulatory agency that governs stormwater management, whichever is more stringent. Structures must provide access for maintenance. Internal dimensions must not be less than 2 feet (0.6 m) in any one direction. Ensure that catch basins, curb inlets, and manholes are of adequate size to accommodate inlet and outlet pipes.

Provide structures of cast-in-place or precast concrete. Masonry structures are allowed for shallow installations less than 5 feet (1.5 m) in depth. Design structure frames, covers and grates to withstand traffic loadings and meet any additional requirements set forth in the using agency criteria for the particular application. Select grate type based on such factors as hydraulic efficiency, debris handling characteristics, pedestrian and bicycle safety, and loading conditions. Grates in traffic areas must be able to withstand traffic loads.

#### **3-5.8.1 Airfields.**

Use frames, covers, and grates capable of withstanding airfield traffic loadings and meeting any additional requirements set forth in the using agency's criteria. Isolate airfield structures from the pavement section. Provide structures of cast-in-place or precast concrete; do not use masonry structures in airfield construction. Watertight joints are recommended under airfield pavements.

Use ductile iron or steel frames, grates and covers. Frames, grates, and covers must be designed to withstand maximum aircraft wheel loads, considering the gear configuration, of the largest aircraft using or expected to use the facility. Provide hold-down devices to prevent grate displacement by aircraft traffic. Commercially manufactured frames and grates that have been designed specifically for aircraft loads may be used. When manufactured grates are used, the manufacturer must certify the design load capacity of each type of structure.

##### **3-5.8.1.1 Diagonal Routes.**

For structures that will be required to support both in-line and directional traffic lanes such as diagonal taxiways or apron taxi routes, do not consider load transfer at expansion joints in the design process; however, if specific knowledge about the long-term load transfer characteristics of a particular feature supports the use of load transfer in the design of a particular drainage structure, then an exception can be allowed and load transfer considered.

### **3-6 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FACILITIES.**

Design stormwater management facilities in accordance with the criteria referenced in the paragraph titled, "Design Criteria" in Chapter 3. The selected approach must

conform to stormwater management regulations and applicable stormwater management agreements.

Include an overflow or bypass device for inflow volumes in excess of the treatment volume, or, if applicable, the peak attenuation volume. Ensure stormwater overflow does not adversely affect the stormwater management facility or pertinent site features such as building function, parking, and roads for the service life of the facility, surrounding sites over the service life of the surrounding facilities, and future forecasted land use changes.

### **3-6.1 Safety and Storm Drainage System Components.**

Provide protective measures for stormwater management facilities such as detention and retention ponds in residential housing areas and other areas frequented by children in accordance with the applicable requirements of the locality, State or Host Nation equivalent. Protective measures include but are not limited to appropriate site selection for the storm water management facility or providing a fenced enclosure surrounding the facility. When provided, fence must be at a minimum of 4 feet (1.2 m) high with locking access gates.

### **3-6.2 Airfields.**

Avoid stormwater management facilities with surface storage that attract wildlife to the facility; avoid a BASH issue.

## **3-7 STORMWATER PUMP STATIONS.**

Use of stormwater pump stations is not allowed except with explicit authorization by the Government. Design stormwater pump stations in accordance with UFC 3-240-01. Use Best Practices documents Pumping Station Design and WEF MOP FD-4 for guidance.

### **3-7.1 Existing Pump Stations: Upgrades and Additional Flow.**

Existing pump stations may be upgraded where a complete hydraulic analysis shows that the upgraded pump station can operate at the new capacity and in conformance with the jurisdictional requirements. Include effects on the existing force main to its point of discharge in the hydraulic analysis, and if networked, the effects on all other pump stations connected to the system. This analysis is required whenever additional flow is added to a pump station, even if physical changes to the station are not proposed.

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## **CHAPTER 4 PAVEMENTS**

### **4-1 SURFACED AND UNSURFACED ROADS AND SITE PAVEMENTS.**

Provide geometric design of vehicular roads in accordance with Chapter 2 of this UFC. Unless specified otherwise in project specific requirements, design pavement based upon anticipated vehicles and loadings for a 25 year life; however, sections shall not be less than the minimums indicated below. Use pavement design criteria and procedures recognized by the DOT in the state in which the project is located or UFC 3-250-01. When state design criteria and procedures are used, the entire pavement section must conform in every detail to the applicable state criteria and materials must conform to the DOT material specifications.

