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The objective of this study was to produce guidelines for assessing the importance of defects on the drilled shaft capacity in different soils and also priority for remediation effort. The study included a literature search on earlier research, enhancement of a finite element code, PSI for use in this study, results of a comprehensive finite element analysis program with varying factors including defect location and sizes, soil types, and concrete strength. The following are the recommendations for the remediation guidelines:

- A proper construction quality monitoring program including sonic wave survey, tomographic imaging, and temperature, moisture, and density measurements are recommended for all critical drilled shafts,
- Once defects are located remediation measures must be implemented to fill the defect voids with concrete,
- If prioritization is necessary in fixing the defects, the shallow, non-concentric defects must receive first attention because of its experience of a higher pile loads than a deeper defects,
- The effects of soil types and strengths must be properly assessed from the pile load transfer and structural capacity curves to assess the critical nature of a defect(s).

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