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Part 6:  
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## Introduction

With their extremely long period of use and large size compared with other industrial products, concrete structures undergo damage and deterioration during this period due to a variety of mechanical and environmental actions. Maintenance/remedial activities are therefore carried out during this period of use to maintain their functions and performances. Remedial activities can also be carried out to enhance their functions and performances to adapt to changes in the social circumstances. These activities cause environmental impacts, such as input of resources including repair materials and fuels, greenhouse gas emissions including CO<sub>2</sub>, and waste disposal including construction wastewater and concrete rubble. Therefore, environmental management related to maintenance/remedial activities during the period of use of concrete structures is necessary.

For a concrete building, the energy consumed during the period of its use is known to be greater than the energy consumed for activities such as the production of raw materials, production/transportation of concrete, and construction/demolition of the building. Energy consumption for air conditioning, lighting, etc., and the concomitant emission of greenhouse gas are particularly enormous. Though the ISO 13315 series does not directly cover energy efficiency of air conditioning and lighting equipment, it covers the case where reduction in the environmental impacts, such as reduction of energy consumption, is achieved by utilizing the properties of concrete. This include, for instance, mitigation of room temperature changes by the thermal mass property of concrete. It also includes the use of pervious concrete to suppress the heat island phenomenon, which reduces the energy consumption for air conditioning, with the concomitant reduction in the emission of greenhouse gas. On the other hand, hazardous substances can leach or radiate from concrete during the period of use of concrete structures. Therefore, appropriate management of such various environmental influences generated during the period of use of concrete structures is also necessary.

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# Environmental management for concrete and concrete structures —

## Part 6: Use of concrete structures

### 1 Scope

This document provides the principles and procedures of environmental management for maintenance/remedial activities of concrete structures, and environmental management during the operation of concrete structures.

When the environmental design of a concrete structure is to be carried out based on ISO 13315-4, this document provides detailed information on the design for its use stage.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 13315-1, *Environmental management for concrete and concrete structures — Part 1: General principles*

ISO 13315-2, *Environmental management for concrete and concrete structures — Part 2: System boundary and inventory data*

ISO 13315-4, *Environmental management for concrete and concrete structures — Part 4: Environmental design of concrete structures*

ISO 14040, *Environmental management — Life cycle assessment — Principles and framework*

ISO 14050, *Environmental management — Vocabulary*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 13315-1, ISO 13315-2, ISO 13315-4, ISO 14040 and ISO 14050 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

#### 3.1

##### **maintenance**

light work carried out to maintain the functions and performances of concrete and concrete structures

Note 1 to entry: Maintenance includes visual inspection on foot or by car and investigations for diagnosis.

**3.2 remedial activity**

construction work carried out to maintain or enhance the functions and performances of concrete and concrete structures

Note 1 to entry: Remedial activities include repair, rehabilitation, refurbishment, renewal, renovation, retrofitting, strengthening, and protection against corrosive agents.

**3.3 target remedial activity**

remedial activity (3.2) for which environmental consideration is given

**3.4 reference remedial activity**

conventional standard remedial activity (3.2) having the same purpose as the target remedial activity (3.3) to be used for comparison in environmental management related to remedial activity

**3.5 target concrete structure  
target structure**

concrete structure for which environmental consideration is given

**3.6 reference concrete structure  
reference structure**

standard (concrete) structure having the same structural and durability aspects as a target concrete structure (3.5) or an existing (concrete) structure prior to environmental improvement, to be used for comparison in environmental management related to operation of concrete structures

**4 Symbols**

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Symbols used in this document are as follows:

$P_{trem}(i)$	expected or attained environmental performance of the target remedial activity expressed as a function of indicator $i$ ;
$P_{trem}^e(i)$	expected environmental performance of the target remedial activity expressed as a function of indicator $i$ ;
$P_{trem}^a(i)$	attained environmental performance of the target remedial activity expressed as a function of indicator $i$ ;
$P_{rrem}(i)$	environmental performance of the reference remedial activity expressed as a function of indicator $i$ ;
$S_{rem}(i)$	environmental performance requirement of the remedial activity expressed as a function of indicator $i$ ;
$R_{trem}^a(i)$	reduction amount of environmental impact of the target remedial activity in comparison with the reference remedial activity;
$R_{trem}^r(i)$	reduction rate of environmental impact of the target remedial activity in comparison with the reference remedial activity;
$P_{tco}(i)$	expected or attained environmental performance of the target (concrete) structure during operation expressed as a function of indicator $i$ ;
$P_{tco}^e(i)$	expected environmental performance of the target (concrete) structure during operation expressed as a function of indicator $i$ ;



$P_{tco}^a(i)$	attained environmental performance of the target (concrete) structure during operation expressed as a function of indicator $i$ ;
$P_{rco}(i)$	environmental performance of the reference (concrete) structure expressed as a function of indicator $i$ ;
$S_{co}(i)$	environmental performance requirement of the (concrete) structure during operation expressed as a function of indicator $i$ ;
$R_{tco}^a(i)$	reduction amount of environmental impact of the target (concrete) structure during operation in comparison with the reference (concrete) structure;
$R_{tco}^r(i)$	reduction rate of environmental impact of the target (concrete) structure during operation in comparison with the reference (concrete) structure;
$R_{trem\_tco}^r(i)$	reduction rate of environmental impact in consideration of both remedial activity and operation of the structure.

## 5 Principles and procedures for environmental management related to maintenance/remedial activities of concrete structures

### 5.1 General

This clause provides the principles and procedures to appropriately carry out environmental management for maintenance works and various construction works related to remedial activities.

NOTE See ISO 16311-1 regarding general principles of maintenance and remedial activities.

### 5.2 Maintenance of concrete structures

Since environmental impacts due to maintenance works are generally small, environmental management can be simplified by either of the following methods:

- for maintenance works that are repeated on a routine basis, carry out environmental management by taking up a typical set of works and in consideration of the number of times and frequency;
- for maintenance works that scarcely generate environmental impacts, exclude these works from the subject of environmental management with clear documentation.

NOTE 1 Works that are repeated on a routine basis include, for instance, regular visual inspection by car.

NOTE 2 Works that scarcely generate environmental impacts include, for instance, routine looking-around on foot.

### 5.3 Remedial activities for concrete structures

#### 5.3.1 General

Environmental management of remedial activities shall be conducted appropriately in accordance with the following procedure:

- client briefing (see [5.3.2](#));
- setting of environmental performance requirements (see [5.3.3](#));
- design (see [5.3.4](#));
- estimation (see [5.3.5](#));

- e) verification (see [5.3.6](#));
- f) execution and related works (see [5.3.7](#));
- g) inspection (see [5.3.8](#));
- h) documentation (see [5.3.9](#)).

[Figure 1](#) shows the flow chart of the procedure.