Use UFC 3-250-01 for design of roads and parking areas trafficked by special military vehicles and in areas outside of the United States. Special military vehicles include, but are not limited to: cranes, aircraft tow tractors, forklifts, container handling vehicles, tracked vehicles, heavy military cargo trucks greater than 10,000 pounds (4535 kg) including but not limited to Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Truck, Heavy Equipment Transport Systems, Palletized Load Systems (M1074, or M1075), Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected, and Stryker vehicles.)

#### **4-1.1 Frost Conditions.**

The design must address seasonal frost conditions per State DOT. For overseas locations or locations where the State DOT does not address seasonal frost conditions use UFC 3-250-01.

#### **4-1.2 Recycled Materials.**

Limit recycled materials to limits in applicable UFGS sections. Recycled concrete and recycled asphalt affected by Alkali-Silica Reaction (ASR) must not be used as subbase or base course materials.

#### **4-1.3 Flexible Pavements.**

The minimum thickness of the flexible pavement section for roads and parking areas is 6 inches (150 mm). The typical flexible pavement section consists of an asphalt surface course, aggregate base course, and an optional subbase course.

##### **4-1.3.1 Surface Course.**

The minimum thickness of the surface course is 2 inches (50 mm).

##### **4-1.3.2 Base and Subbase Courses.**

The minimum thickness of the aggregate base course is 4 inches (100 mm). Provide a thicker aggregate base or subbase(s) if required to protect weak subgrade soils or to reduce frost penetration into the subgrade.

#### **4-1.4 Rigid Pavements.**

The minimum flexural strength for portland cement concrete pavements at 28 days is 650 psi (4.48 MPa). No reduction in thickness will be allowed for increased flexural strength. The minimum compressive strength for portland cement concrete sidewalks, curbs, and gutters is 3500 psi (25 MPa). Provide air entrainment in all exterior concrete pavements in areas subject to freezing temperatures. Use plain (non-reinforced) concrete for rigid pavements for roads and parking areas at military installations; use reinforced concrete for odd-shaped slabs or mismatched joints. An odd-shaped slab has a length to width ratio greater than 1.25:1. Clearly indicate on the drawings the specific individual slabs requiring reinforcement.

During design evaluate the potential for ASR and specify requirements for aggregates and cementitious materials to mitigate the possibility of ASR occurring in the concrete job mix formula for the project.

##### **4-1.4.1 Concrete Pavement.**

###### **4-1.4.1.1 Plain Concrete.**

The minimum thickness of plain concrete for roads and parking areas is 6 inches (150 mm).

##### **4-1.4.2 Joints.**

Provide joints in a manner to form a regular rectangular pattern and to prevent random or uncontrolled cracking. Do not allow the use of insertable forms for contraction joints. The use of keyed joints is discouraged, but may be used subject to evaluation of subgrade strength, loadings, pavement thickness, and details in UFC 3-250-01 and UFC 3-250-04. Dowels and tie-bars shall not be placed closer than 0.6 times the dowel or tie-bar length from the planned joint line.

#### **4-1.5 Permeable Pavements.**

Permeable pavements (such as permeable interlocking concrete pavers or pervious portland cement concrete) may be used on site pavements, such as parking lots, provided there is documented evidence of successful past performance for similar applications. Provide signage to indicate salting and sanding is not allowed for pervious portland cement concrete. Permeable pavements may not be used in areas where there is the potential to contaminate existing soils, such as fuel areas, industrial storage, marinas, vehicle maintenance or service areas. Porous asphalt pavement is not allowed. Compacted gravel is not considered permeable pavement.

Use Best Practices documents, Permeable Interlocking Concrete Pavements Manual - Design, Specification, Construction, Maintenance, from the Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute and ACI 522R for additional design guidance.

**4-1.6 Aggregate Pavements.**

Minimum thickness for aggregate surfaced roads and parking areas is 8 inches (200 mm).

