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SECTION 7

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07.A General. Proper illumination of work spaces, project sites, roadways and vessels is imperative to a safe working environment. It is of significant importance in safe vehicular operation and the prevention of slips and falls. The lighting standards provided in this section are minimal standards. This section is applicable to both contractor and government operations.

07.A.01 A review of the lighting requirements for specific tasks or operations shall be evaluated as part of the activity hazard analysis (AHA).

07.A.02 Lamps and fixtures will be guarded and secured to preclude injury to personnel. Open fluorescent fixtures will be provided with wire guards, lenses, tube guards and locks, or safety sockets that require force in the horizontal axis to remove the lamp.

07.A.03 Lamps for general illumination shall be protected from accidental contact or breakage.

a. Protection shall be provided by elevation of at least 7 ft (2.1 m) from normal working surface, suitable fixture or lamp holder with a guard.

b. Fixtures may be no closer than 18 in (0.5 m) to overhead sprinkler systems, if the building is so equipped, per NFPA Standards.

c. Open fluorescent fixtures will be provided with wire guards, lenses, tube guards or other means to prevent damage to the bulb.

07.A.04 Generator-powered portable lighting units shall be grounded in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. In addition, a survey of the area to be lighted will be conducted and documented to ensure overhead power lines do not pose a hazard.

07.A.05 For temporary lighting, see Section 11.E.06.

07.B Lighting Levels.

07.B.01 While work is in progress, offices, facilities, accessways, working areas, construction roads, etc., shall be lighted by at least the minimum light intensities specified in Table 7-1. Illumination readings shall be taken and recorded whenever proper lighting of an area is in question. A calibrated light meter shall be provided, maintained and used as necessary to provide illumination readings.

07.B.02 Office lighting shall be a minimum of 50 foot-candles (lm/ft^2) or 540 luminance (lx) at the working surface, in accordance with the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America (IESNA) Handbook, RP-1. In office areas, attention shall be paid to the control of glare.

07.B.03 Roadway lighting shall be in accordance with IESNA RP-8.

07.B.04 Marine lighting shall be in accordance with American Bureau of Shipping, Guide for Crew Habitability on Ships.

07.B.05 Means of egress.

a. Means of egress shall be illuminated, with emergency and non-emergency lighting, to provide a minimum of $5 \text{ lm}/\text{ft}^2$, (55 lx), measured at the floor. > Reference IESNA Handbook.

b. The illumination shall be arranged so that the failure of any single lighting unit, including the burning out of an electric bulb, will not leave any area darkened to the point of impeding the means of egress.

07.B.06 If work is to be performed at night, a night operations lighting plan shall be developed to ensure that all activities, areas and operations are adequately illuminated to perform work safely. On-task lighting shall be in conformance with Table 7-1. Lighting near roadways and other public transportation areas shall be positioned as to avoid creating a glare hazard.

TABLE 7-1
Minimum Lighting Requirements

Facility or Function	Lux	Foot-candles (lm/ft ²)
Accessways		
- general indoor	55	5
- general outdoor	33	3
- exitways, walkways, ladders, stairs	110	10
Administrative areas (offices, drafting and meeting rooms, etc.)	540	50
Chemical laboratories	540	50
Construction areas		
- general indoor	55	5
- general outdoor	33	3
- tunnels and general underground work areas (min 110 lux required at tunnel/shaft heading during drilling, mucking, and scaling)	55	5
Conveyor routes	110	10
<u>Dam Operating Areas (Interior)</u>		
-Tunnels and underground work areas	<u>55</u>	<u>5</u>
-Control Stations	<u>150</u>	<u>15</u>
Docks and loading platforms	33	3
Elevators, freight and passenger	<u>50</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Temporary Electrical Panels (Interior)</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>30</u>
<u>Temporary Electrical Panels (Exterior)</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>10</u>
First-aid stations and infirmaries	<u>300</u>	30
Maintenance/operating areas/shops		
- vehicle maintenance shop	300	30
- carpentry shop	110	10
- refueling area, outdoors	55	5
- shops, fine - medium detail work	540-325	50-30
- welding shop	<u>300</u>	30
Mechanical/electrical equipment rooms	110	10
Outdoor parking areas	33	3
Toilets, wash, and dressing rooms	110	10
Visitor areas	215	20
Warehouses and storage rooms/areas		
- indoor rack storage	270	25
- outdoor storage	33	3
Work areas – general (not listed above)	325	30

STUDY QUESTION

1. Means of egress shall be illuminated, with emergency and non-emergency lighting, to provide a minimum of _____ measured at the floor.
 - a. 0.5 footcandles
 - b. 1 footcandle
 - c. 5 footcandles
 - d. 10 footcandles

2. Illumination shall be arranged so that the failure of any single lighting unit, including the burning out of an electric bulb, will not leave any area darkened to the point of impeding the means of egress.
 - a. True
 - b. False

3. Lamps for general illumination shall be protected from accidental contact or breakage. Protection shall be provided by elevation of at least _____ (2.1 m) from normal working surface, suitable fixture or lamp holder with a guard.
 - a. 5 ft
 - b. 7 ft
 - c. 11 ft
 - d. 15 ft

4. Lighting fixtures may be no closer than _____ to overhead sprinkler systems, if the building is so equipped, per NFPA Standards.
 - a. 8 in (0.2 m)
 - b. 10 in (0.25 m)
 - c. 12 in (0.3 m)
 - d. 18 in (0.5 m)

5. Lighting near roadways and other public transportation areas shall be _____.
- a. blocked to prevent over-illumination
 - b. positioned as to avoid creating a glare hazard
 - c. located to illuminate only areas under construction
 - d. covered to prevent confusing shadows