



Explanation

%g	Color
200	Dark Red
160	Red
120	Orange-Red
80	Orange
60	Light Orange
50	Yellow-Orange
40	Yellow
30	Light Yellow
20	Light Green
18	Green
16	Light Blue-Green
14	Blue-Green
12	Blue
10	Light Blue
8	Very Light Blue
6	White
4	White
2	White
0	White

+ 6.2 Point value of peak acceleration expressed as a percent of gravity

— 10 — Contour of peak acceleration expressed as a percent of gravity

Note: contours are irregularly spaced



Index map showing location of study area

DISCUSSION

The acceleration values contoured are the random horizontal component. Reference site condition is firm rock, defined as having an average shear-wave velocity of 760 m/sec in the top 30 meters, corresponding to the boundary between NEHRP site classes B and C.

In some situations, particularly in areas of high ground-motions (e.g., along the San Andreas Fault) there are discontinuous chains, or islands, of high ground-motion values. This is an artifact of the grid spacing used in the calculations. In most cases these chains should be replaced with continuous bands of high ground-motion values enclosing the chains.

Documentation, gridded values, and ARC/INFO coverages used to make the maps are available at <http://geohazards.cr.usgs.gov/vef/>

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