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PREFACE

The first seismic engineering program in the United States was administered by the Seismological Field Survey (SFS) of the Coast and Geodetic Survey. This program was begun in 1931 and essentially remained the responsibility of the SFS until 1973, when the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) assimilated the program into its Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program. Currently, the National Strong-Motion Program (NSMP) operates a cooperative network containing nearly 1000 accelerographs in 39 states and Puerto Rico. This network is administered by the USGS in cooperation with both private industry and numerous Federal, State, and local agencies and organizations. Major contributors include the Army Corps of Engineers, the Veterans Administration, and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Primary objectives of the program are to record strong ground motions and the response of representative engineered structures during moderate to large earthquakes, and to disseminate the resultant data and information about the records, sites, and structures to the earthquake engineering research and design community.

This catalogue continues in a revised format the yearly publication "Strong-Motion Program Report, January-December [year]"; it is a continuation of the table 1 summary of accelerograms recovered at NSMP stations that had been published in that format since 1974. This report includes all accelerograms recovered during 1991. Unless otherwise noted, event data are from the "Preliminary Determination of Epicenters," published weekly by the U.S. Geological Survey.

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INTRODUCTION

Ninety-one accelerograph records were recovered from the National Strong-Motion Program's cooperative network during January to December 1991; this compares with an annual average of nearly 280 records for the period 1974 through 1990. Sixty-nine records are from 47 stations that triggered during the ML=5.4 Sierra Madre, California, earthquake of June 28. Maximum horizontal ground accelerations of 0.29 g (on an SMA recorder) and 0.30 g (on an SSA recorder) were recorded at the Monterey Park Corporate Building.

A magnitude 6.0 (ML) earthquake on August 17 triggered eight accelerographs at USGS stations in northern California; a peak horizontal ground acceleration of 0.11 g was recorded at Ferndale fire station.

One record was recovered from the Gideon City Hall in southeast Missouri after a magnitude 4.6 (mblg) earthquake on May 4. The vertical acceleration was $0.11\,g$. Two magnitude 5.2 (ML) earthquakes on the Big Island of Hawaii triggered four accelerographs on May 8, and five accelerographs on December 9; maximum horizontal accelerations of $0.08\,g$ and $0.07\,g$, respectively, were recorded at Honomalino, in the southwestern part of the island.

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Table 1. National Strong-Motion Program Accelerograph Records Recovered During 1991

[Station owners: ACOE, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; BECH, Bechtel Power Corporation; JCG, JCG Finance Corporation of America; MWD, Metropolitan Water District of Southern Calif.; OWNR, Owner of building; USGS, U.S. Geological Survey. Instrument trigger time in seconds after the minute (or the following minute) listed in earthquake column. S-minus trigger denotes S-wave-arrival-minus-trigger-time (S-t) interval. Direction is of case acceleration for upward trace deflection on accelerogram; horizontal components are listed as azimuth, and vertical components as "up" or "down." Maximum amplitude is peak acceleration recorded at ground level on one vertical and two horizontal orthogonal components unless otherwise noted. Duration is interval between first and last peaks of acceleration greater than 0.10 g. Numbers in parentheses refer to footnotes at end of table.]

