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## 1.0 Purpose, Scope, and Applicability

- A. Purpose of this Chapter: To establish the LANL building code program (“Program”), including the authority and duties of the LANL Building Official (LBO). The LBO function is integral to enforcement of the International Building Code (IBC), International Existing Building Code (IEBC), other building codes and standards referenced by them, and other building-related LANL Engineering Standard requirements. The LBO does this enforcement through design reviews, permitting, and inspections primarily; those performing such work must be delegated by the LBO to act on the LBO’s behalf.
- B. Scope: The IBC and IEBC apply to all LANL Management Levels (MLs; for quality etc.) of building work covered by their code scopes.
- The IBC addresses the construction, use, and occupancy of buildings and structures and connected/attached appurtenances.<sup>1</sup>
  - The IEBC addresses repair, alteration, change of occupancy, additions, relocation, and demolition of buildings and systems.
1. “Systems” above shall be taken to mean typical building systems and structures (including transportables<sup>2</sup>). The IBC and IEBC (and thus this chapter) generally do not apply to process or analytical equipment.<sup>3</sup> Installation, modification, and demolition of such equipment and similar “tenant improvements” or installations therefore need not follow the IBC, IEBC, or this chapter except:
- i. When such equipment could affect structural integrity, fire safety, life safety/means of egress, or facility system safe performance. Examples of in-scope work: adding large new electrical loads or demands on other common utilities; “structural” post-installed anchors per ESM [Chapter 5](#) Section II Appendix A or Section III App A.
  - ii. When programmatic or process systems are being modified greater than 50% of their replacement value, the “50% Rule” for programmatic system provisions in IBC-GEN App B, *LANL Existing Building and System Code*, must be applied so that older systems are brought up to current safety standards.
  - iii. Moreover, the Chapter POCs, lead Chief Inspectors, and Facility Design Authority Representatives (FDAR, ref [P 340-2](#) [to become PD340 in 2010]) are delegated authority to make day-to-day determinations as to whether proposed work is subject to the IBC/IEBC within this section’s definition, and after consideration of the examples below (FDAR decisions are subject to review/revision by LBO or Deputy).

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<sup>1</sup> From 101.2 Scope. Since LANL uses IEBC also, IBC’s repair, alteration, etc scope is governed by IEBC. See IBC-GEN App B, LEBC.

<sup>2</sup> [NMAC](#) 14.12.2.8.E requires that transportables/trailers as used by LANL follow NM Building Codes versus HUD: “Any unit manufactured or installed after May 19, 1988, used for nonresidential, or commercial purposes must be constructed to the appropriate codes or standards as adopted by construction industries division. Construction industries division has full jurisdiction in approval and inspection of nonresidential manufactured units. [N/A to trailers with gov’t plates ].” Modularity is per IBC, but per NMAC 14.12.3.

<sup>3</sup> Based on the IBC and IEBC scope and purpose statements, code topics addressed, and typical use by jurisdictions.

Examples of modifications not requiring IBC Program compliance: Installation or removal of plug-fed analytical equipment; removal of system furniture; security systems (although anchorage must meet IBC, ESM Ch. 5, and applicable Master Specifications for anchorage); removal (but not installation) of gloveboxes and fume hoods, and support systems for same (fire protection excepted).

Note: Exclusion from Program requirements does not include exclusion from other codes such as the NEC, nor exclusion from other requirements elsewhere in the ESM including [10CFR851](#) (pressure, fire, etc.) and inspections required based on ML level, written LANL policy, or otherwise.

2. The IBC-driven quality requirements must not be diminished, changed, or influenced by the funding source, type of project or job, or any other designation unless approved by the LBO.
  3. Additional requirements are expected for ML-1 and ML-2 (nuclear) and ML-3 work; such higher-quality processes cannot reduce IBC levels of quality or inspections unless specifically authorized by the LBO in writing.
  4. *Guidance: ML-1, ML-2, and ML-3 work will normally require additional controls above the IBC-driven basics due to the nature of these projects.*
- C. Applicability: LANL organizations and their Subcontractors are required to comply with this Chapter and to support the LBO and its activities in support of the IBC/IEBC.
1. Special inspections are always required for specialty work involving proprietary structural components (e.g., anchor bolts, rebar joints), welding, firestopping, and fire-resistive coating repair<sup>4</sup>; however, a formal inspection plan and special inspections other than for specialty items like those listed above are not required when they meet the criteria for a “Program Exempt” small project below.
  2. Small facility maintenance and modification projects that can answer “no” to all of the following criteria are exempt from the IBC-specific plan review and building occupancy permit requirements described by this chapter (“Program Exempt”).<sup>5</sup> Such work must, however, follow the technical requirements of the IBC and IEBC and LANL amendments to same in this chapter as well as other requirements in the ESM, Conduct of Engineering, and elsewhere (including design review and QA appropriate to risk).

