# Root Cause Analysis as part of Enterprise Risk Management

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# **It All Starts with Culture**

- Formal controls
- Informal controls







## Root Cause Analysis (RCA)



Part of the both accident investigation and risk assessment



Structured process designed to help an organization define causes to past or future risk events, and most importantly prevent future incidents from happening



Predicated on the belief that problems are best solved by attempting to address, correct, or eliminate root causes, as opposed to merely addressing the immediately obvious symptoms.

### Three Basic Causes of a Risk Event



#### **Physical**

A tangible or material item failed in some way.

For example, a car's brakes stopped working



#### Human

People did something wrong or did not do something that was required. Human causes typically lead to physical causes.

For example, no one filled the brake fluid, or the brake pads were not changed, which led to the brakes failing



#### **Organizational**

A system, process, or policy that people use to make decisions in doing their work is faulty.

For example, no one person was responsible for vehicle maintenance and everyone assumed someone else had filled the brake fluid or changed the brake pads

### Five Origins of Root Cause Analysis

#### Safety-Based

Developed from the fields of accident analysis and occupational safety and health

#### **Production-Based**

Has its origins in the field of quality control for industrial manufacturing

#### **Process-Based**

Follows production-based RCA, but with a scope that has been expanded to include business processes

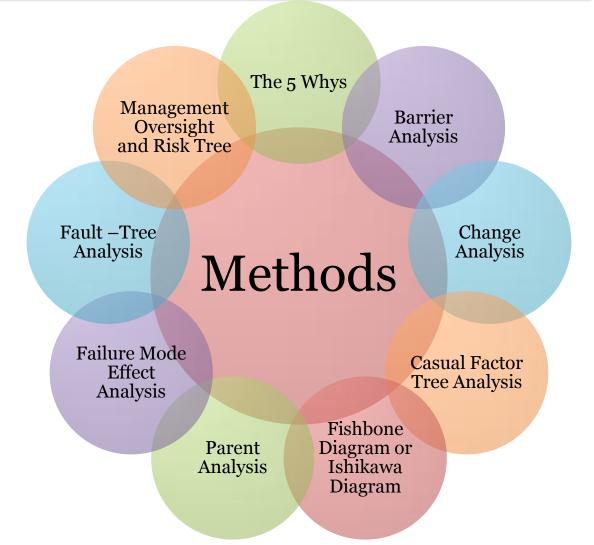
#### **Failure-Based**

Rooted in the practice of failure analysis as employed in engineering and maintenance

#### **Systems-Based**

Emerged as an amalgamation of the above schools, along the ideas taken from the fields of change management, risk management and systems analysis

### **Root Cause Analysis Methods**



# Transforming Pattern of Behavior

Process of discovering
the true cause of a
problem can help
transform a pattern of
behavior where people
react to problems in
society to solve
problems before they
become major
incidents/accidents

RCA is secondary to the goal of prevention, but without root cause analysis, one cannot determine what an effective corrective action for the defined problems will be

The nature of RCA is to identify all contributing factors to a problem or risk event

### Two Post Risk Event Examples

#### Kingman Escape - July, 2010

- 3 inmates escape with outside help
- Murdered a vacationing couple from OK in NM
- All caught within 3 weeks
- Recently Settled –
   Confidential!



#### RIMS Workshop - June, 2011

- Last year's workshop
- On the golf course
- Substance abuse is strongly suspected.
- New rules this year