Earthquake	Station Name (Owner)	Coordinates (Lat. ° N Long. ° W)	Trigger time	S-minus trigger (s)	Direction (az)	Maximum amplitude (g)	Duration (s)
18 October 1990 1721:56.0 G.m.t. Southern Calif. 33.640N, 117.880W Magnitude 3.0 ML	Costa Mesa John Wayne Airport (USGS)	33.677 117.869	(3)	1.4	360 Up 270	.09 .03 .10	 1 peak
7 March 1991 1413:21.4 G.m.t. Hawaii 20.003N, 155.685W Magnitude 4.1 ML	Waimea, Hawaii Fire Station (USGS)	20.026 155.664	(4)	3.4		(1)	
4 May 1991 0118:54.9 G.m.t. New Madrid, MO 36.564N, 89.823W Magnitude 4.6 mblg	Gideon City Hall (USGS)	36.454 89.919	(3)	0.5	180 Up 090	.04 .11 .06	1 peak
8 May 1991 1821:11.0 G.m.t. Hawaii 19.373N, 156.267W	Honomalino, Hawaii (USGS)	19.169 155.868	(4)	1.7	360 Up 270	.06 .02 .08	
Magnitude 5.2 ML	Kealakekua, Hawaii Kona Hospital (USGS)	19.523 155.879	(4)	5.7	360 Up 270	.05 .03 .07	
	Kailua-Kona, Hawaii Fire Station (USGS)	19.649 155.996	(4)	(2)		(1)	
	Waimea, Hawaii Fire Station (USGS)	20.026 155.664	(4)	8.7		(1)	
28 June 1991 1443:54.5 G.m.t. Southern Calif. 34.262N, 118.002W Magnitude 5.4 ML (Sierra Madre earthquake)	Carbon Canyon Dam Brea (ACOE)	33.914 117.839	(3)	4.5			
	Crest					(1)	

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Earthquake	Station Name (Owner)	Coordinates (Lat. ° N Long. ° W)	Trigger time	S-minus trigger (s)	Direction (az)	Maximum amplitude (g)	Duration (s)
28 June 1991 (Sierra Madre earthquake, continued)	Alhambra 900 S. Fremont (USGS)	34.085 118.149	44:00.0	3.3			
	Structure Array: Ch. 1- 12th Floor, Cer Ch. 2- 12th Floor, Cer Ch. 3- 12th Floor, Nor Ch. 4- 6th Floor, Cent Ch. 5- 6th Floor, Cent Ch. 6- 6th Floor, Nort Ch. 7- 2nd Floor, Cent Ch. 8- 2nd Floor, Cent Ch. 9- 2nd Floor, Nort Ch. 10- Basement, Cer Ch. 11- Basement, Cer Ch. 12- Basement, Cer			360 090 090 090 360 090 360 090 360 Up	.12 .14 .13 .17 .12 .13 .26 .22 .25 .11 .04	1 peak 0.1 0.1 0.7 0.5 0.3 3.0 2.2 0.9 1 peak 0.2	
	Garvey Reservoir Monterey Park (MWD)	34.048 118.111	(3)	3.2			
	Abutment Bldg.				114 Up 024	.09 .04 .08	
	Crest				114 Up 024	.13 .06 .08	1.4
	Jensen Filter Plant Balboa Ave. (MWD)	34.312 118.496	(3)	3.3			
	Administration Bldg. Basement				022 Up 292	.07 .03 .06	
	Generator Bldg.				022 Up 292	.06 .04 .04	
	Reservoir Roof				022 Up 292	.07 .04 .07	
	Leona Valley Fire Station (USGS)	34.62 118.29	44:03.5	5.4		(1)	

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Earthquake	Station Name (Owner)	Coordinates (Lat. ° N Long. ° W)	Trigger time	S-minus trigger (s)	Direction (az)	Maximum amplitude (g)	Duration (s)
28 June 1991 (Sierra Madre earthquake, continued)	Littlerock Post office (USGS)	34.52 117.99	(3)	3.8	300 Up 210	.10 .06 .12	1 peak 1 peak
·	Live Oak Reservoir La Verne (MWD)	34.140 117.749	(3)	2.5			
	Abutment				180 Up 090	.06 .02 .06	
	Ch. 1- Center Crest Ch. 2- Center Crest Ch. 3- Center Crest Ch. 4- Left Crest Ch. 5- Left Crest Ch. 6- Left Slope Ch. 7- Center Slope Ch. 8- Center Slope Ch. 9- Center Slope Ch. 10- Center Toe Ch. 11- Center Toe				155 Up 245 155 245 245 155 Up 245 155 Up 245	.05 .05 .16 .06 .11 .05 .02 .11 .05 .02	1.1 1.2 1 peak 1 peak
	Lone Pine Canyon (USGS)	34.32 117.57	??:07.3	(2)		(1)	
	Los Angeles 333 S. Hope (OWNR) 55th floor	34.053 118.252	(3)	4.7	083 Up 353	.03 .10 .07	1 peak
	Los Angeles 444 S. San Vicente (OWNR) Roof (12)	34.071 118.374	(3)	1.5	335 Up 245	.06 .03 .05	
	Los Angeles 600 S. Commonwealth Ave. (OWNR) 19th floor	34.063 118.284	(3)	4.8	028 Up 298	.04 .06 .04	
	Los Angeles 695 S. Vermont Blvd. (OWNR) 18th floor	34.060 118.290	(3)	4.7		(1)	
	Los Angeles 1526 N. Edgemont Ave. (OWNR) Roof (8)	34.098 118.294	(3)	4.1	090 Up 360	.21 .06 .13	5.0 3.7