<sup>4</sup> These items have history of benefitting from inspection by CM-CE.

<sup>5</sup> This is often removal and replacement of existing materials; risk/return for these small, internally- or maintenance workforce-performed mods does not justify the effort at this time of IBC program phase-in; instead, LANL uses a graded approach, excluding it from the full IBC program requirements. Moreover, a \$300k mod cutoff is consistent with Z10 cutoff for a full spec package and affords a modest renovation or system addition, on the order of IEBC Level 1 or 2 Alteration, which could include reconfiguration of space or system, extension of a system or addition of equipment, etc. Additionally, because LANL attention to safety, codes, and standards is higher than outside LANL, it is likely that this work is performed to Code even though exempted from LANL’s full IBC Program as noted above (this is certainly the case with electrical work, as it is subject to a strong electrical safety program). In fact, all work requires checking of design by a competent individual. Per the Type II ECN instructions: “*RE verifies that all design documentation has been checked by the design agency. Checking is required by the design agency’s quality assurance program.*” This provides added assurance of safety and that no work gets installed at LANL without proper review to ensure code compliance. With the current funding and manpower constraints, the exclusion of such low-risk modifications is appropriate since the level of risk associated with it doesn’t warrant the level of oversight/control of the full IBC program.

A “yes” to any criterion below at project initiation or afterward (e.g., from scope or cost growth) means the project must follow all Program provisions.<sup>6</sup>

Does the proposed modification potentially:

- affect an ML-1, 2, or 3 SSC?
- have a total project cost including GFE of greater than \$300K?<sup>7</sup>
- affect a life safety system?<sup>8</sup>
- require project management processes for a Type 3 or Type 4 Project?
- alter Priority documents?
- alter Category 1 or 2 software?
- affect the seismic integrity of an ML-3 or ML-4 SSC which could impact an ML-1 or 2 SSC?
- affect NEPA, Cultural Resources, and/or Biological Resources?
- affect air quality or water pollution control?
- affect an SSC controlling exposure to radiation?
- require a complex or high-risk installation sequence?
- involve installation by other than LANL personnel (except for manufacturer-certified installers)?
- meet the IEBC definitions of a Level 2 or 3 alteration, addition, relocation, or change of occupancy?

3. The requirements of this chapter new to the ESM are required for new project starts after 10/27/06 (ref Chapter 1 Section Z10 Code of Record subsection regarding projects underway). Exceptions to this grandfathering:
  - a. Requirements in this chapter which are not new. This includes the requirement for the structural engineer to submit “special inspection, test, and structural observation requirements” per IBC Ch. 17 (required for projects underway after 2/9/04 per definition in ESM Ch. 1 Section Z10).<sup>9</sup>
  - b. The new requirement for Certificate of Occupancy must be implemented for all projects, new starts and those underway.<sup>10</sup>

- D. Where the LANL Engineering Standards or any design for LANL refers to the IBC or IEBC, also refer to the LANL amendments in Appendices A and B of IBC-GEN.

<sup>6</sup> Adaptation of ECN AP-341-506 *FM01* Type I/II decision points.

