

Course 3 - Risk and Resilience Management – Module 3

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1.1 Defining Baseline Risk



Notes:

This is Module 1, Defining Baseline Risks through Consequence, Vulnerability, and Threat Likelihood Analysis

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1.2 Learning Objectives

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- ✓ Name the types of consequences that should be considered
- ✓ Recall methods to estimate vulnerability
- ✓ Discuss the differences between estimating threat likelihood for various threat / hazard types
- ✓ Conduct an example baseline risk calculation

Notes:

These are the learning objectives for this module. After successfully completing this module, course participants will be able to:

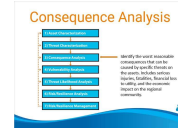
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- Conduct an example baseline risk calculation

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1.3 Consequence Analysis



Notes:

In this Module, we want to illustrate how to conduct baseline risk calculations using the 1000 risk equation of $Risk = Consequence \times Vulnerability \times Threat Likelihood$. To do this, we first must discuss how to develop and/or obtain values for Consequence, Vulnerability, and Threat Likelihood. Let's start with a detailed look at the Consequence Analysis step and discuss:

- The cost components that Consequence is comprised of
- Sources of consequence data, and
- Suggestions on how to select practical cost estimating methods

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1.4 Components of Consequence

Components of Consequence

- Fatalities
- Serious injuries
- Financial loss to utility
 - Repair and replacement
 - Water and sewer system
 - Legal liabilities
 - Environmental remediation
- Loss of revenue
- Regional economic impact



Notes:

Consequence is comprised of four major cost components:

- Fatalities
- Serious injuries
- Financial loss to utility
- Regional economic impact

Note that there are many sub-components of utility's financial impact, including things like:

- Decommission and disposal
- Repair and replacement
- Interim and final recovery – for example during interim recovery you may need to rent temporary equipment
- Legal liabilities
- Environmental remediation
- Loss of revenue when you can't bill your customers for days when you weren't providing them water

Now let's take a closer look at a few of these cost components

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1.5 Sources of Consequence Costs



Notes:

Here are some example sources for consequence costs. The best source of costs for any repair or replacement activity is always historical costs from recent similar projects. Of course you can always create new cost estimates using unit prices and cost estimating resources such as R.S. Means, but this takes a lot of time and effort and cost estimates that degree of accuracy are not really needed. To estimate loss of revenue you need estimates of the number of impacted customers, the duration of service denial, and the billing rates. To estimate regional economic impacts, you can use economic models or parametric estimates such as "1 to 3 orders of magnitude higher than the owner's loss." To estimate fatalities and serious injuries, you need an estimate of the impacted individuals and the severity of the impacts.

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1.6 Fatalities and Serious Injuries

Fatalities and Serious Injuries

- Express these consequences two ways
 - Number of impacted individuals
 - Value of a statistical life (\$7.4M in 2006 \$)
 - Always report the results both ways
 - Use dollar values to calculate financial consequence
 - Use number of impacted individuals to emphasize tragic human impacts

Notes:

We discussed in Module 1, that consequence is expressed in dollars. When it comes to fatalities and serious injuries, we actually express these consequences in two ways:

- Number of impacted individuals, and
- Then in terms of dollars, by using the number of impacted individuals \times the value of a statistical life. EPA has indicated that the value of a statistical life is \$7.4M in 2006 \$.

The value of a statistical serious injury is considered to be 25% of the value of a statistical life.

Always report these results two ways:

- We have to use dollar values to calculate financial consequence and conduct cost/benefit analyses, but
- We always use numbers of impacted individuals to emphasize tragic human impacts - newsworthy sight of these socio-cultural impacts.

The new 1200 references this website for value of a statistical life (\$7.4M in 2006\$):
<https://www.epa.gov/environmental-economics/fatality-risk-valuation-of-a-statistical-life>

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1.7 Regional Economic Impact

Regional Economic Impact

- Regional economic impact resulting from
 - Actual water disruptions or water quality issues
 - Travel, negative media, loss of public confidence
 - Impacted sectors
 - Manufacturing, business, retail sales, tourism, hotels, restaurants, etc.
 - Example
 - 3-day water incident during basketball tournament
 - \$510 negative impact to the local economy

Notes:

Regional economic impact can be one of the largest components of consequence. This component estimates the community or region's indirect losses from reduced economic activity. This is sometimes referred to as the "ripple effect." This can result from water disruptions or water quality issues, or they could simply result from threats or negative media that lead to loss of public confidence. Some examples of regional economic impact include business losses in manufacturing, retail sales, tourism, hotels, restaurants, etc. For example in 2011, there was a 3-day water incident at a small college town during a high-profile basketball tournament. The game had to be postponed and relocated to another city. This incident had an estimated \$1M negative impact on the local economy. For a large utility, the regional economic impact of an extended water crisis could be billions of dollars.

