Purpose and Background

This seminar will provide tools for a practicing engineer to design efficient non-building structures, using the requirements of ASCE/SEI 7-16 as a base document for determining wind and seismic forces. Some of this efficiency comes with an ability to recognize the limitations of prescriptive code requirements and to produce a defensible design using time-tested principles of engineering mechanics. Sometimes alternate designs that may not specifically comply with the letter of the code need to be investigated in such a way that the understood intent of the code will be met. Practical design examples will be used throughout the seminar to illustrate discussed principles.

Seminar Instructor

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Summary Outline

DAY 1
- General requirements and coordination of relevant codes
- Wind loading and design considerations
- Seismic loading and design considerations
- Other load considerations and combinations
- Non-building structures similar to buildings
- Design examples

DAY 2
- Non-building structures not similar to buildings
- Understanding permanently-supported components (Chapter 13)
- Industrial facilities and crane systems
- Anchorage to masonry, concrete, steel, and wood
- Existing structures - Determining load ratings

Learning Outcomes
- Become familiar with ASCE 7-16 for non-building structures subjected to pertinent load cases
- Coordinate requirements of ASCE 7-16 with those of the 2015 International Building Code and material standards, such as ACI 318-14 (concrete), AISC 360-10 (steel), and others
- Recognize non-building structures not addressed in ASCE 7-16
- Understand the importance of simplifying design procedures
- Assess the need to justify alternative design solutions for non-building structural systems

Assessment of Learning Outcomes
Achievement of the learning outcomes by attendees will be assessed through seminar evaluations, multiple question and answer sessions, personal contact with instructor during breaks, periodic material summaries, end of the seminar review questionnaire.

Who Should Attend?
- Structural engineers,
- Industrial engineers
- Civil engineers
- Equipment manufacturers
- Facility managers
- Building officials

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