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PREFACE

This initial edition of *Dry Dock Standard*, ASCE/COPRI 77-22, is intended to address a deficiency in commercial shipyards, specifically safety certification of drydocking facilities. The US Navy has a standard (MIL-STD-1625) for certifying facilities that drydock their ships. The US Coast Guard has a procedure (SFLC 8634) for certifying facilities that drydock their ships. However, there is no commercial standard for certifying dry docks. Many dry dock owners/operators obtain "commercial certifications" from third-party engineers; however, these certifications are not performed to a standard and are typically focused on the structural capacity.

The dry dock standard provides requirements for issuing a certification that encompasses the structural design, material condition, maintenance practices, and operating procedures. This standard is intended for use by dry dock owners, Dockmasters, dry dock maintenance engineers, engineers engaged in dry dock inspection and certification, ship owners, and port engineers.

There have been many dry dock accidents over the past two decades that are attributable to inadequate maintenance and inspections. The intent of this standard is to minimize the risk to personnel and the ships being drydocked. In addition, emphasis on maintenance and inspection will provide the insight for facility owners/operators to enable repairs before the catastrophic loss of their capital asset.

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