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1.8 Practical Cost Estimating Methods

Practical Cost Estimating Methods



Notes:

There is a lot of cost estimating required to conduct a 1200 assessment. In order to minimize costs and level of effort, it is important to make practical decisions about cost estimating methods. This is a practical example of how to estimate the potential consequences of a bomb blast. You can use the map on the upper left, which was obtained from a FEMA document, to estimate the overpressure at various radii from the blast center. Then use the table in the upper right to estimate the structural damage, fatalities, and serious injuries caused by various overpressure conditions. Then you can draw lobes on the aerial photograph that illustrate zones of high, medium, and low damage. Finally, you can use the aerial photograph to estimate the number of structures and individuals in each zone. As an alternative, you could hire a demolition modeling expert to develop a sophisticated blast model and run computer simulations. This would probably generate slightly more accurate data, but it would cost thousands of dollars for a single calibrated model on one location, and during a 1200 assessment you may need to do this calculation for 20 or 30 assets. The method we just showed you can be done in less than an hour and generally provides data of sufficient accuracy for a 1200 assessment.

Graphic source: FEMA 426, Figure 4-10, Incident Overpressure Measurement: Pounds Per Sq. Inch, as a Function of Stand-Off Distance and Net Explosive Weight

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1.9 Activity (Multiple Choice, 10 points, 3 attempts permitted)

Activity

Which of the following are components of consequences that should be considered?

- ☐ Removal of damaged structures
- ☐ Environmental cleanup costs
- ☐ Temporary pumping equipment
- ☐ Loss of hotel and conference center revenue
- ☒ All of the above

Correct	Chosen
	Removal of damaged structures
	Environmental cleanup costs
	Temporary pumping equipment
	Loss of hotel and conference center revenue
X	All of the above

Feedback when correct:

That's right! You selected the correct response.

Feedback when incorrect: You did not select the correct response. Please review slide 5.

Notes:

Now let's check your understanding of Consequences. In this activity, select the components of consequences that should be considered.

A) Incorrect: Removal of damaged structures is **not** the correct answer, but it is the most correct answer.
 B) Incorrect: Environmental cleanup costs is **not** the correct answer, but it is the most correct answer.
 C) Incorrect: Temporary pumping equipment is **not** the correct answer, but it is the most correct answer.
 D) Incorrect: Loss of hotel and conference center revenue is **not** the correct answer, but it is the most correct answer.
 E) Correct: All of the above is the correct answer.

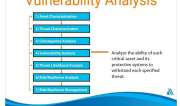
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1.10 Vulnerability Analysis

Vulnerability Analysis



Notes:

Now let's take a detailed look at the Vulnerability Analysis step of 1200 and discuss:

- How the definition of vulnerability varies for malevolent threats versus natural hazards
- Some considerations that go into estimating vulnerability and
- Some vulnerability estimating methods

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1.11 Vulnerability Definitions

Vulnerability Definitions

- Malevolent events
 - Estimate of the likelihood that an adversary will be successful in executing a specific attack mode on an asset, given that the attack occurs
- Natural, dependency, and proximity hazards
 - Estimate of the likelihood that, given the hazard occurs, the estimated consequences will result

Notes:

The definition of vulnerability varies depending on whether we are discussing malevolent events, natural, dependency, and proximity hazards.

For Malevolent events the definition is:

- An estimate of the likelihood that an adversary will be successful in executing a specific attack mode on an asset, given that the attack occurs

For natural, dependency, and proximity hazards the definition is:

- An estimate of the likelihood that, given the hazard occurs, the estimated consequences will result

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1.12 Vulnerability Considerations from G430

Vulnerability Considerations from G430

- Access control and intrusion detection
 - Control physical access to critical assets
 - Control personnel access authorizations and methods
 - Maintain a means of detecting and assessing intrusion

Notes:

As was discussed in Course 2, the G430 Standard on Security provides guidelines for enhancing security for a water utility. When utilities implement measures recommended by G430, these can generally reduce the vulnerability of critical assets to malevolent threats and natural hazards. For example, Section 4.6 in G430 provides recommendations regarding Access Control and Intrusion Detection for selected critical assets. These measures include such things as:

- Controlling physical access to critical assets with fences, barriers, and locked gates, hatches, and doors
- Controlling personnel, visitor, and vendor access with background checks, policies and procedures, badging, electronic access control systems, and key control programs
- And maintaining a means of detecting and assessing intrusion with intrusions detection systems and surveillance

All of these measures would tend to reduce vulnerability.