**4-2 AIRFIELD PAVEMENTS AND MARKINGS.**

Use UFC 3-260-01, UFC 3-260-02 and UFC 3-260-04 for the design of airfield pavements and airfield markings. Key joints for rigid pavements are not allowed for airfields.

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## **APPENDIX A BEST PRACTICES**

This appendix identifies background information and practices for accomplishing certain civil design and engineering services. The Designer of Record (DoR) is expected to review and interpret this guidance and apply the information according to the needs of the project. If a Best Practices document has guidelines or requirements that differ from the UFGS or UFC, the UFGS and the UFC must prevail. If a Best Practices document has guidelines or requirements that are not discussed in the UFGS or UFC, the DoR must submit a list of the guidelines or requirements being used for the project with sufficient documentation to the Government Civil Engineer for review and approval prior to completing design.

### **A-1                   WHOLE BUILDING DESIGN GUIDE.**

The Whole Building Design Guide (WBDG) ([www.wbdg.org](http://www.wbdg.org)) provides additional information and discussion on practice and facility design, including a holistic approach to integrated design of facilities.

The WBDG provides access to criteria, standards, and codes for DoD Military Departments. The criteria includes UFC, UFGS, Performance Technical Specifications, design manuals, and specifications. For approved Government employees, it also provides access to non-government standards.

### **A-2                   BEST PRACTICES CIVIL ENGINEERING RELATED GUIDANCE.**

#### **A-2.1                Building Location and Orientation.**

Consider the following in regard to spacing between buildings:

- Functional relationships
- Operational efficiency
- Future expansion
- Open space – passive and active

A building's relationships to its support facilities and to other primary facilities influence its location. Proximity to access roads, existing utility lines, and other compatible functions (especially if they share facilities or have interdependent activities) also influence location. When a building is a shared facility, it should be centrally located and within a reasonable distance from all participating users. Buildings which depend upon a shared facility should orient either the front building face or a doorway area towards the shared facility.

**A-2.2 Flood Hazard Areas.**

**A-2.2.1 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019.**

PL 115-232, Section 2805(a)(4) of The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal year 2019 requires a flood risk reduction plan or minimum building elevations for non-essential and essential buildings. The flood design classes found in Table A-1 can be used as guidance when evaluating a buildings essential or non-essential status.

**Table A-1 Essential and Non-Essential Guidance**

<b>ASCE 24-14 Flood Design Class</b>	<b>NDAAs Building Classification</b>
1 (minimal risk; non-essential facilities)	No Impact to mission
2 (moderate risk; non-essential facilities)	Non-Essential
3 Subcategory 3a (high risk; non-essential facilities) Building types (1) through (9)	Non-Essential
3 Subcategory 3b (high risk; essential facilities) Building types (10) and (11)	Essential
4 (high risk; essential facilities)	Essential

**A-2.2.2 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020.**

PL 116-92, Section 2804, required DoD to develop sea level rise projection criteria and provide criteria to project designers and master planners on how to use sea level rise projections.

PL 115-232, Section 2805 as amended by PL 116-92 requires DoD to include how projects will be impacted by projected mean sea level rise over the lifetime of the project.

**A-2.2.3 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022.**

PL 115-232, Section 2805 as amended by PL 117-81 requires DoD to disclose if a project will be sited within or partially within a 500-year floodplain if outside a 100-year floodplain or be impacted by sea level rise projections and adopting hydrologic, hydraulic, and hydrodynamic data, methods, and analysis that integrate changes in flooding over the anticipated service life of the facility.

**A-2.2.4 Executive Order 11988.**

EO 11988 establishes key terms, sets the 1 percent ACE, also referred to as the 100-year flood, as the minimum flood requirement and identifies floodplain management concepts.

**A-2.2.5 DoD Memorandum on Floodplain Management for DoD Installations.**

DTM 22-003 canceled DoD Memorandum on Floodplain Management for DoD Installations dated 11 February 2014.

**A-2.2.6 DoD Memorandum on Improving Defense Installation Resilience to Rising Sea Levels.**

DTM 22-003 incorporates and supersedes DoD Memorandum on Improving Defense Installation Resilience to Rising Sea Levels dated 24 February June 2020.

