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PREFACE

Because of the many research interests among its faculty, the Center for Cold Regions Engineering, Science, and Technology (CREST) was formally established at the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1979. The areas of expertise of the participants at the Center cover a wide range of fields in engineering and in the natural sciences. Shortly after the formation of CREST, the first author joined the engineering school as a research associate, working with the second author on a cold region structural engineering research project. During 1979 we held extensive discussions and concluded that there is a lack of published material summarizing available information on structural design and construction in cold regions. This led to our collaborative effort to collect and review available information and to the publication of two summary reports, "Introduction to Ice Problems in Civil Engineering" and "Introduction to Cold Regions Structural Design and Construction," which formed the basis of this book.

The field of cold region engineering covers a wide range of topical areas; however, it is not possible to summarize all the information in a single volume. Therefore, we do not claim that this book is, in any way, all inclusive. We have concentrated our efforts on some of the cold region engineering areas that have relatively practical significance. Special attention has been given to alternative engineering solutions and practical approaches, including simple design formulas, graphs, and tables. The theoretical backgrounds of selected problem areas are also briefly discussed as introductions to the subjects.

Because cold region engineering is multidisciplinary and international in nature, we have attempted to include most of the relevant information from North America, Scandinavia, and, to the extent possible, the Soviet Union, in order to provide the reader with a relatively uniform view of

some of the most feasible approaches and solutions to cold region engineering problems.

Although much emphasis has been given to practical engineering approaches, this book can also be used as a reference book in cold region engineering courses. The list of references contained in this book is fairly extensive, and it should be useful for those interested in furthering their understanding of the current state of the art.

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Cold regions provide unique engineering challenges for developers. Many project sites are situated in remote locations, where overland access is difficult and dangerous. Vast distances often place severe limitations on the costs of bringing labour, equipment, and supplies to site, and on the cost of transporting the products to market. Harsh environments impose unique constraints on the design of projects in cold regions. Climatic concerns include extreme cold, wind chill, icing, reduced visibility due to blowing snow, extended darkness and heavy ground fogs. Water may be in short supply, as t Cold region Structural Engineering. Book Â· January 1986 with 204 Reads. Publisher: II.Â Because of the many research interests among its faculty, The Center for Cold Regions Engineering, Science, and Technology (CREST) was formally established at the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1979. the areas of expertise of the participants at the Center cover a wide range of fields in engineering and in the natural sciences. Shortly after the formation of CREST, the first author joined the engineering school as a research associate, working with the second author on a cold region structural engineering research project.