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1.13 Vulnerability Considerations

Vulnerability Considerations

- Building material structural properties (walls, doors, windows)
- Building code design standards and year constructed
- Countermeasures and mitigation measures
- Crate Prevention through Environmental Design (CPED)

Notes:

There are a number of things that should be considered when estimating the vulnerability of a threat-asset pair:

- For example, if you are evaluating the vulnerability of a building to high winds, you should consider the structural properties of the building, walls, doors, windows, etc.
- You should also consider the building code design standards and year constructed.
 - For example, after Hurricane Andrew hit southern FL in 1992, they changed the building codes, so structures built after 1992 are more resistant to wind damage.
- You also need to consider any existing countermeasures and mitigation measures. The photo on this slide shows a CPED technique of using large, heavy planters to create set back distance and reduce the vulnerability of this building to vehicular attack.

(Picture source: Ketchum, "Trends in Water Security: Fostering Critical Infrastructure Resiliency", ppt slide 23)

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1.14 Vulnerability Considerations

Vulnerability Considerations

- Weaknesses in protection systems
- Interdependencies, process flow, and operational practices
- Policies and procedures
- Personnel behavior and interactions

Notes:

Other things that you should consider when estimating vulnerability include:

- Weaknesses in protection systems and interdependencies that could increase vulnerability
- How policies and procedures can potentially reduce vulnerabilities, but only if employees actually follow them, so understanding actual personnel behavior is important

Photo source: Perry Gault, 150 on a Budget: Maximizing the Benefits Derived from a 150B BANCAP Risk Assessment while Managing Costs, AWWA Water Infrastructure Conference, Oct 2015 (AECOM photo)

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1.15 Vulnerability Estimation Methods

Vulnerability Estimation Methods

- Malevolent threats
 - Event trees
 - Path analysis
 - Vulnerability logic diagrams
 - Direct expert elicitation (professional judgment)
 - Hybrid methods

Notes:

There are a number of methods of estimating vulnerability for a threat-asset pair. And the methods are generally different for malevolent threats than for natural hazards. Let's first look at some of the methods that can be used to estimate vulnerability to malevolent threats. These include such things as:

- Event trees
- Path analysis
- Vulnerability logic diagrams
- Direct expert elicitation (professional judgment)
- Hybrid methods

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1.16 Security Concepts

Security Concepts for Defeating an Attack

Notes:

Before we get into discussing methods for estimating vulnerability to malevolent threats, let's review the security principles of deter, detect, delay, and respond:

- Deter features** are things you do to discourage an attack or make the adversary choose another target. These include warning signs, lights, security patrol, etc.
- Detect features** are things that alert you that an attack is occurring such as sensors, surveillance cameras, and witnesses.
- Delay features** are things that slow the adversary down and increase the time it takes for the adversary to complete the attack. These include fences, barriers, hardened doors, and ideally multiple layers of delay.
- Respond features** are things you do to stop the attack and these may include communications, utility personnel, and law enforcement.

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1.17 Event Trees

Event Trees

- Event trees map the sequence of events between the initiation of the attack and the terminal event.
- Each "branch" represents the likelihood of success or failure at that junction.
- The sum of the probabilities of all branches on which the attack succeeds is the vulnerability estimate.

Notes:

This is an example of an event tree for estimating the vulnerability of a critical asset to a particular malevolent attack:

Event trees map the sequence of events between the initiation of the attack and the terminal event. Each "branch" represents the likelihood of success or failure at that junction. The sum of the probabilities of all branches on which the attack succeeds is the vulnerability estimate.

In this case, there is a 69% probability of success.

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1.19 Path Analysis

Notes:

Path analysis is a method of comparing the attack timeline to the detection and response timeline. It also considers the layers of delay that can slow the attack. This provides an estimate of whether the combination of detection, delay and response interrupts the adversary before the attack can be completed.