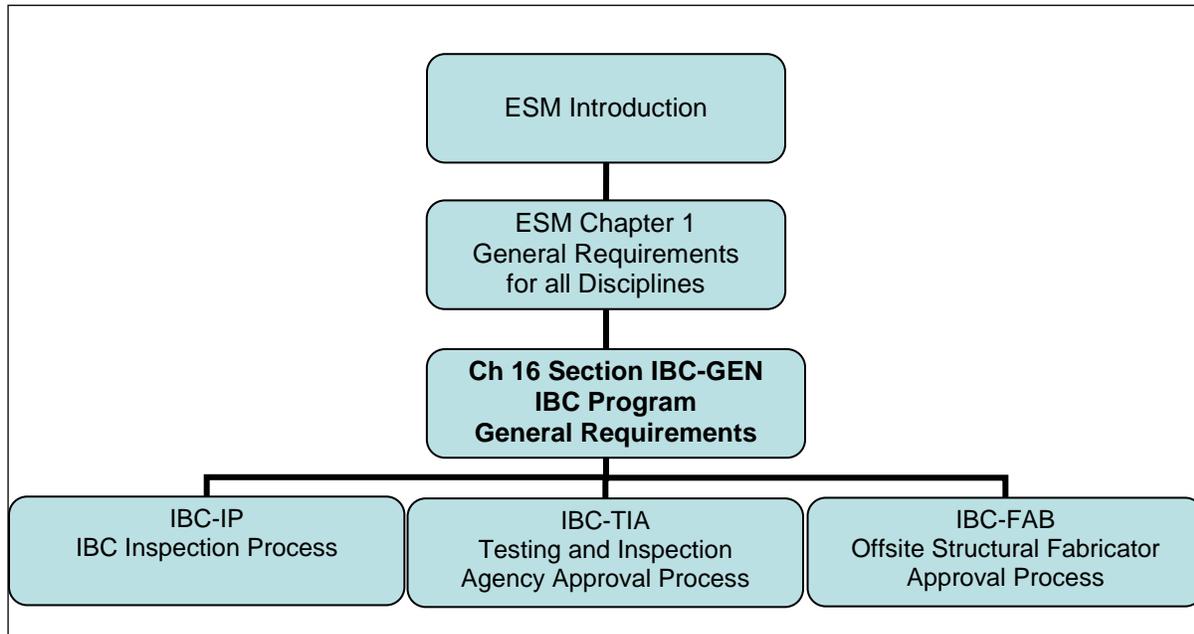
<sup>7</sup> TPC includes design, construction, and any facility-type Gov’t Furnished Equipment (GFE) such as chillers and furniture, but not process-typical GFE like analytical equipment. LBO decides where uncertain.

<sup>8</sup> As described by NFPA 101 Life Safety Code or otherwise designated by the LANL Fire Marshal

<sup>9</sup> Inspection/test/observation QA plan has been required by the ESM Structural Chapter 5 since 2/9/04. Ref [Section I](#), Subsection on Project Records for Structural Design, paragraph E on Test and Inspection Requirements.

<sup>10</sup> Cert. of Occupancy is a LANL-internal process that should not affect existing subcontract awards, and has minimal impact on overall project cost, and was requested by LASO fire safety management circa 2007.

## 2.0 Chapter Hierarchy



## 3.0 Acronyms /Definitions

ACRONYM/TERM	DESCRIPTION
ASTM	ASTM International
Chief Inspectors	Specific LANL individuals delegated by LBO to oversee LBO program day-to-day. They are typically in a QA role or the Construction Engineering Group of Construction Management Division, with the CM-CE Group Leader being the primary Chief Inspector.
Contractor	The LANL Managing and Operating organization (e.g., LANS)
CQAP	Construction Quality Assurance Plan
DAR	Design Authority Representative. A delegate of the Site Chief Engineer [P 342, Design Authority]
Deputy Building Officials	Individuals delegated total or partial authority to act for the LBO. The ES Division Design Engineering Group Leader is delegated as a Deputy to act in the LBO's absence. The LANL Fire Marshal is delegated as Deputy acting for all fire and life-safety related matters. [IBC-GEN App A (LBC) 103.3]
DPIRC	Design professional in responsible charge; the engineer or architect of record; the person(s) sealing (stamping) the documents [note: professional registration is normally not required for LANS designers (see ESM Ch 1 Z10 Design Output section), but these DPIRCs must be appointed by the Engineering Manager]. DPIRC term from IBC 106.3.4.
EOR	Engineer of record, essentially the same as DPIRC.
ES-DE	Design Engineering Group of Eng Services Division of LANL
ESM	Engineering Standards Manual
Fabricator	For this chapter only, the firm fabricating structural steel or prefab concrete offsite
FDAR	Facility DAR
IAS	International Accreditation Service, a subsidiary of ICC
IBC	International Building Code, published by ICC. <a href="#">Internal link</a> via IHS.

