Earthquake Bracing Requirements for Water Heaters

The purpose of this is to clarify what type of earthquake bracing is required for the installation of water heaters in the Municipality of Anchorage. The following is what Building Safety requires:

The Municipality of Anchorage requires the bracing assembly to be either approved by an approved testing agency or to be tested and approved by a third party testing agency. The test agency must perform the required testing for the assembly to meet the required seismic restraints of the Building Code and submit the test data output to the MOA Recognized Approval Agency for approval.

MOA RECOGNIZED APPROVAL AGENCY:

The bracing assembly must be approved by THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DIVISION OF THE STATE ARCHITECT (DSA), 400 P Street, 5th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814

Ron Thompson, Building Official
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