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1.19 Vulnerability Logic Diagrams

Notes:

This is an example of a Vulnerability Logic Diagram. It is similar to other logic diagrams or logical flow charts. In this case it is mapping the logical flow of how an adversary could access a protected facility, defeat the countermeasures, and complete an attack.

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1.20 Hybrid of Event Tree and Path Analysis

Notes:

This is a hybrid method that can be used when estimating the vulnerability of an asset to a critical asset. It is a hybrid of an event tree and a path analysis. The event tree portion helps calculate the probability of success, while the path analysis portion helps establish the timeline of the attack and the response.

Don't be confused by the odd shape of the event tree on this slide. Only a portion of the event tree is shown, because it won't all fit on the page.

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1.21 Vulnerability Estimation Methods

Notes:

Now let's look at some methods of estimating vulnerability of critical assets to Natural Hazards. These include such things as:

- Location relative to the hazard, for example being in a 100-year floodplain
- Building codes that were in place when structures were built that may have required resistance to hurricanes or seismic activity
- Historical information about the location and magnitude of previous natural hazard events
- Existing mitigation measures that may have been implemented following previous events
- And various types of modeling

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1.22 Storm Surge Modeling

Notes:

Here is an example of a method for estimating vulnerability of an asset to hurricane storm surge. It uses a SLOSH model to estimate storm surge elevations for various hurricane categories. Then the upper chart shows the first floor elevations of various critical assets. Using the combination of these two information sources, you can predict which assets may flood based upon the expected hurricane intensity.

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1.22 Historical Information

Notes:

Another less complicated method for estimating vulnerability to natural hazards is historical observation. This is an example of flash flooding caused by Hurricane Matthew in 2016. These assets are not in the 100-year flood zone of a river, rather this inland flash flooding was caused by 11 inches of rainfall in just a few hours.

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1.24 Activity (Multiple Choice, 10 points, 3 attempts permitted)

Activity

Which of the following would be useful in estimating vulnerability?

☒ Event trees and building codes
☐ Asset criticality and repair costs
☐ Owners financial loss and regional economic impact
☐ None of the above

Correct	Choice
X	Event trees and building codes
	Asset criticality and repair costs
	Owners financial loss and regional economic impact
	None of the above

Feedback when correct:
That's right! You selected the correct response.

Feedback when incorrect:
You did not select the correct response. Please reference slides 13 and 15.

Notes: Now let's test your knowledge of vulnerability estimating. In this activity, select which of the following would be useful in estimating vulnerability.

Correct answer: a

a) Correct - Event trees and building codes would be useful in estimating vulnerability
 b) Incorrect - Asset criticality would be useful in selecting critical assets and repair costs would be useful in estimating consequences
 c) Incorrect - Owners financial loss and regional economic impact would be useful in estimating consequences
 d) Incorrect - None of the above is incorrect because answer a) is correct

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1.25 Threat Likelihood Analysis

Threat Likelihood Analysis

Notes:
Now let's take a detailed look at the Threat Likelihood step of I100 and discuss:

- The differences between calculating Threat Likelihood for natural, dependency and proximity hazards
- Some threat likelihood estimation methods, and
- Some sources of threat likelihood data

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1.26 Threat Likelihood

Threat Likelihood Estimation Methods

- Malicious threats
 - Proxy Method
 - Condition Probability Assignment Method
- Natural hazards
 - Historical data
 - Information gathered on interdependencies
 - Identification of hazards within proximity of utility critical assets

Notes:
There are a number of methods for estimating threat likelihood, and the methods differ depending on the nature of the threat or hazard:

For Malicious threats, you can use

- The Proxy Method - which we talk about on the next slide
- Condition Probability Assignment Method - which is basically assigning a probability of 1.0 to an event that is highly likely
- Or best estimates - which is basically professional judgment

For Natural hazards, you can use

- Historical data (return periods), and
- Federal agency records

For Dependency / proximity hazards, you can use

- Historical records
- Information gathered on interdependencies
- Identification of hazards within proximity of utility critical assets

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1.27 Proxy Method

Proxy Method

- Method for estimating the threat likelihood of terrorist-related events
- Calculated based upon the following inputs:

Notes:
Let's take a look at the proxy method for estimating the threat likelihood of terrorist related threats. Basically, the Proxy Method is calculated using these 6 inputs:

