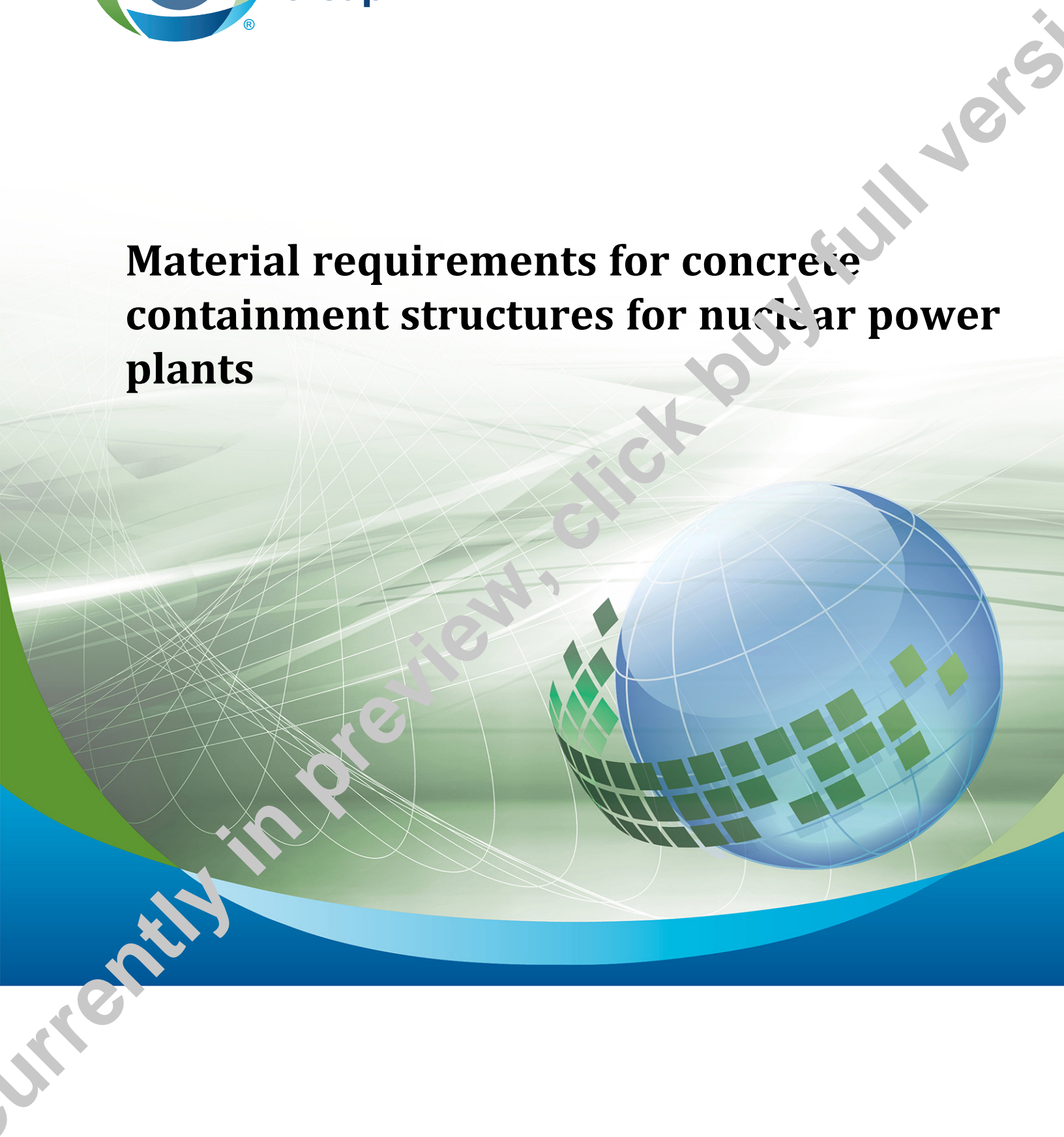




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# Preface

This is the sixth edition of CSA N287.2, *Material requirements for concrete containment structures for nuclear power plants*. It supersedes the previous editions published in 2008, 1991, 1982, 1977, and 1976 under the title *Material requirements for concrete containment structures for CANDU nuclear power plants*. It reflects Canadian regulatory requirements, operating experience of the Canadian nuclear industry, and international practices. The standard was originally written for CANDU reactors but can be used for other concrete containment structures as applicable. The title has been changed to reflect this.

There have been many technical, editorial, and formatting changes throughout this edition; the most significant changes are as follows:

- Terminology has been clarified by modifying definitions to align with common definitions and other nuclear standards.
- Requirements for the concrete and cement have been modified.
- Testing requirements for non-metallic liner systems, coating systems, and joint sealant applied to the inner and outer surface of containment boundary have been modified.
- Requirements for anchors bolt testing have been revised.

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This Standard provides requirements for materials used for concrete containment structures. This Standard is part of N287 Series of Standard, which provide the requirements for concrete containment structures for nuclear power plants. These Standards were initiated in response to the recognition by the utilities and industries concerned with nuclear structures in Canada of a need for standards applicable to the design, construction, and testing of concrete containment structures for nuclear power plants.

The CSA N-Series Standards provide an interlinked set of requirements for the management of nuclear facilities and activities. CSA N286 provides overall direction to management to develop and implement sound management practices and controls, while the other CSA Group nuclear Standards provide technical requirements and guidance that support the management system. This standard works in harmony with CSA N286 and does not duplicate the generic requirements of CSA N286; however, it might provide more specific direction for those requirements.