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Earthquake	Station Name (Owner)	Coordinates (Lat. ° N Long. ° W)	Trigger time	S-minus trigger (s)	Direction (az)	Maximum amplitude (g)	Duration (s)
28 June 1991 (Sierra Madre earthquake, continued)	Los Angeles 1111 Sunset Blvd. (MWD)	34.067 118.248	(3)	(2)	,		
,	Basement				348	.05	
					Up	.03	
					258	.04	
	4th Floor				348	.06	
					Up	.04	
					258	.04	
	Roof (8th)				348	.05	
					Up	.10	1 peak
					258	.07	
	Los Angeles 1100 Wilshire Blvd. (JCG/USGS)	34.052 118.263	(3)	4.4			
	Basement 3 NE				298	.07	
					Up	.04	
					208	.05	
	Basement 3 SE				298	.05	
					Up	.03	
					208	.05	
	Basement 4 NW				298	.04	
					Up	.02	
					208	.05	
	Structure Array:						
	Ch. 1- 12th Floor, N				298	.07	
	Ch. 2- 12th Floor, N				208	.12	1 peak
	Ch. 3- 12th Floor, S				208	.05	
	Ch. 4- 13th Floor, N				298	.08	
	Ch. 5- 13th Floor, N				208	.13	0.8
	Ch. 6- 13th Floor, S				208	.05	
	Ch. 7- 32nd Floor, N				298	.07	5.4
	Ch. 8- 32nd Floor, N Ch. 9- 32nd Floor, S				208 208	.11 .04	5.4
	Ch. 10- Ground Floo				298	.04	
	Ch. 11- Ground Floo				208	.06	
	Ch. 12- Ground Floo				208	.07	
	Los Angeles 2055 Avenue of the Stars (OWNR) 31st floor	34.056 118.413	(3)	4.6		(1)	

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Earthquake	Station Name (Owner)	Coordinates (Lat. ° N Long. ° W)	Trigger time	S-minus trigger (s)	Direction (az)	Maximum amplitude (g)	Duration (s)
28 June 1991 (Sierra Madre earthquake, continued)	Los Angeles 2029 Century Park East (OWNR) 43rd floor	34.059 118.413	(3)	(2)		(1)	
continueu	Los Angeles 2049 Century Park East (OWNR) 43rd floor	34.058 118.412	(3)	1.7		(1)	
	Los Angeles 5250 Century Blvd. (OWNR) Roof (8)	33.945 118.372	(3)	3.2		(1)	
	Los Angeles 10550 Wilshire Blvd. (OWNR) 14th floor	34.063 118.431	(3)	(2)		(1)	
	Los Angeles 10601 Wilshire Blvd. (OWNR) 21st floor	34.062 118.433	(3)	(2)		(1)	
	Los Angeles 10660 Wilshire Blvd. (OWNR) 19th floor	34.061 118.434	(3)	0.7	160 Up 070	.06 .04 .10	 1 peak
	Los Angeles 12121 Wilshire Blvd. (OWNR) 15th floor	34.044 118.467	(3)	(2)		(1)	
	Los Angeles 19191 S. Vermont (OWNR) Roof (11)	33.855 118.291	(3)	4.5		(1)	
	Los Angeles Bulk Mail Facility (USGS)	33.996 118.162	(3)	4.8	360 Up 270	.09 .04 .09	
	Los Angeles Griffith Park (USGS)	34.118 118.299	(3)	(2)	360 Up 270	.04 .04 .06	
	Los Angeles Sepulveda Canyon (MWD)	34.097 118.478	(3)	(2)		(1)	
	Los Angeles 1955 Purdue Avenue (USGS)	34.040 118.445	(3)	(2)	235 Up 145	.06 .01 .05	
	Los Angeles 4929 Wilshire Blvd. (OWNR) Roof (11)	34.063 118.337	(3)	5.4	180 Up 090	.13 .10 .13	6.3 0.2 0.7