- First, what is the current likelihood of a terrorist event in the U.S. this year
- Next, what is the likelihood that it is going to happen in this particular metropolitan region
- Then, what is the likelihood of the target being something of similar attractiveness to a critical water systems asset. This step categorizes assets using the RANNO that target groups. For example, Water Treatment Plants and major pump stations are considered similar to industrial facilities, oil and gas processing facilities, ports, etc.
- Next, what is the likelihood of the adversary attacking this specificity in this specific region
- Then, what is the likelihood of the adversary attacking this particular asset at this utility
- Lastly, you adjust for the likelihood of pre-attack detection and interdiction based on the hazard type

If you multiply all these probabilities together you get an estimate of an attack on the specific critical asset at this specificity.

4 of these components are lookups and the other 2 require calculations.

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1.28 Sources for Natural Hazard Data

Sources for Natural Hazard Data

- Local Hazard Mitigation Plans
- USGS seismic data
- NOAA weather data for hurricanes, tornadoes, ice storms, droughts
- FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) for flood data
- Hydrologic studies

Notes:
To estimate the threat likelihood of most natural hazards, you can draw upon information and models from various local and federal agencies. For example:

- You can obtain the local Hazard Mitigation Plan from the local Emergency Planning Office or sometimes you can find these online. These contain good information about natural hazards that are relevant to the community.
- You can obtain earthquake frequency and intensity data from USGS
- NOAA maintains data for hurricanes, tornadoes, ice storms, and droughts
- You can use FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) for flood zone information
- And you can use various hydrologic studies to estimate changes in hydrologic patterns, such as salt water intrusion, and sea level elevations

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1.29 Activity
(Multiple Choice, 10 points, 3 attempts permitted)

Activity

Which would be most useful in estimating earthquake threat likelihood?

☐ FEMA maps
☒ USGS data
☐ NOAA data
☐ FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) for flood data

Correct	Choice
X	a. FEMA maps
	b. USGS data
	c. NOAA data
	d. FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) for flood data
	e. Both a & b

Feedback when correct:
That's right! You selected the correct response.

Feedback when incorrect:
You did not select the correct response. Please review the slide.

Notes:
Now let's check your understanding of natural threats obtain threat likelihood data. In this activity, which of the threats would be most useful in estimating earthquake threat likelihood?

Correct answer: b

a) Incorrect - FEMA maps would be most helpful in estimating flood hazard threat
 b) Correct - USGS data would be most useful in estimating earthquake threat likelihood
 c) Incorrect - NOAA data would be most useful in estimating weather related events like hurricanes
 d) Incorrect - Both a & b is incorrect because c is incorrect
 e) Incorrect - Both a & b is incorrect because d and c are incorrect

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1.30 Risk and Resilience Analysis

Risk and Resilience Analysis

Notes:

Now that we have discussed how to calculate or obtain estimates of consequence, vulnerability, and threat likelihood, we are ready to talk about the Risk and Resilience Analysis step of ISO. This is where you calculate baseline risk and resilience. In the next few slides we will discuss:

- The risk equation
- Some example calculations, and
- Some tool that are available to help conduct large numbers of calculations more efficiently

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1.31 Risk and Resilience Analysis

Risk and Resilience Analysis

- Baseline risk is calculated for each T & T pair
- Consequences can range from <\$1 to >\$500B
- Vulnerability ranges from 0 to 1.0
- Threat Likelihood ranges from 1.0 to 10¹¹

Notes:

Let's review the risk equation. Risk = Consequence x Vulnerability x Threat Likelihood. During Risk and Resilience Analysis, you calculate the baseline risk for each threat-asset pair. As you have seen in previous slides, the value of consequence can vary widely. If the scenario results in lost lives and significant regional economic impacts, the consequence can be in the billions of dollars. Vulnerability ranges from zero (not vulnerable at all) to 1.0 (completely vulnerable). Threat Likelihood ranges from 1.0 (ertain to happen) to numbers as small as 10⁻¹¹.

