N - Lights

N.1 Light Structures

N.1.2 Minor Light (C)

A navigation light that is supported on a structure, which cannot be depicted using the encoding is Sections O.1 or O.2. As a 'minor' light, its name of does not need to be displayed.

Graphics

Encoding Instructions

Object Encoding

Real World

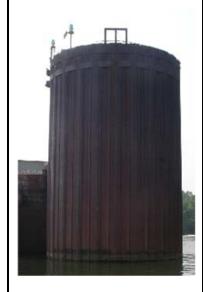


Chart Symbol



IENC Symbolization



- A) PILPNT, MORFAC or LNDMRK must be defined as the master object with LIGHTS as the slave object. If the supporting structure is not known, PILPNT must be used.
- B) OBJNAM should be placed on the supporting structure (master object) and not on the LIGHTS.
- C) When no specific signal group is provided, use SIGGRP=().
- D) If there are multiple lights in the same position, make one LIGHTS object and use MLTYLT to define the number of lights represented.
- E) EU: The exhibition condition of light EXCLIT is defined as follows:
 - 1. light shown without change of character: a light shown throughout the 24 hours without change of character.
 - 2. daytime light: a light that is only exhibited by day.
 - 3. fog light: a light that is exhibited in fog or conditions of reduced visibility.
 - 4. night light: a light which is only exhibited at night.
- F) US: STATUS = 8 (private)
- G) US: Western River Rules, RED will always be a double flash SIGGRP (2), and Green will always be a single flash.
- H) The light characteristic LITCHR is defined as follows:
 - 1. fixed: a signal light that shows continuously, in any given direction, with constant luminous intensity and colour
 - 2. flashing: a rhythmic light in which the total duration of light in a period is clearly shorter than the total duration of darkness, and all the appearances of light are of equal

Coding of Structure Object

Object Class = PILPNT(P)

- (O) OBJNAM = ["Name" +(River Mile), e.g. Blackburn Island Lt.(284.4)]
- (O) NOBJNM = (Refer to Section B, General Guidance)
- (O) CONDTN = [1 (under construction), 2 (ruined), 3 (under reclamation), 5 (planned construction)]
- (M) SCAMIN = [EU: 22000; US: 60000]
- (C) SORDAT = [YYYYMMDD]
- (C) SORIND = (Refer to Section B, General Guidance)

Coding of Equipment Object

Object Class = LIGHTS(P)

- (M) COLOUR = [1 (white), 3 (red), 4 (green), 6 (yellow)]
- (C) EXCLIT = [1 (light shown without change of character), 2 (daytime light), 3 (fog light), 4 (night light)]
- (M) LITCHR = [1 (fixed), 2 (flashing), 4 (quick-flashing), 7 (isophased)]
- (C) SIGPER = [xx.xx] (e.g. signal period of 12 seconds, coded as 12)
- (C) SIGGRP = [(x),(x)...], e.g., (), (2), (2+1)
- (C) SIGSEQ = [L.LL + (E.EE)] (seconds)
- (O) INFORM = [descending bank, structure_up, structure_down (e.g. LDB)]
- (C) MLTYLT = Integer number of lights, minimum 2.
- (C) STATUS = (Refer to letter F)
- (O) CONDTN = [1 (under construction), 2 (ruined), 3 (under reclamation), 5 (planned construction)]
- (M) SCAMIN = [EU: 22000; US: 60000]
- (C) SORDAT = [YYYYMMDD]
- (C) SORIND = (Refer to Section B, General Guidance)

duration

- 3. long-flashing: a flashing light in which a single flash of not less than two seconds duration is regularly repeated
- 4. quick-flashing: a light exhibiting without interruption very rapid regular alternations of light and darkness
- 5. very quick flashing: a flashing light in which flashes are repeated at a rate of not less than 80 flashes per minute but less than 160 flashes per minute
- 6. ultra quick flashing: a flashing light in which flashes are repeated at a rate of not less than 160 flashes per minute
- 7. isophased: a light with all durations of light and darkness equal
- 8. occulting: a rhythmic light in which the total duration of light in a period is clearly longer than the total duration of darkness and all the eclipses are of equal duration
- 9. interrupted quick flashing: a quick light in which the sequence of flashes is interrupted by regularly repeated eclipses of constant and long duration
- 10. interrupted very quick flashing: a light in which the very rapid alterations of light and darkness are interrupted at regular intervals by eclipses of long duration
- 11. interrupted ultra quick flashing: a light in which the ultra quick flashes (160 or more per minute) are interrupted at regular intervals by eclipses of long duration
- 12. morse: a rhythmic light in which appearances of light of two clearly different durations are grouped to represent a character or characters in the Morse code
- 28. alternating: a signal light that shows, in any given direction, two or more colours in a regularly repeated sequence with a regular periodicity
- The signal period SIGPER is the time occupied by an entire cycle of intervals of light and eclipse.
- J) The signal group SIGGRP is the number of signals, the combination of signals or the morse character(s)

within one period of full sequence. The signal group of a light is encoded using brackets to separate the individual groups. A group of signals may be a single number, a chain of numbers separated by "+", a sequence of up to 4 letters or a letter and a number. A fixed light has no signal group. Where no specific signal group is given for one of the light characteristics, this should be shown by an empty pair of brackets.

- K) The sequence of times occupied by intervals of light and eclipse is encoded in SIGSEQ. Example: "00.8+(02.2)+00.8+(05.2)" encodes a signal sequence with two intervals of light and two intervals of eclipse.
- L) Example of encoding: red night light on a buoy (see illustration): LIGHTS (COLOUR 3, EXCLIT 4, LITCHR 4, SIGPER 3.5, SIGGRP (), SIGSEQ 0.7+(2.8), STATUS 14, SCAMIN 22000)
- M) Official aids to navigation shall be encoded.