**A-2.2.7 DTM 22-003, Directive-type Memorandum “Flood Hazard Area Management for DoD Installations”**

DTM 22-003 establishes policy, assigns responsibilities, and prescribes procedures to incorporate:

- The Climate-Informed Science Approach, when available;
- Flood hazard management practices stipulated by Section 2805 of Public Law 115-232 and Section 2806 of Public Law 116-92; and
- Implements flood hazard requirements in EO 11988, EO 13690, and EO 14030.

### **A-2.3 Flood Protection Systems.**

In addition to 44 CFR 65.10, considered other design criteria for design of levees and floodwalls. Evaluate soil types, including but not limited to seepage, scour and erosion, structure type, embankment stability, foundation stability, settlement, and interior drainage. Levee and floodwall systems may include active and passive components such as gates, barriers and movable walls that would need to be closed prior to a flood. When addressing operation plans include appropriate warning systems and test in place. Best Practice documents may include EM 1110-2-1913, EM 1110-2-2104, EM 1110-2-2502, EM 1110-1-1904, EM 1110-2-2504, ETL 1110-2-583, EM 1110-2-1619, ER 1105-2-101, ER 1110-2-1150, and ETL 1110-2-299.

#### **A-2.3.1 Buildings and Structures.**

Based on an individual site analysis, it may be more advantageous to protect a facility or a group of facilities with a flood protection system. Flood protection systems meeting the minimum design requirements in 44 CFR 65.10 may be accredited by FEMA for protection against the 1 percent ACE. ASCE 24-14 requires flood protection systems to be shown on the community's flood hazard map prior to being considered as providing adequate protection.

#### **A-2.4 Roads.**

Roads and similar infrastructure do not need to be designed to the same standard as buildings and structures. An engineering analysis should be conducted to determine the DFE.

#### **A-2.5 Vehicle Circulation.**

Consider bicycle lanes and pedestrian corridors to reduce vehicle traffic.

##### **A-2.5.1 Access and Service Drives.**

Consider the following in locating access drives:

- Spacing.
- Corner Clearances.
- Sight Distances.
- Left Turns.
- Entrances.
- Grading and Drainage.
- Traffic Controls.

When a safe sight distance cannot be met, consider the following alternatives:

- Removal of sight obstructions.
- Relocation of the access drive to a more favorable location along the access road or an alternate access road.
- Prohibition of critical movements at the access drive.

**A-2.6            Parking Areas.**

Where slopes are steep consider providing more than one level of parking.

**Table A-2 Parking Space Guidelines for Non-Organizational Vehicles**

<b>Facility</b>	<b>Number of Parking Spaces</b>
Administration, Headquarters, and Office Buildings	60 percent of assigned personnel
Bakeries	75 percent of employees
Bank and Credit Union, when not included in a Community Shopping Center	2 percent of customers served
Cafeteria, Civilian, when not included in a Community Shopping Center	15 percent of seating capacity
Central Food Preparation Facilities	38 percent of employees
Chapels	30 percent of seating capacity
Child Development Centers (Staff Parking)	80 percent of staff
Child Development Centers (Patron Parking)	10 percent of children served
Commissary Stores, Food Sales, when not included in a Community Shopping Center	Contact DeCA for parking requirements
Community Shopping Center, including such elements as Main Exchange, Miscellaneous Shops, Restaurant,	4 percent of customers served

Facility	Number of Parking Spaces
Commissary Stores, Food Sales, Bank, Theater, Post Office	
Dental Clinic Parking	3 spaces per treatment room
Dormitories, BEQ, Enlisted Unaccompanied Personnel Housing	70% of design capacity
Enlisted Personnel Dining Facilities (Staff Parking)	38 percent of employees
Enlisted Personnel Dining Facilities (Patron Parking)	8 percent of enlisted personnel served
Exchanges, Main, when not included in a Community Shopping Center	25 percent of customers served
Family Housing	2.5 spaces per living unit
Field House, combined with Football and Baseball Facilities	1 percent of military strength served
Fire Stations	100% of largest shift
Guard Houses, Brigs, Military Police Stations	30 percent of guard and staff strength
Fitness Center	1 percent of military strength served
Laundry Plants and Dry Cleaning Plants	38 percent of employees
Central Libraries	1 space for each 500 ft <sup>2</sup> (46.5 m <sup>2</sup> ) gross area of floor area
Branch Libraries	8 spaces
Maintenance Shops	40 percent of employees
Medical Facilities	Use UFC 4-510-01
Officers' Quarters, BOQ, Officer Unaccompanied Personnel Housing	100% of living suites
Schools, Dependent with Auditorium	2 spaces per classroom, plus 15 percent of auditorium seats

