Vertical Irregularity

Type of Irregularity	Choices in Lookup Table (pull down menu)	Low (minor)	Minimum Cutoff for Moderate	Moderate (yes)	Minimum Cutoff for High	High
Soft Story	Soft Story		Stiffness of one story is dramatically less than most of the other stories (FEMA 154).			
Elevation Setback	Step in Elevation View: Single Change, 2 to 3 Changes, Very Irregular Changes: (adjacent building/entity)		Horizontal distance of setback is greater than 30% of horizontal distance of adjacent story (IBC 2003).		Horizontal distance of setback is greater than 30% of horizontal distance of adjacent story (IBC 2003) AND height above setback is 2 or more stories.	
Vertical Lateral- Force-Resistance Element Displacement In Plane	Vertical Lateral-Force- Resistance Element Displacement In Plane		Horizontal offset distance is equal to or greater than the horizontal length of the vertical lateral-forceresistance element (IBC 2003).		Horizontal offset distance is equal to or greater than 2 times the horizontal length of the vertical lateral-force-resistance element.	
Sloped Site	Building On Hill or Sloped Site		Slope across building rises at least one story (FEMA 154).		Slope across building rises greater than 1.5 story.	
Sloped or Inclined Walls	Sloped or Inclined Walls		Walls have an out of plane slope greater than 1 foot per 3 stories AND less than 3 feet per 3 stories.		Walls have an out of plane slope greater than 1 foot per 1 story.	
Vertical Mass Irregularity	Vertical Mass Irregularity		Mass of story or object greater than 150% of adjacent story (IBC 2003).		Building 4 or more stories AND mass of story or object is greater than 150% of adjacent story.	
Cripple Wall	Cripple Wall		Building has cripple walls			
Short Columns	Short Columns		Lateral load-carrying columns which have an effective height substantially less than the full story or columns of mixed heights.			
Vertical Change in Structural Type	Vertical Change in Structural Type (stiff over stiff), (soft over stiff), (stiff over soft), (soft over soft)		Building has a vertical change in structural type.			

Plan Irregularity

Type of Irregularity	Choices in Lookup Table (pull down menu)	Low (minor)	Minimum Cutoff for Moderate	Moderate Minimum Cutoff for High (yes)	High
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Reentrant Corners	Reentrant Corners: L Shaped, T Shaped, U Shaped, E Shaped, H Shaped, Other: (adjacent building/entity)		Both projections (from the reentrant corner) are greater than 15% of the total length in that direction (IBC 2003).		
Large diaphragm openings or O	Large Diaphragm or Central Opening		Opening is greater than 50% of the gross enclosed area (IBC 2003).		
Shaped Torsion Based on Shape	Torsion: Building Shape		Building has less than or greater than 90 deg corners.		
·	Torsion: Eccentric Stiffness		e.g., doors or windows lateral force resistance element Eccentric stiffness. Primary Lateral- Force-Resistance Elements are at 90 deg and at least one is non- parallel (IE elements have a C shape or L shape).		
Lateral-Force- Resistance in One Direction Only	Lateral-Force-Resistance in One Direction Only		lateral force resistance element Lateral-Force-Resistance is only in one direction.		
Discontinuous Lateral-Force- Resistance Elements (Out of Plane Element)	Out of Plane Lateral-Force- Resistance Element		Lateral force resistance element Lateral-Force-Resistance Element is out of plane or has offsets.		
Nonparallel System	n Nonparallel System		lateral force resistence element Vertical Lateral-Force-Resistance Elements are not Parallel or symmetric to major axes of the lateral system.		