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- A10.4 Personnel Hoists and Employee Elevators
- A10.5 Material Hoists
- A10.6 Demolition Operations
- A10.7 Use, Storage, Handling and Site Movement of Commercial Explosives and Blasting Agents
- A10.8 Scaffolding
- A10.9 Concrete and Masonry Construction
- A10.10 Temporary and Portable Space Heating Devices
- A10.11 Personnel Nets
- A10.12 Excavation
- A10.13 Steel Erection
- A10.15 Dredging
- A10.16 Tunnels, Shafts and Caissons
- A10.17 Safe Operating Practices for Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) Construction
- A10.18 Temporary Roof and Floor Holes, Wall Openings, Stairways and Other Unprotected Edges
- A10.19 Pile Installation and Extraction Operations
- A10.20 Ceramic Tile, Terrazzo and Marble Work
- A10.21 Safe Construction and Demolition of Wind Generation/Turbine Facilities
- A10.22 Rope-Guided and Non-Guided Workers' Hoists
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- A10.24 Roofing – Safety Requirements for Low-Sloped Roofs
- A10.25 Sanitation in Construction
- A10.26 Emergency Procedures for Construction Sites
- A10.27 Hot Mix Asphalt Facilities
- A10.28 Work Platforms Suspended from Cranes or Derricks
- A10.29 Pre-Planning, Installation, Inspection and Use of Fall Protection for Construction and Demolition (under development)
- A10.30 Installation of Anchors and Micropiles
- A10.31 Digger-Derricks
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- A10.38 Basic Elements of a Program to Provide a Safe and Healthful Work Environment
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- A10.47 Highway Construction Safety
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- A10.49 Control of Health Hazards

- A10.50 Heat Stress Management in Construction and Demolition Operations (under development)
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- A10.102 Emerging Technology in Construction (under development)
- A10.103 Lagging and Leading Indicators Used in Construction (under development)
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## AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARD A10.34 PROTECTION OF THE PUBLIC ON OR ADJACENT TO CONSTRUCTION SITES

### 1. General

#### 1.1 Scope

This standard provides the required elements and activities on construction and demolition projects to protect the public.

#### 1.2 Purpose

This standard is intended for use as a system to protect the public.

#### 1.3 Responsibility

The project constructor shall implement this standard based on the specific size and location of the project and degree of potential hazards to the public.

**1.3.1** Whenever the project constructor or other responsible party (agent) delegates their responsibility, they are not relieved of accountability for oversight (of the activities that were delegated). If the project constructor or its agent becomes aware of a situation where an entity that has been delegated responsibility fails to or cannot perform the delegated responsibility adequately, then the project constructor or its agent shall be responsible for correction of the deficiency.

### 2. Definitions

**Agent.** A designated person or company who is assigned and accepts the specified contractual responsibility of another party.

**Ambient Noise.** Any noise generated in the surroundings and is not a result of the construction operation.

**Authority.** Any administrative body or governmental division or agency that establishes or is authorized to establish regulations, procedures, laws or other controls applicable to a jobsite, project or protection of the public.

**Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ).** The governmental agency, office or individual responsible for approving equipment, an installation or a procedure.

**Construction Project (also Project).** Any activity involving construction, alteration, maintenance, repair, or demolition work, as described by the project documents.

**Contractor.** The individual, firm or corporation undertaking the execution of the construction work under the terms of the contract and acting directly or through its agents or employees.

**Engineer.** A licensed/registered professional engineer with the expertise in the discipline applicable to the scope of work.

**Hazard.** The potential or inherent characteristics of an activity, condition or circumstance that has the potential to cause death, injury, illness, equipment or property damage.

**Owner.** The public body, authority, corporation, association, firm or person for whom work is to be performed.

**Process Water.** Any water supplied or drawn from onsite sources (hydrants, water trucks, etc.) for use during work activities.