

EERI Learning from Earthquakes Program

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Current NSF Grant

- 5 years (2001—2006)
- New Components
 - More emphasis on reconnaissance training, including safety training
 - Broaden pool of potential team members



NSF Grant Components

- New program of small grants
 - *Beyond Reconnaissance Grants*
 - *Lessons Learned over Time*
- Incorporate new technologies and equipment to improve collection and management of data



NSF Grant Components

- Data collection protocol workshop
- Integrate LFE program with Network for Earthquake Engineering Simulation (NEES)
- Update Field Guide: web-based
- Enhance web site



Earthquake Reconnaissance



- Typically contact members in region
- Team from U.S. within 3 days to 2 weeks
- Initial observations
- Multi-disciplinary teams

Decision to send teams

- Level of damage, type of structures, other interesting lessons (lifelines, emergency response, other)
- Other considerations: opportunities for collaboration, relevance of experience to U.S.



Reconnaissance process changing

- Instant notification via internet
 - USGS listserv
- Near-real time intensity mapping
 - USGS maps; country's Seismological Service
- Global communication
 - E-mail; colleagues with many contacts

Reconnaissance process changing

- Possibilities for Collaboration
 - Agreements between EERI and other societies of Earthquake Engineering (Example: Mexico)
 - More members with international experience, language skills



Reconnaissance process changing

- More information to manage and disseminate
 - Web-based
 - CDs (linking images and text. Could add sound, video, links to background information)



Reconnaissance process changing

- Expanded funding required—more people, more earthquakes
- Travel easier
 - Expect to find many teams in the field (other organizations; private firms)



Working Towards Systematic Data Collection

■ Big Picture

- Action Plan for Data Collection and Management—where we want to go from here
- Data Collection Systems using PDAs/tablet PCs
- Remote sensing technologies
- Virtual Clearinghouse

Information technology in data collection

- Collect observations from field in electronic format
 - Use standard forms on PDAs or computers
 - Digital photos, video, sound files (voice recordings)
 - Notes, reports, maps
- All electronic files geo-coded to a geographic point



Expanded uses of IT

- GIS-based map information from standardized forms
- Indicate which geographic points also have other information available
- Information collected in central, searchable database



Virtual Clearinghouse

- EERI and USGS have clearinghouse responsibility
- Coordinating research in various disciplines
- EERI takes a lead role in international earthquake reconnaissance

San Simeon - Microsoft Internet Explorer

Address http://www.eeri.org/lfe/clearinghouse/ch_san_simeon_overview.html

Links [88.5 KCSN - The Best of Public Radio](#) [Google](#) [Learning from Earthquakes Main Page](#) [World Housing Encyclopedia](#)

EERI Earthquake Engineering Research Institute

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Clearinghouse website:
conceptual design by EERI's IT Committee
website development by Heidi Faison, Cal Poly

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Overview

Moment Magnitude Mw 6.5
December 22, 2003



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* EERI is currently developing a dynamic mapping system that will plot the reconnaissance effort and include links to photos.

BASIC STATISTICS

Region & Country	San Luis Obispo County, California, USA
Moment Magnitude	6.5
Date	December 22, 2003
Time	11:15:56 a.m. PST (19:15:56 UTC)
Epicenter	11 km NE of San Simeon, at a depth of 7.6 km (35.706N 121.102W)
Fault Source	Previously unknown blind thrust fault, northeast of the Oceanic fault
Faulting Mechanism	Shallow Reverse Thrust Fault



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San Simeon Earthquake Virtual Clearinghouse

Observations

The virtual clearinghouse attempts to accumulate earthquake data quickly. Therefore, the information in this clearinghouse is meant to be preliminary and reflects the authors' opinions at the time of writing, which may change over time.

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Sidewalk damaged by lateral spreading, Norswing Dr.,
Oceano

OVERVIEW REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS*

- [EERI Preliminary Reconnaissance Report \(03/04\)](#)
- [Preliminary Report on the San Simeon Earthquake](#) by Rakesh K. Goel, Cal Poly State University (12/24/04)
- [Overview of Damage--Preliminary Report PowerPoint Presentation](#) by Abe Lynn, Cal Poly State University
- [San Simeon Earthquake Overview PowerPoint Presentation](#) by Fred Turner, California Seismic Safety Commission
- [CISN Earthquake Report](#) by the California Integrated Seismic Network
- [San Simeon Earthquake Reconnaissance Report for The Collaborative for Disaster Mitigation](#) by Guna Selvaduray and Jessica Tran, San Jose State University (12/26/03)