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1.32 Example Risk Calculation

Example Risk Calculation

- An insider sabotages the intake pumps causing significant damage
 - Not all pumps are damaged, but treatment capacity is temporarily reduced
 - Assume service denial is 5 days at 25 MGD, which results in \$200,000 of lost revenue
 - Assume repair cost is \$3M
 - Regional economic impact is estimated to be \$30 M

Notes:

Now let's look at an example risk calculation for insider sabotage against a critical pump. This is the scenario:

An insider sabotages the raw water intake pumps causing significant damage

- Not all pumps are damaged, but treatment capacity is temporarily reduced
- Assume service denial is 5 days at 25 MGD, which results in \$200,000 of lost revenue
- Assume repair cost is \$3M and the regional economic impact is \$30M

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1.33 Example Risk Calculation

Example Risk Calculation

Consequence Component	Consequence (\$)
Service Denial	0
Regional Economic Impact	0
Repair and replacement	\$3M
Lost Revenue	0
Replacement cost	0
Cost of water	\$200,000
Regional economic impact	\$30M
Total Consequence	\$33M

Notes:

This table shows how we sum up the total consequence costs. As you can see, there are no fatalities, serious injuries, legal liabilities, environmental remediation.

We add together repair and replacement costs, loss of revenue, and regional economic impact. The total consequence is rounded to approximately \$33 M.

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1.34 Example Risk Calculation

Example Risk Calculation

- Vulnerability
 - Assess measures in place to detect and prevent insider sabotage
 - Assume 0.90
- Threat Likelihood
 - Estimate likelihood by considering previous incidents of disgruntled employees
 - Assume 1x10⁻⁷
- Risk = \$33M * 0.90 * 1x10⁻⁷ = \$1,800/year

Notes:

Now we need estimates of Vulnerability and Threat Likelihood. So we assess the measures in place to detect and prevent sabotage and estimate the Vulnerability is 0.9 using one of the methods discussed earlier in this module.

We estimate threat likelihood by considering previous incidents of disgruntled employees and, for this example, we assume a value of 1x10⁻⁷.

Then we can multiply the three components of the risk equation and calculate the risk to be \$1,800 per year

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1.35 Example Baseline Risk

Example Baseline Risks

Threat/Asset	Consequence	Vulnerability	Threat Likelihood	Risk (\$/yr)
HUR	100M	0.5	10 ⁻⁶	5000000
HAZ	10M	0.2	10 ⁻⁶	2000000
HAZ	10M	0.2	1x10 ⁻⁷	200000
HAZ	10M	0.2	1x10 ⁻⁸	20000
HAZ	10M	0.2	1x10 ⁻⁹	2000

- In a 1000 assessment, you would have perhaps 100 T&T calculations
- The computational demands are challenging

Notes:

This table shows multiple baseline risk calculations and how the baseline risk can vary significantly between different threat-asset pairs. The first two rows are hurricane and flood hazards, while the last three rows are sabotage, personnel and vehicle bomb threats. Note that the Threat Likelihood for the natural hazards is much greater than the Threat Likelihood of the malicious threats. This makes the Risk much higher for the natural hazards.

In a 1000 assessment, you'll have to make perhaps 50 to 100 Consequence, Vulnerability, and Threat Likelihood calculations. That means you first have to estimate C, V, and T for 50 to 100 threat-asset pairs. So, it'll be an understatement to say the computational demands are challenging.

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1.36 Risk and Resilience Analysis Tools

Risk and Resilience Analysis Tools

- Program to Assist Risk & Resilience Examination (PARRE)
 - All engineering software
- Vulnerability Self-Assessment Tool (VSAT)
 - All web browser
- Both need user to have SAFETY Act designation
- Proprietary spreadsheets and databases
- VSAT does not require a VSAT software tool. This information is provided to help course participants research available options

Notes:

Most folks that conduct VSAT assessments use some sort of computational tool to help with the calculations. Here are some of your choices and there may be others.

The first is PARRE which is an acronym for Program to Assist Risk & Resilience Examination. It was developed by AIA Engineering and is available for purchase. Another choice is VSAT which is an acronym for Vulnerability Self-Assessment Tool. It was developed by IBM and is available for free online. Both of these have SAFETY Act Designation, which means if you use them properly, you'll have certain liability protections.

Some risk assessment practitioners have developed proprietary spreadsheets and databases. In many cases these may work fine, but it's likely that they don't have SAFETY Act liability protections. But... if they use the spreadsheets to properly implement the VSAT process, the VSAT methodology itself has SAFETY Act designation, so you would probably have SAFETY Act liability protections anyway.

One way or another, you need a tool like one of these to support application of the VSAT methodology. The computations are just too complicated and numerous to do by hand.

And just as a disclaimer: AWWA does not endorse a VSAT software tool. This information is provided to help course participants research available options.