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Earthquake	Station Name (Owner)	Coordinates (Lat. ° N Long. ° W)	Trigger time	S-minus trigger (s)	Direction (az)	Maximum amplitude (g)	Duration (s)
28 June 1991 (Sierra Madre earthquake, continued)	Monterey Park 2580 Corporate Place (USGS)	34.044 118.163	(3)	(2)			
	SMA-1 Accelerograph (Analog)				180 Up 090	.15 .13 .29	0.7 0.4 1.2
	SSA-1 Accelerograph (Digital)				360 Up 090	.13 .12 .30	
	Morris Dam (MWD)	34.173 117.879	(3)	1.9			
	Left Abutment				245 Up 155	.07 .08 .06	
	Newport Beach 840 Newport Center Dr. (USGS)	33.618 117.878	(3)	7.1			
	Structure Array: Ch. 1- Tower 2, Level Ch. 2- Tower 2, Level Ch. 3- Tower 2, Level	1, Center 1, Center			360 Up 090	.05 .01 .04	
	Ch. 4- Tower 2, Level Ch. 5- Tower 2, Level Ch. 6- Tower 2, Level Ch. 7- Tower 2, Level Ch. 8- Tower 2, Level	2, Center 2, Center 9, South 10, Center			360 090 090	Inoperativ .07 .08 .03 Inoperativ	 e
	Ch. 9- Tower 2, Level Ch. 10- Tower 1, Leve Ch. 11- Tower 1, Leve Ch. 12- Tower 1, Leve	l 9, East l 10, Center			360 270 360	Inoperativ .02 .05 .05	e
	Norwalk 12400 Imperial Highway (USGS/BECH)	33.916 118.067	(3)	(2)			
	North Ground Site					(1)	
	South Ground Site					(1)	
	Norwalk 12440 Imperial Highway (USGS/BECH)	33.917 118.066	(4)	(2)			
	North Site					(1)	

