

# **RISK COMMUNICATION**

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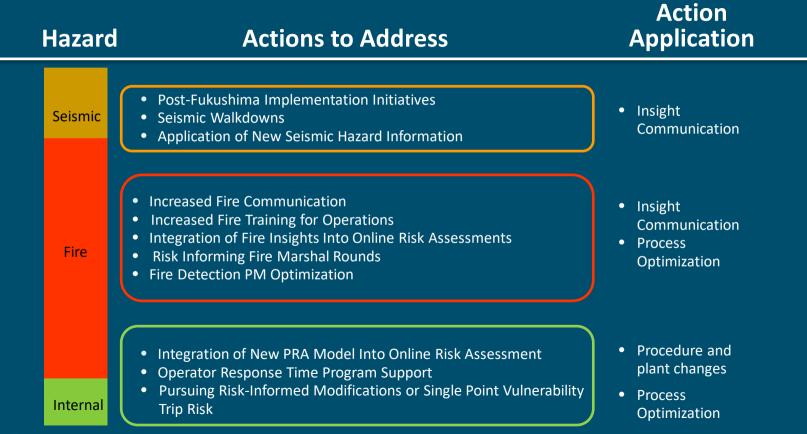


- Risk models provide a different perspective from that of the design and licensing basis framework
  - Utility organizations understand the regulatory framework and the boundary conditions that typically accompany the implementation of design and licensing basis analyses
- Probabilistic Risk Assessment (PRA) tools bring a very different set of analysis methods and boundary conditions when evaluating internal and external hazards
- Acceptance comes from demonstrating the complementary nature of risk tools when blending deterministic and probabilistic frameworks
- Translating risk information can be challenging for the risk analyst as well (terminology, characterization of risk)



#### **Risk Informed Decision Making & Continuous** Improvement Ensure Nuclear Safety Magnitude of Plant Transient Seismic Flood **Core Damage** Risk How Can I Reduce the Risk? **Plant Transients** Fire Seismic / Flood Identify fire hazards • Ensure reliable flood **Reduce plant trips** Operations during rounds Control protected and seismic response Control fire system actions Maintenance Maintain seismic Adhere to hot work **Ensure configuration** supports and flood and combustible control barriers control procedures Engineering Ensure robust design Identify and correct **Equipment monitoring** degraded equipment and reliability and control Report degraded All Site Report oil leaks and Maintain 2-foot zone supports and flood burning odors around equipment Personnel barriers





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- Replace posters and graphics with an interactive tool
- Display all hazard contributors
- Facilitates training
  - Provide a common tool for training organizations
  - Tool for Risk Management Engineer to illustrate insights and differences
- Provides risk information to a broad audience
  - Easy to use tool will help drive use, questions, and continued interest
- Functionality considerations
  - Provide "drill down" capability
  - Careful use of terminology No/limited PRA terminology
  - Provides user with fleet PRA information to enable cross-comparison

### **RISK COMMUNICATION GRAPHICAL INTERFACE**





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## PRA models highlight our understanding of risk

- PRA models identify insights that can be managed
- Insights from different PRA hazard models are additive
- Relative risk comparison across hazards can provide insight
  - Existing internal event PRA models provide substantial risk insight opportunities
    - Increased application of existing insights should be pursued
    - ✓ Focus solely on the numbers may inappropriately influence actions or conclusions
    - Spatial insights from external hazard studies can provide valuable information in addressing risk
    - Risk comparison across similar units can highlight design and operational differences

### Risk Measurement ≠ Risk Management



- Significant planning and outreach is required to communicate risk concepts to broad nuclear utility audiences
- Fleet commonality and consistency in communication is needed to assure a similar understanding of risk
- Comparison across similar facilities provides perspective on design and operational impacts on risk
- Continued focus on the behaviors impacting the risk profile is essential