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Pursuant to Section 5 of the NFPA *Regulations Governing the Development of NFPA Standards*, the National Fire Protection Association has issued the following Tentative Interim Amendment to NFPA 70[®], *National Electrical Code[®]*, 2026 edition. The TIA was processed by the NEC Code-Making Panel 5, and the Correlating Committee on National Electrical Code, and was issued by the Standards Council on April 15, 2026, with an effective date of May 5, 2026.

1. Revise section 270.50 to read as follows:

270.50 Grounding Electrode Systems. All grounding electrodes as described in 270.52(A)(1) through ~~270.52(A)(8)~~ 270.52(A)(7) that are present at each building or structure served shall be bonded together to form the grounding electrode system. If none of these grounding electrodes exist, one or more of the grounding electrodes specified in 270.52(A)(4) through 270.52(A)(8) shall be installed and used.

Exception: Concrete-encased electrodes of existing buildings or structures shall not be required to be part of the grounding electrode system if the rebar is not accessible for use without disturbing the concrete.

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