<b>ICC</b>	International Code Council
<b>ICC-ESR</b>	Evaluation Service Report issued by <a href="#">ICC-ES Subsidiary of ICC</a> . ERs are legacy Evaluation Reports issued for the UBC.
<b>IEBC</b>	International Existing Building Code, a product of ICC. <a href="#">Internal link</a> via IHS.
<b>LANL Inspector</b>	A direct-hire (i.e., LANS) or subcontractor employee performing duties approved by the LANL Chief Inspector. May be written as inspector.
<b>LBC</b>	LANL Building Code; the IBC as amended by LANL (i.e., App A of this Section IBC-GEN). Where the LANL Standards including this chapter invoke the IBC, interpret to mean the LBC (except in obvious references to the source document; the term “IBC” is used at this time due to higher recognition).
<b>LBO</b>	LANL Building Official. The Division Leader of Engineering Services
<b>LCI</b>	LANL Chief Inspector. Selected <a href="#">individuals in ADPMGT CM-CE Group</a> or other organization appointed by the LBO to oversee test and inspection aspects of LBC/LEBC enforcement.
<b>LEBC</b>	LANL Existing Building Code, amendments to IEBC for buildings and systems including programmatic ones.
<b>ML</b>	Management level, from LANL’s 4-tiered graded approach to rigor per <a href="#">AP-341-502</a> , Management Level Determination.
<b>PRID</b>	Permits Requirements Identification system, a LANL intranet-based system for determining and tracking requirements.
<b>Project</b>	Any type of work/job/task/or any other terminology that is subject to IBC’s scope regardless of funding source or facility arrangement.
<b>Routine Inspection (or Inspection)</b>	Inspections done by LANL or LANL’s agent for general conformance to the design and LANL Standards, including those required by the IBC, but not a special inspection.
<b>Special Inspection</b>	A process of inspection, testing, and reporting by approved special inspectors to assure the LBO that the construction of critical elements, materials, and life safety systems is being performed in accordance with the approved construction documents and IBC Ch 17.
<b>Special Inspection Agency (SIA)</b>	Organization providing Special Inspectors and managing their training and qualification in accordance with this Chapter. Also known as Inspection Agency. This is LANL or its subcontractors.
<b>Special Inspector (SI)</b>	Individual who has specialized knowledge, training, experience, and certification(s) for one or more of the types of construction subject to special inspection.
<b>Subcontractor</b>	Firm hired by LANS who is DOE’s Prime Contractor.
<b>Testing Agency</b>	A firm providing independent, certified test results.

## 4.0 Responsibilities and Duties<sup>11</sup>

### 4.1 LANL Building Official (or Designee)

- A. Implement this procedure and the activities and duties herein.
- B. Enforce the IBC/IEBC.
- C. Review construction documents for erection, alterations, demolitions, and moving of buildings and structures.

<sup>11</sup> Much of this Chapter’s material is derived from IBC 2006 Chapters 1 and 17. For qualification, LBC amendments to IBC App A govern along with this subsection. Other source materials for this Chapter are from “Model Program for Special Inspection,” ICC Item 1035S4 and “2006 IBC Special Inspections: Understanding and Developing a Special Inspection Program,” ICC Item 1045S06. Also consulted: Clark Co, NV Building Development program Technical Guidelines etc. [http://dsnet.co.clark.nv.us/dsweb/bldg\\_tech\\_guides.html](http://dsnet.co.clark.nv.us/dsweb/bldg_tech_guides.html)

- D. Inspect (as necessary) the premises for compliance and enforce compliance with the provisions of the ESM. Exceptions:
1. Fire system inspections are delegated to the Fire Marshal (a Deputy Building Official) or Fire Group as applicable.
  2. Security and telecommunications are inspected by LANL groups responsible for those systems.
  3. Others as recognized or delegated by the LBO.
- E. Keep all related records required by the IBC for the period required per the LANL Records Inventory and Disposal Schedules (RIDS).
- F. Make all the required inspections or have the authority to accept/reject reports of inspection by approved agencies or individuals.
- G. Approve Special Inspection Agencies (SIAs) and Special Inspectors (SIs) to perform the duties specified by the Code, this ESM Chapter, and approved Inspection Plans developed for individual projects/jobs. This includes the authority to revoke approvals as warranted.
- H. Approve field and laboratory test agencies and inspection agencies and personnel utilized on the LANL site under the scope of the IBC, as well as approval of offsite structural element fabricators in lieu of some inspections (per ESM Ch 16 Section IBC-FAB).
1. The LBO maintains a list of approvals linked from the ESM Chapter 16 [webpage](#).
- I. Approve the design professional's Construction QA Plan (CQAP). LBO may require a pre-construction conference to review the program with all applicable members of the construction team.<sup>12</sup> The inspection program is further discussed in ESM Chapter 16 Section IBC-IP, IBC Inspection Process.
- J. Chair Program staff meetings at least quarterly (*monthly ideally*). *Invitees should include Deputy Building Officials, ESM Chapter POC/Alternate, Chief Inspectors, design review stamp holders, quality assurance, project engineering, and project management representatives. The agenda should include a safety topic, relevant building safety and quality incidents, and ongoing and new issues/business.*
- K. Perform program self-assessments (e.g., MSAs)<sup>13</sup>. *Possible criteria for self-assessment can be found in IAS [AC251](#), Accreditation Criteria for Building Departments/Code Enforcement Agencies, including the applicable sections of ISO/IEC Standard 17020, General Criteria for the Operation of Various Types of Bodies Performing Inspection. [http://www.iasonline.org/Accreditation\\_Criteria/](http://www.iasonline.org/Accreditation_Criteria/)*
1. *In addition to self-assessments, LBO may consider external assessments. These could include assessment of plan review effectiveness through occasional use of contracted plan reviewers (e.g., advertisers in ICC publications). LBO may also consider an outside assessment of overall program effectiveness via IAS accreditation to AC251 or the ISO Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule ([BCEGS](#)) program.*
- 4.2. **Chief Inspectors** and staff personnel must be assigned and designated by the LBO to administer parts of the provisions of the IBC and the LANL Engineering Standards including the specific