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1.37 Activity (Multiple Choice, 10 points, 3 attempts permitted)

Activity

Calculate the value of the baseline risk and select the correct answer from the dropdown menu.

Category	Value
Repair and Replacement	\$10,000
Interim and Final Recovery	\$10,000
Environmental Remediation	\$10,000
Loss of Revenue	\$10,000
Regional Economic Impact	\$10,000

Feedback when correct:

That's right! You selected the correct response. This is the sum of the repair and replacement, interim and final recovery, environmental remediation, loss of revenue, and regional economic impact.

Feedback when incorrect:

You did not select the correct response. Please review slide 33.

Notes:

Now let's check your understanding of how to conduct a baseline risk calculation. In this activity, calculate the value of the baseline risk using the inputs in the table on the right and select the correct answer.

Correct answer: b

a) Incorrect - \$10,000 is incorrect. The correct answer is the sum of the repair and replacement, interim and final recovery, environmental remediation, loss of revenue, and regional economic impact.

b) Correct - \$110,000 is correct. The correct answer is the sum of the repair and replacement, interim and final recovery, environmental remediation, loss of revenue, and regional economic impact.

c) Incorrect - \$100,000 is incorrect. The correct answer is the sum of the repair and replacement, interim and final recovery, environmental remediation, loss of revenue, and regional economic impact.

d) Correct - \$11,000,000 is correct. This is the sum of the repair and replacement, interim and final recovery, environmental remediation, loss of revenue, and regional economic impact.

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1.38 Resilience

Resilience

- Resilience is the ability to withstand an unwanted threat event while maintaining service or, if that is not possible, to restore service as quickly as possible.
- Threat-asset pair resilience
- Asset resilience of a single threat-asset pair
- Utility Resilience Index
 - Assess overall utility resilience by evaluating operational and financial indicators that influence resilience

Notes:

Now let's discuss resilience. There are a variety of definitions for resilience. This is the definition that AWWA uses.

"Resilience is the ability to withstand an unwanted threat event while maintaining service or, if that is not possible, to restore service as quickly as possible."

VSAT includes different ways to look at resilience: Threat-asset resilience and Utility Resilience Index. Threat-asset pair resilience assesses the resilience of a single threat-asset pair, whereas the Utility Resilience Index assesses overall utility resilience by evaluating operational and financial indicators that influence resilience.

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1.39 Threat-Asset Pair Resilience

Threat-Asset Pair Resilience

- Threat-Asset pair resilience equation:

$$Re = D * S * V * T$$

Where:

- Re = Resilience
- D = Duration
- S = Service Denial
- V = Vulnerability
- T = Threat Likelihood

Notes:

This is the equation for Threat-Asset Pair Resilience. Duration = Service Denial + Vulnerability * Threat Likelihood.

Resilience is expressed in terms of dollars per year (lower is better). Duration = time period of service denial in days, Service Denial = amount of service denied in gallons per day, and Vulnerability and Threat Likelihood are the same terms from the Risk equation.

Threat-asset pair resilience is the ability to withstand an unwanted threat event while maintaining service or, if that is not possible, to restore service as quickly as possible. A fully resilient asset would have no service outage risk, whereas an asset lacking in resilience could have a substantial risk of service outage. This calculation is very useful, because in an analysis containing many threat-asset pairs, some of which are critical to continuity of service and service itself, it is useful to identify which threat-asset pairs contribute most to the overall service delivery failure. Note: threat-asset pair resilience can be improved by through redundancy and response procedures.

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1.40 Utility Resilience Index

Utility Resilience Index

- Two categories of URI indicator criteria
 - Operational indicators — reflect the tactical capacity of the utility to react and respond to operational disruptions
 - Financial indicators — reflect the fiscal capacity of the utility to react and respond to financial impacts

Notes:

The second way to look at resilience is using the Utility Resilience Index. URI is a decision support tool that can help a utility benchmark and monitor their overall capacity to respond to disruptive events. It used two categories of indicators.

- Operational indicators reflect the tactical capacity of the utility to react quickly and cope with various incidents that have the potential to disrupt services, and
- Financial indicators reflect the fiscal capacity of the utility to react quickly and cope with various incidents that have the potential to disrupt revenue and impact costs.