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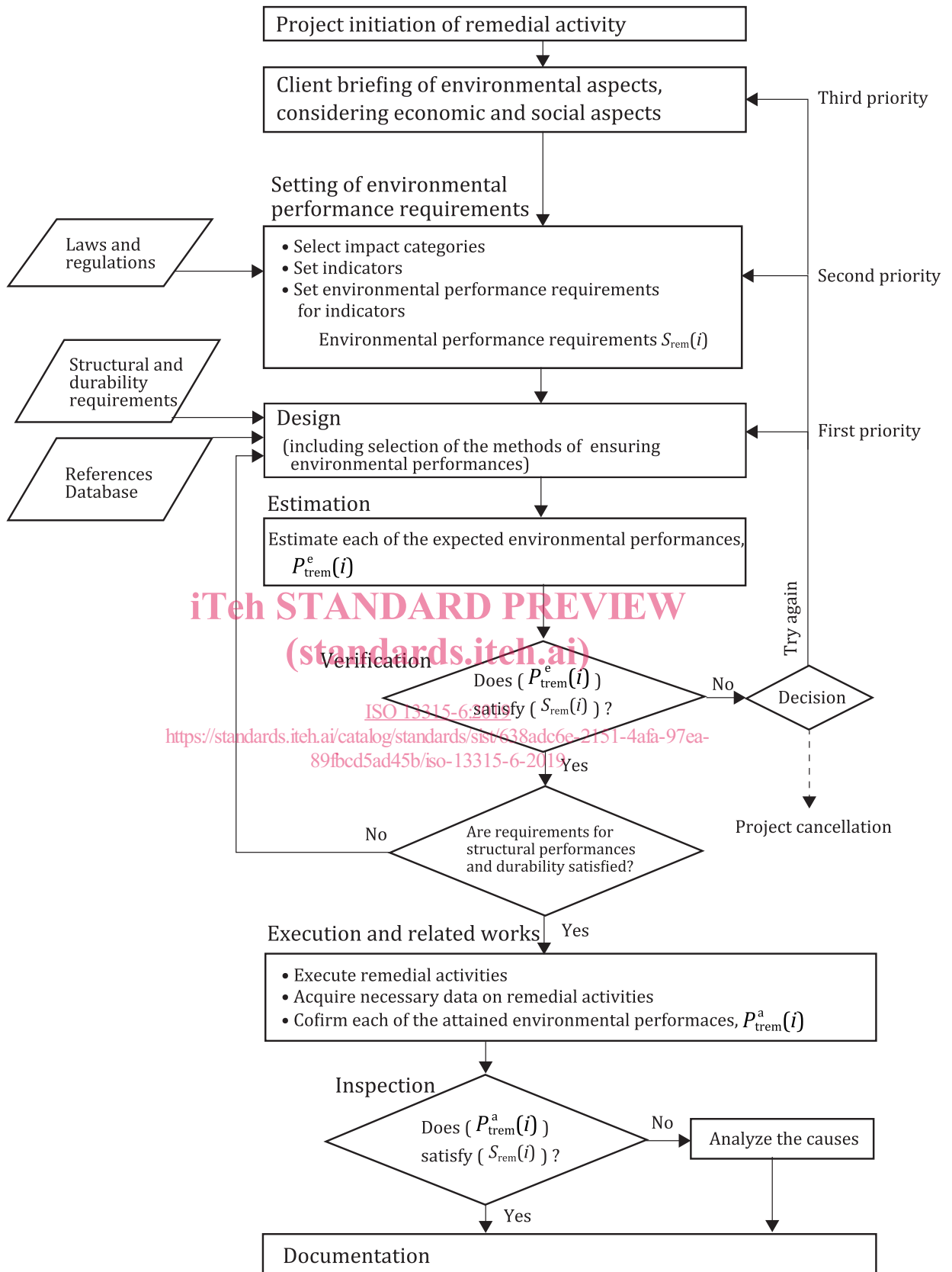


Figure 1 — Procedure for environmental management of remedial activities

### 5.3.2 Client briefing

A client brief shall be formulated regarding the environmental aspect required for the target remedial activities in consideration of the social and economic aspects.

NOTE See ISO 16311-2 regarding assessment of concrete structure.

### 5.3.3 Setting of environmental performance requirements

#### 5.3.3.1 Selection of impact categories

Based on the client brief, the impact categories to be considered shall be selected from among the following items:

- global climate change;
- natural resources use;
- stratospheric ozone level;
- land use/habitat alteration;
- eutrophication;
- acidification;
- air pollution;
- water pollution;
- soil contamination;
- pollution due to radioactive substances;
- impacts due to waste generation;
- noise/vibration;
- environmental impact improvement.

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NOTE ISO 14040 and ISO 14044 serve as references for selecting impact categories.

#### 5.3.3.2 Setting of indicators

Appropriate indicators shall be set for each category selected.

The reduction amount of environmental impact or the reduction rate of environmental impact of the target remedial activity in comparison with the reference remedial activity may be used as an indicator. The environmental performance of the reference remedial activity shall be appropriately estimated.

NOTE ISO 21929-1, ISO/TS 21929-2, ISO 21931-1 and [Annex A](#) serve as references for setting indicators.

#### 5.3.3.3 Setting of environmental performance requirements for indicators

An environmental performance requirement shall be set for each indicator.