<sup>12</sup> IBC 2006 Section 1704.1

<sup>13</sup> DOE O 414.1C Quality Assurance includes criterion for management self-assessment. See also [PD328](#), Assessment Program.

Electrical, Mechanical, and Plumbing Codes adopted and amended by the ESM. As delegated by the LBO, Chief Inspectors must act on behalf of the LBO to perform duties of evaluating test and offsite structural fabrication agencies and managing or performing oversight of inspection and welding personnel who work onsite -- their training and certification, evaluating their performance, performing surveillances related to IBC work on site, developing related LANL inspection procedures, acting as subject matter experts (SME), and other duties assigned by the LBO. Duties are further described in other Chapter 16 sections.

CM-Construction Engineering Group is responsible for all inspections of IBC/IEBC scope work. CE Group Leader may, in writing, delegate or authorize other qualified organizations to perform such inspections within the qualification limitations imposed by the LANL IBC Program.

Note: CM-Construction Engineering Group responsibility for construction inspection may extend beyond the IBC Program scope through Construction Management Procedure CMP [282](#), *Construction Acceptance Inspection and Testing*, and other policies or agreements. Two examples of this are ASME B31.3 piping inspections and certain "tenant improvement" type work where the majority of the work is not IBC-related but aspects affect the facility to the extent the work is subject to the overall IBC Program as discussed above under Scope.

- The listing of LANL Chief Inspectors is on the Chapter 16 contacts webpage [here](#).

4.3. **Design (Plan) Reviewers** must be qualified engineers, architects, and others in various disciplines whose LANL organizations are established as design reviewers by LANL institutional procedures (thus reflected in PRID).

- A. Responsibility for reviews against the primary building codes (LANL versions of IBC, UPC, UMC, and NEC) rests with the ES-DE Group Leader (GL). DE GL will rely on other organizations for aspects of such reviews when they are authorized by LANL policy to do so (e.g., fire reviews by Fire Protection Group). DE GL may subcontract review activity to outside firms (i.e., third parties), or may augment DE staff by, in writing, appointing other qualified LANL individuals to perform review functions.
- B. The LBO further delegates to ES-DE (and successors) the role of ensuring compliance with the applicable design review procedures, including complete resolution of comments, on behalf of all reviewing organizations (see procedure steps later). *Guidance: Those procedures include the Conduct of Engineering APs, PD1220, Fire Protection Program, and others. Such procedures require that designs be reviewed by the ES-DE organization, plus others as needed per PRID including Fire Protection Group, the Fire Marshal, Security & Safeguards, Utilities, and others including ESH&Q, Rad Protection Engineering, OEOD-ADA etc.*

4.4. **LANL Project and Construction Management, Project Engineering, and other facilities personnel**, through Acquisition Services Management (ASM; Procurement and the Contract Administrator), are responsible to assure that proper ESM (including IBC) direction is included in subcontracts<sup>14</sup>. This must be done by requiring the Design Professional's compliance with the LANL Engineering Standards.

4.5. **Project Management, Project Engineering, and other facilities personnel** that manage the work must assure that the project/job or any other designated work under IBC purview does not proceed until they have obtained LBO approval to proceed. In addition, they are responsible for

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<sup>14</sup> Work packages when self-performing.

assuring compliance to the IBC on the project down to the various sub-tier subcontractors and suppliers.

- A. Project management or other facilities personnel that manage the work must have necessary programs and procedures in place to address the controls and process within their organization to assure that IBC requirements are fully implemented. This includes instructing personnel and passing-down necessary controls to sub-tier levels on a project and assuring that the LBO Chief Inspector will be properly notified of non-conforming conditions on any IBC-related work.
- B. Project management must notify the LBO Chief Inspector as soon as possible when sub-standard construction has occurred on the project (including work by testing agency or in fabrication/manufacturer shops).
- C. LANL project managers must use the PR-ID system to ensure such projects are tracked and properly reviewed; proof of use/reviews is necessary to receive LBO approval to construct.

