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Many revisions and enhancements have been made to the 2011 Building Code Requirements and Specification for Masonry Structures including:

- a recalibration of allowable stresses,
- the addition of provisions for infill masonry,
- a refinement of the quality assurance/special inspection provisions for masonry that includes references to relevant requirements for each inspection task.

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