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Observations: Damage Data for Geosciences

INITIAL OBSERVATIONS


Geology

- [Geologic Observations Report](#) by Timothy McCrink, California Geological Survey; Lewis I. Rosenberg, San Luis Obispo County Planning and Building Department; Kevin Schmidt, U.S. Geological Survey & Jerome Treiman, California Geological Survey (07/09/04)

Geotechnical Engineering

- [Geotechnical Consequences of the Mw=6.5 San Simeon Earthquake](#) by Robb Eric S Moss, Fugro West Inc. (07/09/04)


Seismology

- [Strong Ground Motion Data from the 2003 San Simeon Earthquake](#) by Anthony Shakal and Vladimir Graizer, California Geological Survey (07/09/04)
- [Report by CISN on its operation during the San Simeon Earthquake](#) by CISN: California Integrated Seismic Network (04/05/04) 

PRESENTATIONS

No data currently available.

IMAGES & MAPS

- [Photo Gallery](#) by Lew Rosenberg, County Geologist, San Luis Obispo County (1/21/04)
- [Photo log](#) by Bijan Khazai, Geotechnical Engineering, UC Berkeley 
- [Ground Acceleration Map](#) created by USGS
- [Map of Aftershock Epicenters](#) created by USGS

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Revising Reconnaissance Data Collection Forms

- Earth science forms
- Building forms

(available on EERI web site and
in Accela system)



Building Structures--General Building Information

Event/Date: _____ Investigator: _____
 Short description of observation: _____ Date of observation: _____

Location

Number	Address		Additional Address (room, suite, floor, etc.)	City	State	Zip	Country
	Street	(indicate street, road, avenue, lane, etc.)					

Alternative description or name: _____

Map Reference

Latitude	Longitude	Direction	Thomas Bros. Page No.

Overall damage rating of the structure?

- None
- Slight
- Moderate
- Severe
- Collapse

Building occupancy?

- Residential
- Commercial
- Industrial
- Educational
- Governmental
- Vacant
- Unknown
- Other _____

Building type? (adapted from FEMA 310)

- Wood light frame
- Wood frame, commercial & industrial
- Steel moment frame
- Steel-braced frame
- Steel light frame
- Steel light frame with infill masonry shear walls
- Concrete moment resisting frame
- Concrete shear walls
- Concrete frame with infill masonry shear walls
- Precast/tilt-up concrete shear walls
- Precast concrete frame
- Reinforced masonry bearing walls
- Unreinforced masonry bearing walls
- Other _____

Stories above grade?

- 1-3
- 4-7
- 8-14
- 15-30
- 31-40+

Building era?

- Pre-1936
- 1937-1974
- 1975-1988
- Post-1988

Basement stories?

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3 - 5
- 5 +

Building size?

- Small (<3,000 ft² and 280 m²)
- Medium (3,000-10,000 ft² and 280-930 m²)
- Large (>10,000 ft² and 930 m²)

How accessible is the building?

- Unknown
- Full
- Limited

Site sloped?

- Yes
- No



Ground Deformation Form

Event/Date: _____ Investigator: _____

Short description of observation: _____ Date of observation: _____

I. Location (please be as detailed as possible)

Descriptive:

Number	Address		Additional Address (room, suite, floor, etc.)	City	State	Zip	Country
	Street	(indicate street, road, avenue, lane, etc.)					

Map Reference

Quad	Latitude	Longitude	Thomas Bros. Page No.	Grid	Station ID

II. General Ground Deformation:

General description: _____

Time of observation: _____

Fissures or cracks in soil or rock:

- None Few Many
 Widespread Unknown

Settlement/Vertical Displacement:

- Unknown Yes No

Compression Features:

- Unknown Yes No

Extension Features:

- Unknown Yes No

Horizontal Offset:

- Unknown Yes No

Movement at or toward a Steep Slope:

- Unknown Yes No

Buckled or cracked pavement/ground:

- Unknown Yes No

Broken Buried Utilities:

- Unknown Yes No

Broken, Distorted or Offset above-ground Utilities:

- Unknown Yes No

Foundation Damage:

Average Vertical Displacement (cm): _____

Average Horizontal Displacement
Compression (cm): _____

Average Horizontal Displacement
Extension (cm): _____

Slope Angle of Ground:

- Flat (< 1/2 degree)
 Gentle (10:1 to 4:1)
 Gentle/Moderate (4:1 to 2:1)
 Moderate (2:1 to 1:1)
 Moderate/Steep (1:1 to 1/2:1)
 Steep (> 60 degrees)