#### 4.6 Duties and Responsibilities of the Constructor (e.g., Prime Subcontractor or LANL)

- A. Subcontractor duties are as described by their contract with LANL
- B. Requirements specific to IBC and quality are detailed primarily in LANL Master Specification Section [01 4000](#), Quality Requirements.

#### 4.7 Duties and Responsibilities of the Design Professional in Responsible Charge

- A. Develop initial Test and Inspection and Plan which includes special inspections and other critical inspections and tests based on the design (see Section IBC-IP).
- B. Submit required structural observations<sup>15</sup> to the LANL Lead Chief Inspector. Structural observations are the responsibility of the structural engineer of record (EOR) unless otherwise stated in the Subcontract. EOR must subcontract observations if he/she is in the same company as the prime Subcontractor,<sup>16</sup> and LBO must approve observation performance by persons other than the structural EOR.
- C. Edit LANL Master Specification Section [01 4000](#), Quality Requirements and include in Project Specification. That section must include the following constructor (e.g., prime Subcontractor) requirements:
  - 1. Assure that they use only LBO-approved testing agencies.
  - 2. Notify the inspector. The holder of the LBO's authorization to proceed or their duly-authorized agent is responsible for notifying the LANL building code inspectors regarding individual inspections required by the LBO.<sup>17</sup> Adequate notice must be provided so that the inspectors have time to become familiar with the project.
  - 3. Assure that off-site structural steel and concrete fabrication activities are performed

<sup>15</sup> IBC-2006 104.7 and 1709.1. This is expected to be required in under half of all IBC jobs (e.g., when high occupancy, critical buildings, and/or hazardous contents).

<sup>16</sup> Ibid. SER best understands design, load path, and critical fabrication issues, so is best person to perform observations. Clark County, NV does not consider it a conflict of interest for SER to perform observations ([TG100-2008](#) 7.4), nor does Phoenix as of Apr 2008 (latter cautioned against SER who is in same company as builder). N/A when LANL self-performs since LANL will always protect government's interests.

<sup>17</sup> IBC 2006 109.5

by an LBO-approved shop, when such shops exist in approval listing. Until they exist, or with LBO permission, arrange for the IBC-related activities to be inspected in the shop by an LBO-approved special inspector during fabrication.<sup>18</sup> As an alternative, LANL will provide Special Inspectors in-shop at Subcontractor's expense and the Subcontract Sum will be adjusted by Change Order. Note: SI or shop approval not required for burning and cutting of mild steel (e.g., ASTM A36).<sup>19</sup>

## 5.0 Process Overview

- 5.1. Project, job, and/or work planning must determine if the work involves the IBC or IEBC. If any part of the work involves them, then the project must inform the LANL Chief Inspector. The LBO has appointed the design reviewers (plans examiners) and chief inspector(s) that will review the design drawings, specifications, inspection plan(s), test agencies, etc.
- 5.2. The design review and chief inspectors reviews will be submitted back to the design professional in responsible charge via the Project Engineer along with any required corrections or improvements. These reviews will include evaluation that the CQAP/inspection plan is aligned to the drawings and specifications.
- 5.3. The project must assure that applicable test agencies and inspection agencies are on the LBO-approved listing on the ESM Chapter 16 [webpage](#). Also, offsite structural element fabricators may be approved and listed so as to preclude LANL special inspectors in-shop (SI's still required for seismic or wind-resisting element work). If the testing agencies or fabricators that they prefer to use are not on that list they may submit the necessary data to the LBO for evaluation and approval (see IBC-TIA and IBC-FAB Sections). The project/work/job team is responsible for submitting any requests with at least two (2) weeks lead time to the Chief Inspector.
- 5.4. The project must develop a construction QA plan that delineates the degree of test, inspection, and special inspection for the work being done. The inspection plan must be approved by the design professional in responsible charge (DPIRC) and submitted to the LANL Contract Administrator for LANL facility engineering review and approval along with the design package. See Chapter 16 Section IBC-IP, IBC Inspection Process, for related requirements. The Plan must also follow IBC Chapter 17 requirements on degree of inspection ("continuous" and "periodic"), and the specific ICC-ESRs and LANL approval documents for special cases (e.g., post-installed anchors).  
**Note:** The LANL-approved design documents supersede the ICC ESRs if there is a difference.
- 5.5. Permitting: Following all comment resolution, a review for LBO approval to construct must be performed. The project must submit to ES-DE (1) two copies of the design, (2) a PR-ID printout showing the required reviews, and (3) evidence of having satisfied those reviews ("no comment" statements, Design Review Record [DRR] document comment resolutions initialed by reviewers, or equivalent).<sup>20</sup> *Guidance: Details of the DE process for permitting are captured in an ES Division-level procedure (draft as of 4/2008).*

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<sup>18</sup> IBC 2006 1704.2

<sup>19</sup> Removal of mild steel should not affect strength/quality in the same way as welding, so LANL interprets as not required for this activity.