#### ASP Kingman: Security Improvement Program

Change in leadership

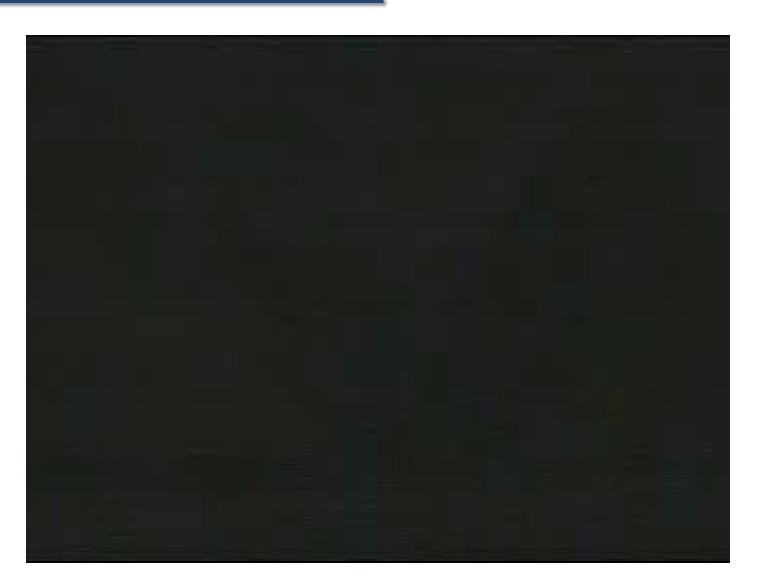
**Improve Security Practices** 

Removal of dog program

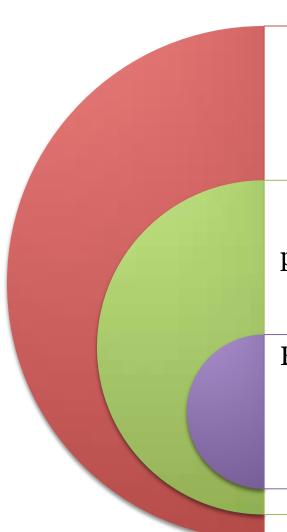
Fix Alarm System and Add Second Fence

**Perimeter Road Alteration** 

# Golf Event - 2011



#### Bonneville Power Administration



Bonneville Power Administration is self-financed governmental agency headquartered in Portland, Oregon

It includes 31 federal dams, one nonfederal nuclear power plant, and other nonfederal power generation facilities

BPA markets electricity and transmission services to public and private utilities throughout Idaho, Oregon, and Washington states and in parts of California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming

#### Business Risk at BPA



Due to fluctuations in river flows and electric market prices, net revenues that result from underlying surplus or deflect energy positions are inherently uncertain



BPA takes a proactive approach in using RCA as part of their strategic decision making process



RCA is embedded into existing business practices and has become a part of BPA culture and is not viewed as an independent activity

### BPA Uses RCA As Part of Their ERM Program

ERM Group of BPA uses RCA as part of their annual risk assessment of each department

ERM Group works with each department to identify their critical risks BPA realizes that to select the correct risk controls and risk responses to a particular risk, it's necessary to focus on the root cause of a potential risk event

By doing this, they have been more successful at aligning ERM objectives to strategic goals

### BPA Uses a Hybrid of Two RCA Methods

**5-Whys:** A question-asking method used to explore the cause/effect relationships underlying a particular problem, with the goal of determining a root cause of a defect or problem

Fishbone Diagram or Ishikawa Diagram: identifies many possible causes for an effect or problem. It sorts ideas into useful categories of people, methods, machines, materials, measurements, and environment

#### 5-Whys Used in Brainstorming Session

The key is to encourage the trouble-shooter to avoid assumptions and logic traps

Once root cause is identified then the proper risk controls and risk responses can be implemented 5-Whys

Group traces the chain of events to see what is the root cause of the problem

## Categories of Fishbone Diagram



**People -** This includes anyone involved with the process



**Methods** - This encompasses how the process is performed and the specific requirements for doing it, such as policies, procedures, rules regulations and laws involved



