



**Explanation**

Contour intervals, %g

- 200 —
- 150 —
- 125 —
- 100 —
- 75 —
- 60 —
- 50 —
- 40 —
- 30 —
- 25 —
- 20 —
- 15 —
- 10 —
- 8 —
- 6 —
- 4 —
- 2 —
- 0 —

Note: contours are irregularly spaced

- Areas with a constant spectral response acceleration of 60%g
- Point value of spectral response acceleration expressed as a percent of gravity
- Contours of spectral response acceleration expressed as a percent of gravity. Hachures point in direction of decreasing values.
- Locations of faults (see DISCUSSION). The number on the fault is the median spectral response acceleration times 1.5, expressed as a percent of gravity.
- - - International boundary
- State boundary
- County boundary

**DISCUSSION**

The acceleration values contoured are the random horizontal component. For design purposes, the reference site condition for the map is to be taken as NEHRP site class B.

A line shown as a fault location is the projection to the earth's surface of the edge of the fault rupture area located closest to the earth's surface. The fault location is shown as solid and/or dashed. The fault is shown solid when deterministic values control over probabilistic values and dashed when probabilistic values control over deterministic values. The number on the fault is the deterministic median spectral response acceleration times 1.5. The values on the fault portion shown solid may be used for interpolation purposes. When the fault is shown dashed it is for the purpose of information only and should not be used for interpolation.

Selected contours near faults have been deleted for clarity. In these instances, interpolation may be done using fault values and the nearest adjacent contour. Regional maps should be used when additional detail is required.

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**MAP 2**  
**Maximum Considered Earthquake Ground Motion**  
**for the United States**  
 of  
**1.0 sec Spectral Response Acceleration (5% of Critical Damping)**  
**Site Class B**