Downslope Direction:

- N NE E SE
 S SW W NW

Severity:

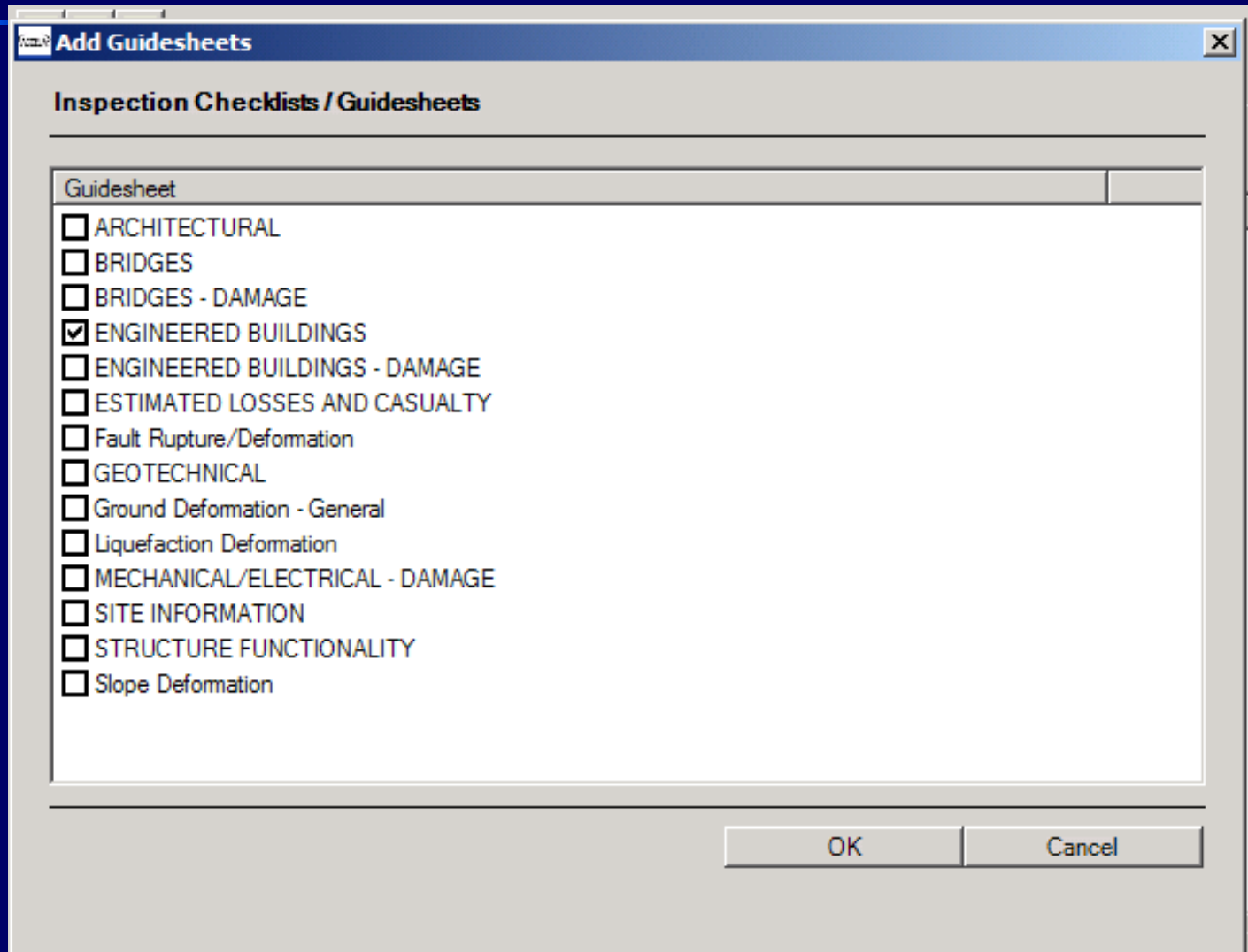
- Unknown
 None
 Low (< 1 cm)
 Moderate (1 cm - 10 cm)
 High (> 10 cm)

Electronic Data Collection

- Prototype system developed by Accela
- Data entered on iPACs or laptops



Guidesheets currently available



Upcoming Tests of System

- Parkfield
 - IT Committee volunteers
 - ImageCat's VIEWS system
- From Video
 - Geocoded footage from hurricanes in Florida
 - Footage from earthquake in India