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 - AlarmConditionType States: Suppression, Silence, OutOfService, Latched;
 - AlarmConditionType Properties: OnDelay, OffDelay, FirstInGroup, ReAlarmTime;

- New alarm types: DiscrepancyAlarm, DeviationAlarm, InstrumentDiagnosticAlarm, SystemDiagnosticAlarm.
- c) added Annex that specifies how the concepts of this OPC UA part maps to IEC 62682 and ISA 18.2;
- d) added new ConditionClasses: Safety, HighlyManaged, Statistical, Testing, Training;
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1 Scope

This part of IEC 62541 specifies the representation of *Alarms* and *Conditions* in the OPC Unified Architecture. Included is the *Information Model* representation of *Alarms* and *Conditions* in the OPC UA address space. Other aspects of alarm systems such as alarm philosophy, life cycle, alarm response times, alarm types and many other details are captured in documents such as IEC 62682 and ISA 18.2. The *Alarms and Conditions Information Model* in this specification is designed in accordance with IEC 62682 and ISA 18.2.

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