

Integrated approach to safety and asset performance in cold climates

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Our history Old days



Risk Management

Human Engineering

Today



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Who am I



- Aeronautical engineer
- Royal Norwegian Airforce, technical officer
- Scandinavian Airlines System, SAS, engineering manager
- Joined Scandpower, now LR Consulting, in1997, Senior Principal Consultant

Adding risk to operations

Snow and icy conditions represent the possibility of ice-throw from turbines, slippery conditions during maintenance work and production downtime due to asset failure.



Reliability promote safety

Asset managers are expected to optimise the performance of assets to meet business requirements.

Reliability is fundamentally a question of good design.

Optimizing performance is a question of operational strategy and planning.



Risk communication as part of operating strategy

<u>Asset</u>: Stamåsen operated by Statkraft <u>Project partner</u>: Kjeller Vindteknikk

- Safe operations and asset performance influenced by cold climate conditions.
- Risk related to ice-throw part of risk assessment processes.
- The monitoring of ice-build up a significant challenge to reliability.
- 3rd party risk communication is recognized to be key element in creating safe environment.







Photo: Statkraft

Asset risk -Reliability centered maintenance (RCM) and asset management; Experience



What is RCM in the perspective of asset management

- RCM is a systematic method or approach to evaluate critical physical assets by how their functions can fail and the effect of failures.
- RCM decide effective maintenance task strategies based on failure causes and knowledge of components failure characteristics and behavior
- RCM improves the basis of physical asset management

RCM has a wide range of contributions to effective asset management, in the following presentation we will dive into RCM and control of external influences on technical systems. Improves; Safety Environment Operational availability

Maintainability

Reduces;

Cost values Maintenance burden (personnel)

Impacts of production interruptions

RCM and the «system engineering approach»

- The concept of operations defines the system functional requirements, as the maintenance concept defines the Maintenance Requirements.
- The maintenance requirements enables requirements for input into the system design for improved maintainability in the operational phase.
- The systems engineering approach was originally developed in the aerospace industry in the 1960's and 1970's to combat an alarming failure rate for large aircrafts. The systems engineering process does not guarantee success, but it has certainly improved the chances of getting there.

Operational concept;

- Planned uptime
- Unmanned facility
- Remotely controlled
- Etc.

Maintenance concept;

- Defined lowest interval of planned visits
- Responsive maintenance
- Spare parts logistics/availability
- Environmental conditions
- Etc.

Life cycle V-model

The maintenance concept and RCM approach are designed to complement the systems engineering process and support the operational concept



Challenges in maintenance and operation External influences

External influences are more likely to cause a component failure but may be observed and reported as an inherent failure.

External influences may not necessary lead to a direct failure but reduce the components remaining life significantly.

External influences

- Climate conditions
- Impacts, foreign objects
- Human factors
- Pressure
- Pollution
- Etc.

External influences Cold climate



Rail tracks are welded over long distances and are exposed to extreme tensile stress in cold conditions. Crack initiations are critical and need timely detection



Undetected clear ice build up on wing surface may cause foreign object damage to engines and empennage.



Ice build-up in bogies reduces the spring and damper effect and may change the running behavior and overload other structural elements and reduce remaining life

Critical functions and mapping maintenance critical components (LRU – Line replaceable units)



Understanding functions and the nature of technical systems



Decision logic - Asset risk assessment with focus on CBM



Asset management Understanding failure predictions and intervals



MTBF and failure rate cannot be used to define a P – F interval. A P – F interval is dependent of the components material behavior and may not always be known. Knowledge and experience is essential in the evaluation and defining a P – F interval.

Asset management Critical functions and maintenance, generic barrier concept



Asset management Barrier concept and approach for optimization



Data sources to determine P-F intervals



Putting together a RCM analysis team and competence



- Knowledge and experience with the RCM analysis method and process (Analysis leader team);
- detailed knowledge of the item and appropriate design features;
- knowledge of the item's operating context;
- knowledge of the condition of the item (when analysing existing equipment);
- understanding of failure modes and effects;
- specialist knowledge of constraints, such as safety and environmental legislation, etc.;
- knowledge of the maintenance techniques and tools;
- knowledge of maintenance cost;
- experience with logistics and spares;
- Experience with maintenance planning

Lessons learned from other industries

- Cost reductions
- Reduced down time
- Improved design for maintainability
- Reduced time based maintenance
- Improved maintenance management
- Reduced external influences



Increased availability 10

Distribution tasks and intervals

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