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Earthquake	Station Name (Owner)	Coordinates (Lat. ° N Long. ° W)	time	S-minus trigger (s)	Direction (az)	Maximum amplitude (g)	Duration (s)
28 June 1991 (Sierra Madre	South Site					(1)	
earthquake, continued)	Basement		(1)				
	Structure Array 1:						
	Ch. 1- 9th Level (Roo	f) Bldg. Cente	er		090	.08	
	Ch. 2- 6th Level, Bldg	g. Center			090	.04	
	Ch. 3- 3rd Level, Bldg	g. Center			090	.03	
	Ch. 4- 2nd Level, Bld	g. Center			090	.02	
	Ch. 5- 1st Level (Base	ment), East E	nd		180	.02	
	Ch. 6- 6th Level, Bld	g. West-Cente	er		180	.05	
	Ch. 7- 1st Level (Base	ement), Bldg.	Center		Up	.01	
	Ch. 8- 1st Level (Base	ement), Bldg.	Center		_	Inoperativ	_' e
	Ch. 9- 1st level (Base	ment), Bldg. (Center		180	.01	
	Ch. 10- Downhole (30					Inoperativ	re .
	Ch. 11- Downhole (30				090	.01	
	Ch. 12- Downhole (30				180	.01	
	Structure Array 2:						
	Ch. 13- 9th Level (Ro				180	.07	
	Ch. 14- 6th Level, Eas				180	.05	
	Ch. 15- 3rd Level, Eas				180 180	.02 .01	
		Ch. 16- 2nd Level, East End					
	Ch. 17- 9th Level (Roof), Bldg. Center					.07	
	Ch. 18- 6th Level, Bldg. Center					.05	
	Ch. 19- 3rd Level, Blo		180	.03			
	Ch. 20- 2nd Level, Blo				180	.02	
	Ch. 21- 9th Level (Ro				180	.06	
	Ch. 22- 6th Level, We				180	.04	
	Ch. 23- 3rd Level, We				180	.02	
	Ch. 24- 2nd Level, We	est End			180	.02	
	Palmdale Fire Station (USGS)	34.58 118.10	(3)	(2)		(1)	
	Paradise Springs Camp (USGS)	34.40 117.80	(3)	(2)		(1)	
	Prado Dam Corona (ACOE)	33.888 117.640	(3)	5.5			
	Downstream						
						(1)	
	Riverside Santa Ana River Bridge (MWD/USGS)						
	North Abutment Recorder Building					(1)	

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Earthquake	Station Name (Owner)	Coordinates (Lat. ° N Long. ° W)	Trigger time	S-minus trigger (s)	Direction (az)	Maximum amplitude (g)	Duration (s)
28 June 1991 (Sierra Madre earthquake,	Structure Array: Ch. 1- 12					(1)	
continued)	San Antonio Dam Upland (ACOE)	34.157 117.676	(3)	3.2			
	Crest				090 Up 360	.11 .07 .23	1 peak 2.2
	Downstream				090 Up 360	.04 .04 .06	
	San Bernardino Array Valley College (USGS)	34.086 117.309	(3)	(2)		(1)	
	San Joaquin Reservoir (MWD)	33.620 117.842	(3)	(2)			
	Left Abutment					(1)	
	Crest				087 Up 357	.05 .02 .05	
	Valyermo Forest Station Ground Level (USGS)	34.44 117.85	(3)	2.3	300 Up 210	.05 .05 .05	
	Weymouth Filter Plant La Verne (MWD)	34.114 117.778	(3)	3.3			
	Bldg., Ground Level				015 Up 285	.05 .04 .04	
	Water Tank, Top				015 Up 285	.11 .09 .12	1 peak 3.7
	Whittier 7215 Bright Avenue (USGS)	33.977 118.036	(3)	(2)			
	Basement					(1)	

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Earthquake	Station Name (Owner)	Coordinates (Lat. ° N Long. ° W)	Trigger time	S-minus trigger (s)	Direction (az)	Maximum amplitude (g)	Duration (s)
28 June 1991 (Sierra Madre	5th Floor					(1)	
earthquake,	10th Floor				180	.05	
continued)					Up	.03	
					090	.04	
	Los Angeles	34.106	(3)	3.8	360	.06	
	2005 N. Highland Ave.	118.336			Up	.03	
	(OWNR) Roof (8)				270	.07	
	Wrightwood Post Office	34.360	(3)	1.3	360	.05	
	(USGS)	117.629			Up	.04	
					270	.05	
	Whittier Narrows Dam Pico Rivera (ACOE)	34.020 118.053	(3)	3.7			
	Crest				120	.06	
					Up	.05	
					030	.06	
	Upstream				120	.05	
	•				Up	.09	
					030	.05	
17 August 1991	Eel River Valley Array	40.498	29:50.6	(2)	360	.05	
1929:40.0 G.m.t. Northern Calif. 40.235N, 124.348W	Bunker Hill FAA (USGS)	124.294			Up 270	.02 .05	
Magnitude 6.0 ML	Eel River Valley Array Butler Valley Station 2 (USGS)	40.78 123.88	30:05.6	(2)		(1)	
	Eel River Valley Array Centerville Beach (USGS)	40.563 124.348	(3)	(2)		(1)	
	Eel River Valley Array College of the Redwoods (USGS)	40.699 124.200	(4)	(2)		(1)	
	Eel River Valley Array Ferndale Fire Station (USGS)	40.58 124.26	(4)	(2)	360 Up 270	.11 .03 .08	1 peak
	Eel River Valley Array Fortuna Fire Station (USGS)	40.599 124.154	(4)	5.5	360 Up 270	.07 .03 .07	

