SCOPE:

This standard committee will have primary responsibility for development of a comprehensive Standard to provide a methodology for the identification, evaluation and retrofit of specific known vulnerabilities for one- and two-family wood light-frame residential buildings (including townhouses) up to two (2) stories in height. Also included is the evaluation and retrofit of masonry chimneys attached to 3 story buildings. Development of the assessment and retrofit provisions are applicable to dwellings located in Seismic Design Categories B through E and will include the use of the best available seismic numerical modeling tools and engineering practices to assist in development of assessment methods and to identify retrofit criteria to best achieve targeted performance objectives. Use of the provisions are anticipated to improve earthquake performance but is not intended to prevent earthquake damage.

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