<sup>20</sup> Building Dept approval ensures compliance with engineering change control procedures, the LIR-driven requirement to use the PR-ID, and municipal practice. Also, LANL Construction Inspection needs to be able to determine approved design quickly.

- 5.6. ES-DE will review the above and, when acceptable, indicate approval on the design package (approval stamp).<sup>21</sup> One set of materials will be returned to project.
- 5.7. Once LBO approval is indicated, the project can allow start of the physical construction work. Physical construction including offsite structural element fabrication work on a project must not start until authorized by the LBO after evaluating that the project has complied with all necessary IBC and LBO requirements.
- Note:** ESM Chapter 1 Section Z10 states that for design-build projects, documents must be sealed by the DPIRC before construction begins. Exceptions: Site preparation and excavation can proceed at risk (prior to sealing) with ADPMGT and LBO approval.
- 5.8. Once the project begins physical construction, the project must follow the approved Construction QA Plan for inspection and Subcontractors submit “Statements of Responsibility with respect to Special Inspection” per IBC-IP App H.
- 5.9. Inspection must be conducted in accordance with ESM Ch 16 Section IBC-IP, IBC Inspection Process.
- 5.10. The Offsite Structural Fabricator Approval Process (Ch 16 Section IBC-FAB) governs the process for approving fabricators to perform certain IBC work without the necessity of having in-shop special inspection, then submitting a Certificate of Conformance.
- 5.11. Testing and inspection agencies must be approved and operate in accordance with the approved inspection and testing agency process procedure (Ch 16 Section IBC-TIA).
- 5.12. All required records will be submitted to the Chief Inspector as required by IBC, this procedure, and the Construction QA Plan.
- 5.13. When **changes occur to previously-LBO-approved design**, re-approval by LBO is only required automatically when the changes either (1) affect life safety or (2) result in new construction documents – i.e., are extensive enough to necessitate a drawing or DCP/DCF/ECN revision to clearly direct the work in the field [not for DCN/DRN (becoming FCR/FCN) incorporation or as-built that occurs after work is complete]<sup>22</sup>. In addition, the Design Authority Representative must review all changes and may request LBO-restamping.
- All design changes must be reviewed by the original or equivalent LANL reviewers in accordance with controlling design review procedures (i.e., follow a process similar to that of the original approval), with the decision for re-review by ES-DE etc. being made by the Design Authority Representative.
  - Any proposed deviation from LANL Standards or their referenced national standards requires use of the variance process in ESM Ch 1 Section Z10; any field variance from standards or design submitted for LANL acceptance requires an NCR to disposition (NCRs further discussed in Z10 and Section IBC-IP).

**Note:** Where the following definitions conflict with those in the Conditions of the Subcontract, those documents take precedence.

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<sup>21</sup> This process is LANL equivalent to obtaining plan reviews for a building permit. Site placarding is not used. In the case of pre-engineered buildings, structures, and transportable, the preferred approach is one-time submittal of complete design including shop and foundations drawings; in any case, shop drawings must be approved before purchase, lease, or installation.

<sup>22</sup> LBO re-approval for life safety because that is a primary purpose of the LBO review; re-approval for new work documents because inspectors require work be performed to LBO-approved documents.

Beneficial Occupancy (or “Mechanical Completion” or “Use and Possession prior to Completion”) <sup>23</sup>	Terms used to describe the procedure when LANL occupies or makes use of any part of the work prior to Substantial Completion or Final Completion. This does not refer to LANL Project Team members including inspectors, but could include installers of LANL-furnished/installed equipment or building tenants. The presence of such personnel at the project site may cause disruption of the Subcontractor's activities and is discouraged; furthermore, such occupancy is subject to conditions set forth in the construction contract. LANL is not required to take such occupancy and may wait for Final Completion to use or occupy the site; however, if LANL decides to occupy any portion of the project space prior to Final Completion, LANL is required to issue a <u>Certificate of Beneficial Occupancy</u> . A Certificate of Beneficial Occupancy must not be issued without concurrence of the LBO if Beneficial Occupancy will occur prior to Substantial Completion.
Substantial Completion	Means that stage in the progress of the work, as determined by the Subcontract Tech Representative, when the work is complete and in accordance with the contract documents except only for completion of minor items which do not impair LANL’s ability to occupy and fully utilize the work for its intended purpose (this may require limiting access by the Subcontractor to the site for security or safety reasons). Any liquidated damages are calculated. A <u>Certificate of Substantial Completion</u> must not be issued until after a <u>Certificate of Occupancy</u> is issued by the LBO, all work is in place, all required agency approvals have been received, and all systems and equipment are fully functioning as verified by commissioning. Minor items (punch list) may include only patching, repair or replacement, and clean-up. Examples of acceptable punch list items include replacement of light switches, touch-up painting, repair of scratches on walls or floors, replacement of locks which do not function properly, replacement of filters or light bulbs, and other similar items.
Final Completion (or “Physical Completion”)	The STR performs a final inspection upon receipt of written notice from the Subcontractor that the work is ready for final inspection and acceptance. Final Completion is determined to be when the STR finds that the work is fully completed and in accordance with the contract documents. Once STR accepts, final payment is made to the Subcontractor.

