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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/ev/>

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MAP H - HORIZONTAL SPECTRAL RESPONSE ACCELERATION FOR 0.3 SECOND PERIOD (5% OF CRITICAL DAMPING)
WITH 5% PROBABILITY OF EXCEEDANCE IN 50 YEARS**

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