The CSA N287 Series of Standards consists of eight Standards. The objectives of each Standard are summarized as follows:

- CSA N287.1, *General requirements for concrete containment structures for nuclear power plants*, specifies general requirements for the design, construction, testing, commissioning, and in-service examination and testing of concrete containment structures for nuclear power plants and is directed to the owners, designers, manufacturers, fabricators, and constructors;
- CSA N287.2, *Material requirements for concrete containment structures for nuclear power plants*, specifies requirements for materials used for concrete containment structures;
- CSA N287.3, *Design requirements for concrete containment structures for nuclear power plants*, specifies requirements for the design of concrete containment structures;
- CSA N287.4, *Construction, fabrication, and installation requirements for concrete containment structures for CANDU nuclear power plants*, specifies construction, fabrication, and installation requirements for concrete containment structures for CANDU nuclear power plants;
- CSA N287.5, *Examination and testing requirements for concrete containment structures for nuclear power plants*, specifies examination and testing requirements that apply to the work of any

organization participating in the construction, fabrication, or installation of concrete containment structures for nuclear power plants;

- CSA N287.6, *Pre-operational proof and leakage rate testing requirements for concrete containment structures for nuclear power plants*, specifies requirements for proof by demonstration, before first criticality, that the design and construction of a concrete containment structure are satisfactory with respect to quality and performance as demonstrated by achieving the specified requirements of CSA N287.6 including commissioning leakage rate target;
- CSA N287.7, *In-service examination and testing requirements for concrete containment structures for nuclear power plants*, specifies uniform requirements whereby, through systematic and periodic examination, the structural and leak-tight integrity of concrete containment structures can be assessed as demonstrated by achieving the specified requirements of CSA N287.7 including the operational leakage rate target; and
- CSA N287.8, *Aging management for concrete containment structures for nuclear power plants*, provides aging management requirements for concrete containment structures for nuclear power plants and is directed to the owners/operators, designers, manufacturers, fabricators, and constructors.

Users of this Standard are reminded that the design, manufacture, construction, commissioning, operation, and decommissioning of nuclear facilities in Canada are subject to the provisions of the *Nuclear Safety Control Act* and its Regulations. Additional requirements to those specified in this Standard could be imposed by the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission.

This Standard was prepared by the Subcommittee on Material Requirements for Concrete Containment Structures for Nuclear Power Plants, under the jurisdiction of the Technical Committee on Concrete Containment and Safety Related Structures for Nuclear Power Plants and the Strategic Steering Committee on Nuclear Standards, and has been formally approved by the Technical Committee.

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## ***Material requirements for concrete containment structures for nuclear power plants***

### **1 Scope**

#### **1.1**

This Standard provides requirements for the materials used for concrete containment structures, which include, but are not limited to, the following structural and non-structural elements:

- a) concrete;
- b) reinforcement (pre-stressed and non-pre-stressed);
- c) steel (e.g., liner, embedded parts, anchors);
- d) non-metallic liners and coating systems; and
- e) joint sealants.

**Note:** For material requirements for safety-related structures, refer to CSA N291.

#### **1.2**

This Standard is applicable to existing and new nuclear power plants. It is not the intent that the requirements of this Standard be applied retroactively to existing nuclear power plants, unless as agreed to by the AHJ.

#### **1.3**

This Standard is used in concert with the following standards, as applicable:

- a) CSA N287.1, which outlines general requirements for concrete containment structures for nuclear power plants; and
- b) CSA N287.8, which outlines aging management requirements for concrete containment structures for nuclear power plants.

#### **1.4**

In this Standard, “shall” is used to express a requirement, i.e., a provision that the user is obliged to satisfy in order to comply with the Standard; “should” is used to express a recommendation or that which is advised but not required; and “may” is used to express an option or that which is permissible within the limits of the Standard.

Notes accompanying clauses do not include requirements or alternative requirements; the purpose of a note accompanying a clause is to separate from the text explanatory or informative material.

Notes to tables and figures are considered part of the table or figure and may be written as requirements.

Annexes are designated normative (mandatory) or informative (non-mandatory) to define their application.

## 1.5

In this Standard, “shall be considered” or “shall consider” means that the user evaluates the impact and documents any decisions.

**Note:** *Examples can include no action, operating procedures, or design features.*

## 2 Reference publications

This Standard refers to the following publications, and where such reference is made, it shall be to the edition listed below, including all amendments published thereto.

### CSA Group

A23.1-14/A23.2-14

*Concrete materials and methods of concrete construction/Test methods and standard practices for concrete*

A23.3-14

*Design of concrete structures*

A23.4-16

*Precast concrete — Materials and construction*

A283-06 (R2016)

*Qualification code for concrete testing laboratories*

CAN/CSA-A3000-13

*Cementitious materials compendium*

CAN/CSA-A3001-13

*Cementitious materials for use in concrete*

G30.18-09 (R2014)

*Carbon steel bars for concrete reinforcement*

G40.20-13/G40.21-13

*General requirements for rolled or welded structural quality steel/Structural quality steel*

N285.0-12/N285.6 Series-12

*General requirements for pressure-retaining systems and components in CANDU nuclear power plants/  
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