Facility	Number of Parking Spaces
Schools, Dependent without Auditorium	2 spaces per classroom
Security Offices: Population served 100 to 2,000	5 spaces
Security Offices: Population served 2,001 to 4,000	10 spaces
Security Offices Population served 4,001 to 6,000	15 spaces
Security Offices Population served 6,001 to 10,000	20 spaces
Security Offices Population served 10,001 and over	To be based on a special study
Service Clubs (Open Mess and Club Facility)	2 percent of military strength served
Swimming Pools	20 percent pool capacity
Temporary Lodging Facilities	90 percent of bedrooms
Theaters, when not included in a Community Shopping Center	25 percent of seating capacity
Training Buildings (Staff Parking)	70 percent of staff
Training Buildings (Student Parking)	60 percent of students
Warehouses	40 percent of employees

**A-2.6.2 On-Street Parking.**

Consider the width of the travel lane and the types of vehicles. A parking lane width of 10 feet (3.0 m) to 12 feet (3.6 m) is recommended for delivery vehicles.

### **A-2.6.3 Off-Street Parking.**

Consider the following in the parking lot design:

- a. Maintain two-way movement.
- b. Avoid dead end parking lots.
- c. Provide cross aisles every 20 to 30 spaces.
- d. Provide curbs or painted lines at the ends of stalls for vehicle control.
- e. Provide adequate walkway width to allow comfortable pedestrian movement in areas of bumper overhang.
- f. Consider requirements for snow removal.

#### **A-2.6.3.1 Islands and Medians.**

Locate islands at the ends of parking stalls and at the intersections of parking aisles. The islands establish turning radii for vehicular movement and protect end stalls. Consider the height of driver's eye level when providing shrubs and small trees.

### **A-2.6.4 Compact Parking.**

The use of compact space is limited for the following reasons:

- The potential for building function to change.
- They do not comply with accessible parking requirements.
- Compact spaces limit the amount of available parking for standard vehicles.

### **A-2.6.5 Motorcycle Parking.**

- Locate parking close to building entrances.
- Locate parking in parking lot corners.
- Provide signage and pavement markings.

### **A-2.6.6 Buffers.**

Provide a 20 feet (6.1 m) wide buffer strip to separate parking areas from adjacent roads.

### **A-2.6.7 Drop Off Areas.**

Design considerations for drop-off areas include adequate width and length to accommodate the safe movement of vehicles in and out of the flow of traffic.

### **A-2.6.8 Delivery and Service Zones.**

Delivery and service trucks need to access service doors in buildings. Delivery may require dock facilities, which need to accommodate the necessary maneuvering into and out of the dock. Design considerations for delivery zones include:

- a. Separate service access drives from parking circulation because these functions are incompatible. Service access that is required through a parking area goes straight to and straight out of the service area.
- b. On a dead-end service drive, provide the necessary turning movements.
- c. Provide for visual screening with walls, fences, or plant material.

#### **A-2.6.8.1 Garbage Collection Areas.**

The design of garbage collection removal areas (dumpster pads) is controlled by the frequency of waste removal. Coordinate with the Installation to determine the frequency of waste removal and determine appropriate dumpster pad size. Consider screening solid waste removal areas with fences, walls, or plant material in accordance with the Installation Appearance Plan.

