



PROGRESS WITH THE CONCRETE COALITION

A JOINT MEETING OF SEAONC EBC, YMF AND EERI NC CHAPTER

The meeting will be held at the Simpson Gumpertz and Heger Inc. office, 1 Market St., 6th Floor, San Francisco (near Embarcadero BART) on **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd, at 6 pm**. A light dinner will be served.

The Concrete Coalition, a program of EERI, PEER and ATC and several partners, including SEAOC, is a grassroots effort (see www.concretecoalition.org) to identify older concrete buildings that pose serious earthquake safety risks and to develop technically sound, economically feasible, and socially acceptable ways to fix them. The first step in understanding which of these buildings pose the greatest risk in earthquakes is to determine how many such buildings exist, and one of the first activities of the Coalition is to help the State of California understand the size of the problem in the state. With the assistance of volunteers from the EERI Chapters and SEAOSC/SEAONC, work has been progressing on refining the estimate of the number of pre-1980 concrete buildings in the 22 highest risk counties.

Come to a meeting of the Northern California chapter of EERI and SEAONC (EBC and YMF) to learn more.

The purpose of the meeting will be to review progress to date with the Concrete Coalition-- estimates that have come in from volunteers in various Northern CA cities, approaches used by the volunteers, the development of a regression model to provide further estimates of the total number of buildings in California, and next steps.

The Concrete Coalition has received a time extension on its California Inventory project so even if you missed the first deadlines there is still time to participate. We are still looking for volunteers:

1. to adopt cities that have been identified as high priority cities
2. to assist with cities where counts have begun but not yet finished
3. to gather further, more detailed data on buildings in San Francisco

Based on successes to date, specific instructions will be provided to future volunteers about how to approach the data-gathering for items 1 and 2. Training followed by a one-day walk-around in San Francisco with students from UC Berkeley to gather further data on the SF buildings is planned for item 3. We will encourage people to work in small teams.

PLEASE NOTIFY Juliane Lane AT EERI (juliane@eeri.org) BY MONDAY NOVEMBER 16th IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND.

TENTATIVE Agenda:

- 6:00 pm Light dinner available
- 6:30 pm Overview of progress:
of cities/# of buildings
projections made by regression model
discussion about results
- 7:00 pm Specific reporting from two cities (Alameda and SF) + collage of
approaches from many of the other 22 cities in Northern CA where we
have estimates
- 7:25 pm Still looking for volunteers:
high priority cities where we are looking for volunteers
cities that have been started where we need assistance
specific instructions for how to proceed (we'll have a handout that
summarizes a typical approach in a medium-sized city)
- 7:40 pm Time frame for completion, progress on next steps (identifying which
buildings most vulnerable)
- 8:00 pm Adjourn