**Machines** - Any equipment, computers, tolls, etc. required to accomplish the job are included



**Materials -** This includes raw materials, parts, pens, paper, etc. used to produce the final products

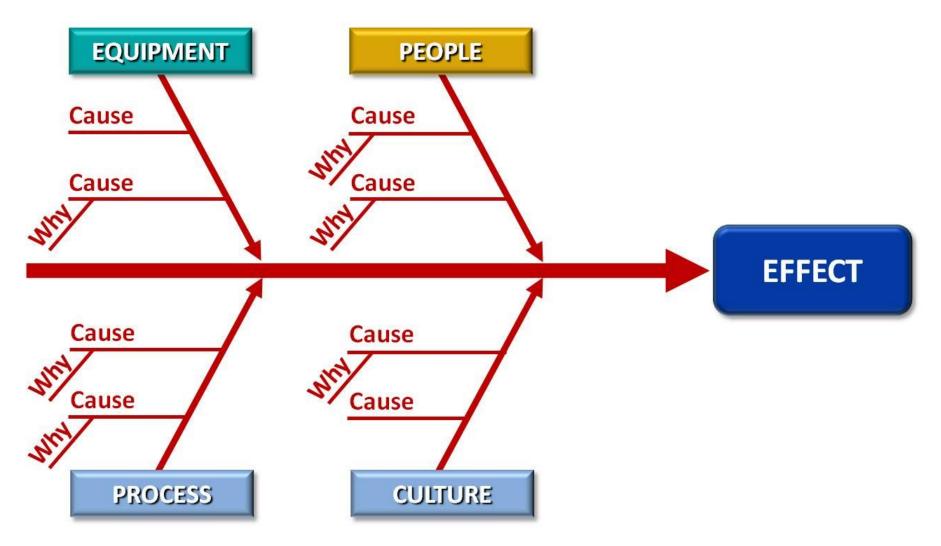


**Measurements -** All data generated from the process used to evaluate its quality fall into this category



**Environment** - The conditions, such as location, time, temperature and culture in which the process operates, are included

# Example of Fishbone Diagram



### Qualitative Assessment

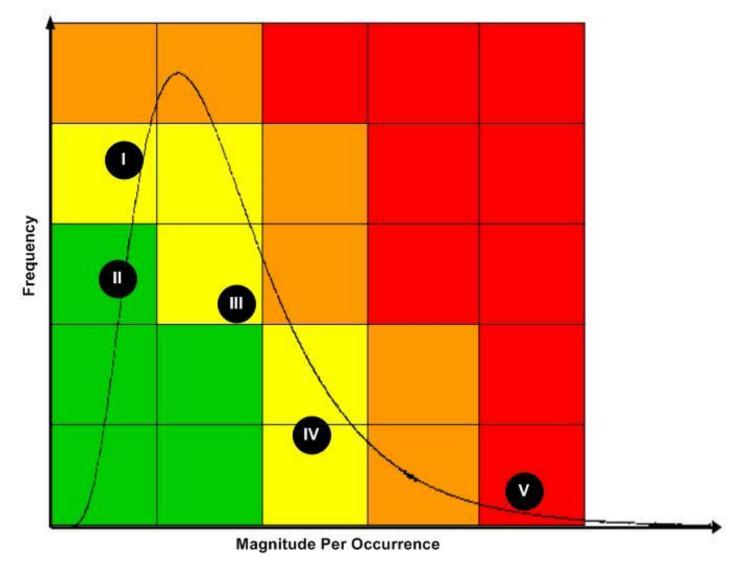
Conduct an anonymous voting of critical risks with aid of a Resolver Ballot tool to analyze the likelihood and consequences of potential risk events

Rank the risk events based on severity and consensus

Choose its risk management priorities for the upcoming year

Information is put into a heat map

# Using a Heat Map



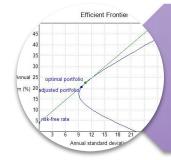
#### Quantitative Assessment Techniques



**Risk-Based Approach** factors in actual risk to assets and helps determine how much capital is sufficient to meet business obligations



Monte Carlo Simulation is a problem solving technique used to approximate the probability of certain outcomes by running multiple trial runs, called simulations, using random variables.



**Efficient Frontier** shows the best possible expected level of return for its level of risk

### RIMS ERM Maturity Model

Seven attributes that drive business value

Maturity levels that measure each attribute's key drivers, ranging from nonexistent to Level 5 Leadership

Root cause discipline considers people, external environment, systems, and processes; both singularly and in multiple combinations

### Root Cause Discipline

Classification to manage risk and performance indicators

Flexibility to collect risk and opportunity information

Understanding dependencies and consequences

Consideration of people, relationships, external, process and systems views

## RIMS Risk Maturity Model

#### Risk Maturity Model

# Create a roadmap for your risk management program that can deliver on today's expectations.

RIMS Risk Maturity Model is a tool for executives in risk management and others charged with risk management responsibilities to develop sustainable Enterprise Risk Management programs. This online resource for ERM allows risk practitioners to score their risk programs and receive a real-time report. The analysis, based on guidelines set forth in the model, serves as your organizations roadmap for improvement.

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In addition to your <u>Risk Maturity Assessment</u>, you will receive a complimentary copy of the RIMS State of ERM Report. The report provides timely insight and perspectives on risk management programs based on data collected from hundreds of risk practitioners.

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- New to the CoE! RIMS Executive Report on ERM Technology Tools, September 2011
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# Thank You for Your Participation

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