### **A-2.6.9 Facilities with Drive Thru Lanes.**

Facilities with one or more drive thru lanes, such as banks, pharmacies, and fast-food restaurants, require careful and clear establishment of traffic patterns and a continuous traffic flow. The standard configuration for a single – or double-service position facility does not lend itself to a two-lane approach and departure design. It usually relies on some form of loop system. Average stacking distance is recommended as 180 feet (54.8 m). Stacking space is determined by subtracting the number served (serving time averages 2-3 minutes per customer) from the expected arrivals per 15-minute period (4-14 minutes is the average) and multiplying the difference times 20 feet (6.1 m). Recommended parking for facilities with drive thru lane(s) is 17.5 spaces per 1,000 sq. feet (93.0 square meters) of building area. Design considerations for facilities with drive thru lane(s) include:

- Maintain traffic lanes into and out of the drive thru windows while working with other on-site vehicular traffic flow including parking.
- Minimize interference with pedestrian traffic flow.
- Provide the recommended average stacking distance in the drive-thru lanes.
- Provide the recommended average stacking distance on-site to prevent traffic safety conflicts with access roads.
- Use curb and planting islands for vehicle control.
- Provide adequate pavement markings.

### A-2.7 Rational Formula.

Use the Rational Formula to determine peak flow from small watersheds. The Rational Formula is based on the following assumptions:

- Peak flow occurs when the entire watershed is contributing runoff.
- The rainfall intensity is uniform over a period of time equal to or greater than the time of concentration.
- The frequency of the peak flow equals the frequency of the peak rainfall intensity. For example, the 10-year peak rainfall will produce the peak 10-year volume.

These assumptions are not fully valid in every case. However, if the Rational Formula is used on small watersheds, parking lots, or small developed areas, the errors will not be large.

The most common form of the Rational Formula is:

$$Q = c I A$$

Where:

*Q* = peak flow in cfs.

*C* = a dimensionless coefficient that is a function of the watershed characteristics.

*I* = rainfall intensity in inches per hour.

*A* = watershed area in acres.

### A-2.8 Airfield Pavements.

For additional guidance on design and construction of airfield pavements see IPRF-01-G-002-1 and ACPA Document No. JP007P.

## APPENDIX B GLOSSARY

### B-1 ACRONYMS.

AASHTO	American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
ACE	Annual Chance Event
ADT	Average Daily Traffic
AFCEC	Air Force Civil Engineer Center
AIROPS	Airfield Operations Bird/Animal Aircraft Strike Hazard
AREMA	American Railway Engineering and Maintenance-of-Way Association
ASR	Alkali-Silica Reaction
AT&L	Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics
AWWA	AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION
BASH	Bird/Animal Aircraft Strike Hazard
BFE	Base Flood Elevation
BIA	Bilateral Infrastructure Agreement
DFE	Design Flood Elevation
DoD	Department of Defense
DoR	Designer of Record
DOT	Department of Transportation
DRSL	DoD Regional Sea Level
EISA	Energy Independence and Security Act
EO	Executive Order
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
EWL	Extreme Water Level
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FIRM	Flood Insurance Rate Map

FIS	Flood Insurance Study
HQUSACE	Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
HNFA	Host Nation Funded Construction Agreements
IBC	International Building Code
IDF	Intensity-Duration-Frequency
LID	Low Impact Development
NAVFAC	Naval Facilities Engineering Command
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
OEBGD	Overseas Environmental Baseline Guidance Document
SDDCTEA	Surface Deployment and Distribution Command Transportation Engineering Agency
SOFA	Status of Forces Agreements
TR-55	Technical Release 55
UFC	Unified Facilities Criteria
UFGS	Unified Facilities Guide Specifications
U.S.	United States
WBDG	Whole Building Design Guide

**B-2                    DEFINITION OF TERMS.**

Climate-Informed Science Approach: The elevation and flood hazard area that result from using the best-available, actionable hydrologic and hydraulic data and methods that integrate current and future changes in flooding and tidally-influenced inundation based on climate science. This approach will also include an emphasis on whether the action is a critical action as one of the factors to be considered when conducting the analysis.

Non-Tidally Influenced Locations: Locations that are not subject to oceanic astronomical tidal influence.

Tidally Influenced Locations: Coastal and inland locations with oceanic astronomical tidal influence.

Use the following order of precedence for additional definitions:

1. The applicable legal definition.
2. The definitions provided in the applicable building code.
3. The definitions provided in the applicable standard.

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