5.7.3.4 CONTROL OF CRACKING BY DISTRIBUTION OF REINFORCEMENT

The exposure factor, $\gamma_e$, shall be defined as follows:

- **Class 1 Exposure**
  - $\gamma_e = 1.0$ kips/inch
  - Components exposed only to the effects of weather such as pier caps and columns.

- **Class 2 Exposure**
  - $\gamma_e = 0.75$ kips/inch
  - Components exposed to earth fill or submerged in water such as abutments, wings, and footings. Also Deck slabs not designed in accordance with Article 9.7.2.

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