#### 5.14 Certificate of Beneficial Occupancy / Certificate of Occupancy

- A. This includes both new facilities and existing structures being modified or changing occupancy and thus subject to the IEBC.
- B. The LBO will perform any IBC-related reviews deemed necessary before providing an approval for occupancy.
- C. The person or organization requesting occupancy is responsible to identify any substandard construction, safety concerns, or any other safety-impacting information that is not included in the records package.
- D. Use approval Forms 1 and 2, attached.

<sup>23</sup> Ben Occ definitions/requirements adapted from UC Office of President Facility Managers [Manual](#). “Use and Possession” is a FAR term. ADPMSS Proc [606](#) uses many of these terms. Mechanical and physical (full) completion are terms used in CM-Div CMP [300](#) rev 0. Concepts but not terms above are used in LANL subcontract documents (e.g., GC-29).

## 6.0 Qualification of Suppliers and Manufactured Products for Structural Work

- 6.1 On IBC and IEBC projects, the requirement for LBO approval of agencies and fabricators is summarized as follows (details are elsewhere in this Chapter):
- **Testing agencies:** A list of LBO-approved agencies is available on the ESM Chapter 16 [webpage](#). New requests should be sent to Chief Inspectors.
  - **Offsite Structural Shop Fabricator approval** when conditions associated with IBC Section 1707 and 1704 are applicable. Contact a LANL [Chief Inspector](#) if fabricator approval is required; if the project's choice is to use special inspectors in the shop (the only choice for seismic resistant situation in IBC Section 1707); contact CM-CE Group Leader or Chief Inspector.
  - **Special inspection and inspectors:** CM-CE Group Leader retains the approved list and evaluates potential special inspectors and compensatory measures.
- 6.2 Under the Special Cases section of the IBC (1704.13), **proprietary structural products** must be approved by the LANL Building Official (LBO) when such work is on buildings or building systems. The products requiring approval are those types of products<sup>24</sup> for which an ICC-ES Report exists. Examples are post-installed anchors and reinforcing steel splices/couplers.
- A. Such components are automatically approved by the LBO if:
1. The components chosen are IBC-compliant-labeled (has been accepted by the most recent ICC evaluation report from [ICC-ES](#) [valid for the code edition in use or newer edition whichever is more stringent]) AND
  2. The design and installation complies with the conditions of use and restrictions specified in the ICC report (in addition to and including following manufacturers instructions, particularly where more stringent), and verified by special inspector(s).
- B. Other special case structural-type components not automatically approved as noted above must be submitted to the ES-DE Structural Team which will broker LBO approval prior to use. *Guidance: This may involve derating; e.g., to stay well within elastic region.*
- C. *In addition to this requirement to obtain LBO approvals, it is important to note that the general focus of ML-1/2 is primarily a quality assurance evaluation of the manufacturer's or supplier's quality program. The focus of IBC Ch 17 is to assure that proper independent testing has been accomplished. As a good example of this principle, at time of writing, the manufacturer of Bar-Lock brand "S" couplers claims to achieve 1.25% of yield per ACI-318 (for a #8 rebar) using a tube/sleeve of 8 inches while the ICC Evaluation Report (ER-5064) indicates that independent tests show it takes a 10"+ tube or sleeve to achieve 1.25% of yield.*

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<sup>24</sup> That is, if similar products have ES listings, then the SPECIFIC product in question requires LBO approval if not listed by ES.

**7.0 Attachments**

Records

Form 1, Occupancy Approval Form -- Sample

Form 2, Building Completion Checklist -- Sample

Appendix A LANL Building Code (LBC)

Appendix B LANL Existing Building/System Code (LEBC)