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1.41 URI Indicators

URI Indicators

Operational Risk Indicators	Financial Risk Indicators
Emergency Response Plan (ERP)	Business Continuity Plan
Customer System Management	Utility Bond Rating
VSAT VSAT condition	Capital Assessment
Natural and man-made	Water resource and source
Emergency power for critical	Unemployment
Ability to meet minimum daily demand	
Critical parts and equipment	
Other and resilience	

Notes:

These are the URI Operational and Financial Risk Indicators.

Operational Risk Indicators include such things as:

- Does the utility have an Emergency Response Plan (ERP)?
- Do they use the Natural Incident Management System?
- Have they entered into Mutual Aid agreements?
- Do they have Emergency power for critical operations?
- What is their ability to meet minimum daily demand during an emergency?
- Do they maintain a bench stock of critical parts and equipment?
- How resilient are their critical staff?

Financial Risk Indicators include such things as:


- Do they have a Business Continuity Plan?
- What is the Utility's bond rating?
- Have they done a GRIP 34 Assessment?
- What is the Median Household Income of the community?
- What is the unemployment rate in the community?

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1.42 URI Calculation Sheet



Notes:

This is a screen capture of a partial URI calculation sheet. As you can see, the various indicators are scored based upon how well the utility is considered to be doing in each functional area. The higher the total URI value, the greater the estimated utility resilience. What's important is to review where opportunities exist to improve resilience in the various categories. If the performance level for a given indicator is low, what can be done to improve it so we can increase the overall URI? For example, if a utility is not part of a mutual aid program like WARM, then joining a mutual aid group would improve the score in that functional area. If the utility has never exercised their emergency response plan, then conducting periodic exercises would improve the score in that area, and increase the overall URI score.

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1.43 Knowledge Check 1 (Multiple Choice, 10 points, 3 attempts permitted)

Knowledge Check

Which of the following is not a potential source of consequence costs?

☐ Previous CP projects

☒ Media reports

☐ Previous legal fees

☐ The duration that customers are without water

Correct	Choice
	Previous CP projects
X	Media reports
	Previous legal fees
	The duration that customers are without water

Feedback when correct:

That's right! You selected the correct response. Media reports are not a good source of consequence costs.

Feedback when incorrect:

You did not select the correct response.

Notes:

Correct answer: b

a) Incorrect - Previous CP projects is a potential source of consequence costs

b) Correct - Media reports are not a good source of consequence costs

c) Incorrect - Previous legal fees are a potential source of consequence costs

d) Incorrect - The duration that customers are without water is a potential source of consequence costs

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1.44 Knowledge Check 2 (True/False, 10 points, 2 attempts permitted)

Knowledge Check

Loss of revenue from tourism is a potential regional economic impact that would be considered during a 1200 risk assessment.

☐ True

☒ False

Correct	Choice
X	True
	False

Feedback when correct:

That's right! You selected the correct response. Loss of revenue from tourism is a potential regional economic impact that would be considered during a 1200 risk assessment.

Feedback when incorrect:

You did not select the correct response.

Notes:

Correct answer: a

True is correct. Loss of revenue from tourism is a potential regional economic impact that would be considered during a 1200 risk assessment.

False is incorrect. Loss of revenue from tourism is a potential regional economic impact that would be considered during a 1200 risk assessment.

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1.45 Knowledge Check 3 (Multiple Choice, 10 points, 3 attempts permitted)

Knowledge Check

The Utility Resilience Index considers which of the following factors?

☐ a. Operational indicators, such as backup power

☐ b. Political indicators and tourism revenue

☐ c. Financial indicators, such as bond rating

☒ d. Both a & b

Correct	Choice
	a. Operational indicators, such as backup power
	b. Political indicators and tourism revenue
	c. Financial indicators, such as bond rating
X	d. Both a & b

Feedback when correct:

That's right! You selected the correct response.

Feedback when incorrect:

You did not select the correct response.

Notes:

Correct answer: d

a) Incorrect - Operational indicators, such as backup power is true, but it is a partial answer. Answer d is most correct.

b) Incorrect - Political indicators and tourism revenue would not be considered in URI

c) Incorrect - Financial indicators, such as bond rating is true, but it is a partial answer. Answer d is most correct.

d) Correct - Both a & b is incorrect, because it would not be considered in URI

e) Correct - Both a & c is the most correct answer

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1.46 Closing

This concludes Module 3 in which we learned:

- The types of consequences that should be considered
- Methods used to estimate vulnerability
- The differences between estimating threat likelihood for various threat / hazard types
- And how to conduct an example base line risk calculation

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