SEISMIC INSTRUMENTATION OF BUILDINGS IN OREGON

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1613.7.2 Maintenance. Maintenance and service of the instruments shall be provided by the owner of the building subject to the approval of the building official and DOGAMI. Data produced by the instruments shall be made available to the building official on request.

1613.7.3 Records. Noninterpretive seismic data recorded by the accelerographs shall be filed with DOGAMI. Copies of individual records shall be made available by DOGAMI to the public on request and the payment of an appropriate fee.

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Concentration of Instrumented Buildings in the Portland Metropolitan Area
- Most likely buildings to trigger code requirements
- Varying enforcement by jurisdiction?
- Instrumenting versus paying into DOGAMI Earthquake Recording Instrument Fund varies by jurisdiction?
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PATH TO IMPROVING BUILDING INSTRUMENTATION IN OREGON

• Education of jurisdictions to increase enforcement
• Proposed amendment to the 2019 Oregon Structural Specialty Code
  
  **Exception**: In lieu of installing accelerographs, the applicant may deposit an amount equivalent to the cost of *equipment, materials, installation and maintenance for 10 years of* the accelerographs and all associated *hardware and wiring* to the Earthquake Recording Instrument Fund in the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI). Proof of the alternate payment shall be provided by DOGAMI to the *building official* with the jurisdiction.

• Encourage owners to voluntarily instrument or, when required, instrument to greater density over building height
• Establish building database (past and future)
• Standardized form for documenting accelerometer locations as a supplement to DOGAMI’s *Earthquake Recording Instrumentation Fact Sheet*

• Funding to administer Earthquake Recording Instrument Fund
DISCUSSION TOPICS

• Should money paid into the Earthquake Recording Instrument Fund be restricted to funding building-related instrumentation? Or is it better spent on free-field instrumentation?
• Does a developer (i.e., short term building owner) have any incentive to instrument versus contribute to the Earthquake Recording Instrument Fund? If so, what are those incentives?
• Are there opportunities to collaborate with other organizations to ensure data is actually collected after an earthquake?
• Where do we want seismic instrumentation of buildings in Oregon to be in 20 years? How do we get there?
THANK YOU

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