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Earthquake	Station Name (Owner)	Coordinates (Lat. ° N Long. ° W)	Trigger time	S-minus trigger (s)	Direction (az)	Maximum amplitude (g)	Duration (s)
17 August 1991 1929:40.0 G.m.t. Northern Calif. 40.235N, 124.348W Magnitude 6.0 ML (Continued)	Eel River Valley Array Loleta Fire Station (USGS)	40.644 124.219	(4)	6.2	360 Up 270	.06 .04 .05	
	Eel River Valley Array South Bay Union School (USGS)	40.735 124.207	(3)	(2)		(1)	
12 September 1991 0810:02.6 G.m.t. Central Calif. 37.172N, 122.095W Magnitude 3.4 ML	Los Gatos Los Altos Rod and Gun Club (USGS)	37.239 122.106	(4)	2.0		(1)	
11 November 1991 0453:27.0G.m.t. Central Calif. 35.680N, 118.430W Magnitude 4.0 ML	Isabella Dam (ACOE)						
	Main Dam	35.645 118.480	(4)	(2)			
	Right Crest					(1)	
	Left Crest					(1)	
	Mid-dam					(1)	
	Auxiliary Dam	35.642 118.470	(4)	(2)			
	Right Abutment					(1)	
17 November 1991 2200:19.0 G.m.t. Northern Calif. 40.370N, 124.172W Magnitude 3.7 ML	Eel River Valley Array Fortuna Fire Station (USGS)	40.599 124.154	(4)	5.5		(1)	
28 September 1990 6 December 1991 Hawaii Epicenter and magnitude unknown	Pahala, Hawaii Kau Hospital (USGS)	19.20 155.47	(3)	1.2		(1)	
9 December 1991 2314:30.4 G.m.t. Hawaii 18.835N, 155.849W Magnitude 5.2 ML	Honomalino, Hawaii (USGS)	19.169 155.868	(4)	(2)	360 Up 270	.07 .02 .07	
	Mauna Loa, Hawaii Observatory (USGS)	19.539 155.580	(4)	(2)		(1)	

Table 1. National Strong-Motion Program Accelerograph Records Recovered During 1991—Continued

Earthquake	Station Name (Owner)	Coordinates (Lat. ° N Long. ° W)	Trigger time	S-minus trigger (s)	Direction Maximum Duration (az) amplitude (s) (g)
9 December 1991 2314:30.4 G.m.t. Hawaii 18.835N, 155.849W	Waiohinu, Hawaii Kau Baseyard (USGS)	19.070 155.615	(4)	(2)	(1)
Magnitude 5.2 ML (Continued)	Waimea, Hawaii Fire Station (USGS)	20.026 155.664	(4)	(2)	(1)
	Pahala, Hawaii Kau Hospital (USGS)	19.20 155.47	(4)	(2)	(1)

 $^{^{1}}$ Less than 0.05 g at ground-level or less than 0.10 g at non-ground-level stations. 2 Questionable or indeterminable.

³ WWVB time code illegible, or instrument not equipped with a radio receiver; correlation of accelerogram with event may be questionable or identity of event unknown.

⁴ Contains internal clock for event correlation only; accuracy is widely variable.