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Background

- Enforcement Decree of The Act on Physical Protection and Radiological Emergency [*Article 2. Definition*]

: The term “[vital area](#)” means those areas, in the protected area, fixed for the protection of nuclear facilities, etc. that may produce, directly or indirectly, an unacceptable radiological consequence due to sabotage.

- INFCIRC-225/Rev.5 (2011)

: An area inside a protected area containing equipment, systems or devices, or nuclear material, the sabotage of which could directly or indirectly lead to [high radiological consequences \(HRC\)](#)

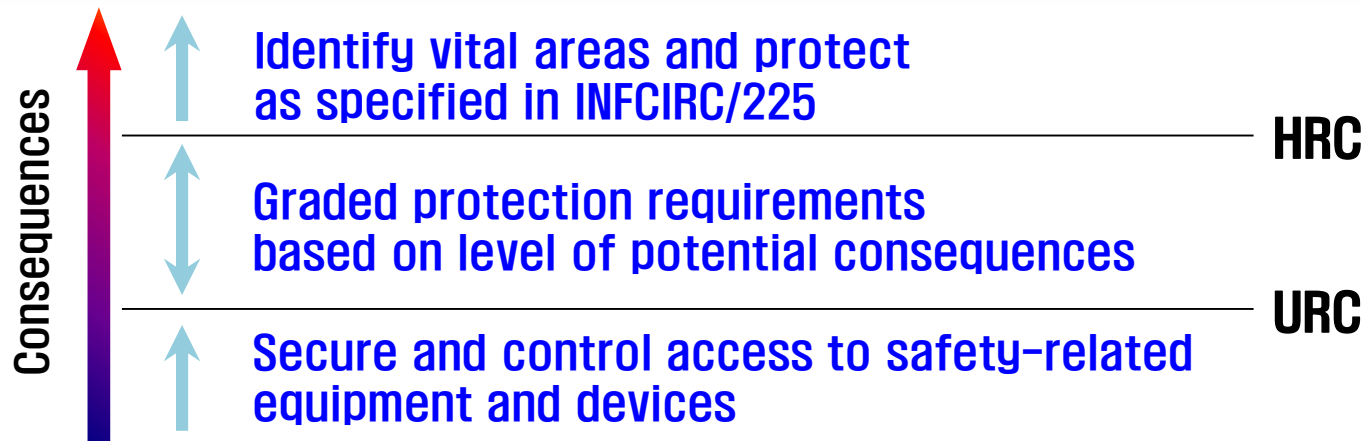
Background

■ URC (Unacceptable Radiological Consequences)

: Establish at the national level as the radiological impact of the lowest standard requiring physical protection measures

■ HRC (High Radiological Consequences)

: Establish at the national level as the radiological impact of the basis for identifying vital areas



※ Approach for Physical Protection Against Sabotage
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Vital Area Identification (U.S. and ROK)

■ United States

➤ Identification of Vital Areas based on Minimal Prevention Sets calculated by using Fault Tree Methodology

- U.S. Vital Area Identification starts with the NUREG-1178 Assumptions

※ NUREG-1178, "Vital Equipment/Area Guidelines Study", Feb. 1988

- Published Sandia Report* described process of VAI

※ SAND2008-5644, "Vital Area Identification for U.S. NRC Nuclear Power Reactor Licensees and New Reactor Applicants", Sep. 2008

■ ROK

➤ Re-Identifying of Vital Areas of NPP in operation and under construction based on **PRA(Probabilistic Risk Assessment)** Methodology

- Developing technical standards to meet international standards

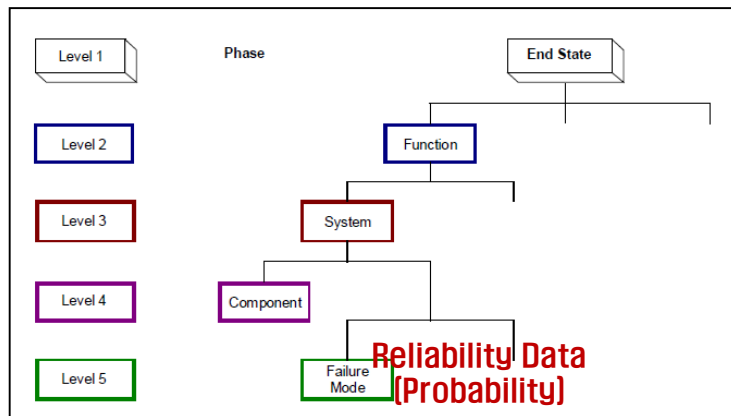
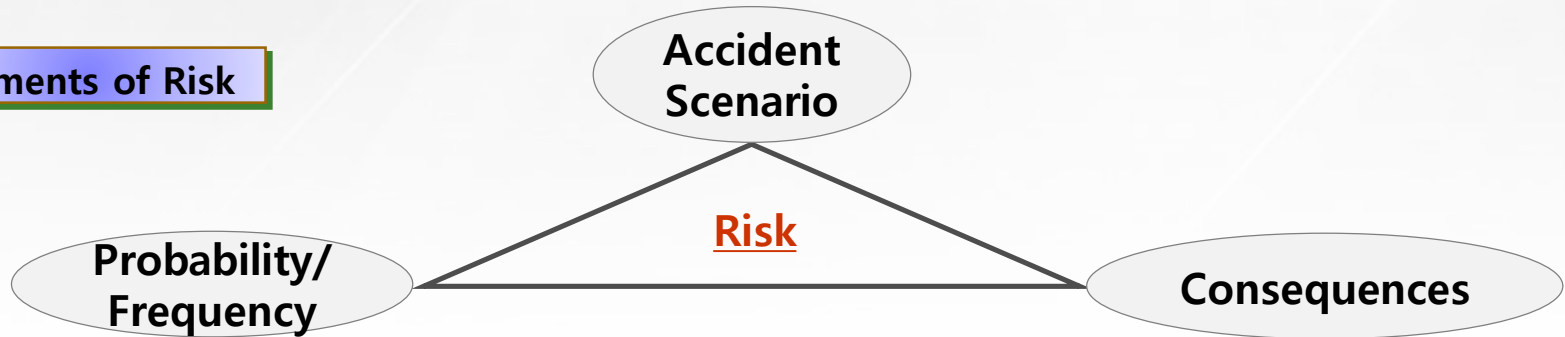
Overview of PRA

■ Definition and Key Elements of PRA

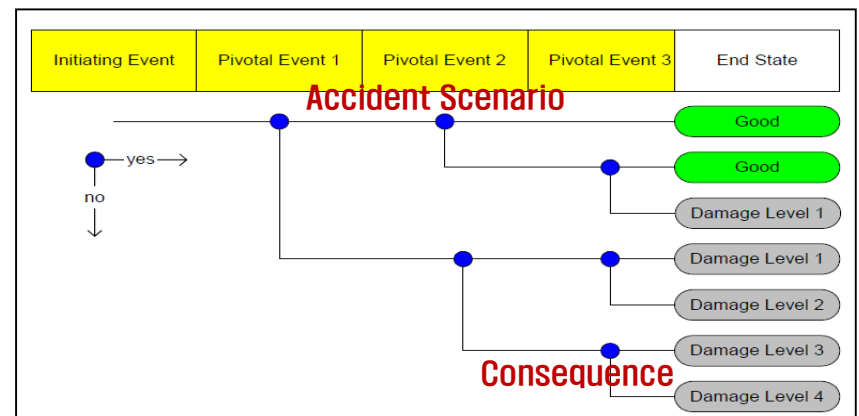
Definition

Risk = Probability of an Accident X Consequences

Elements of Risk



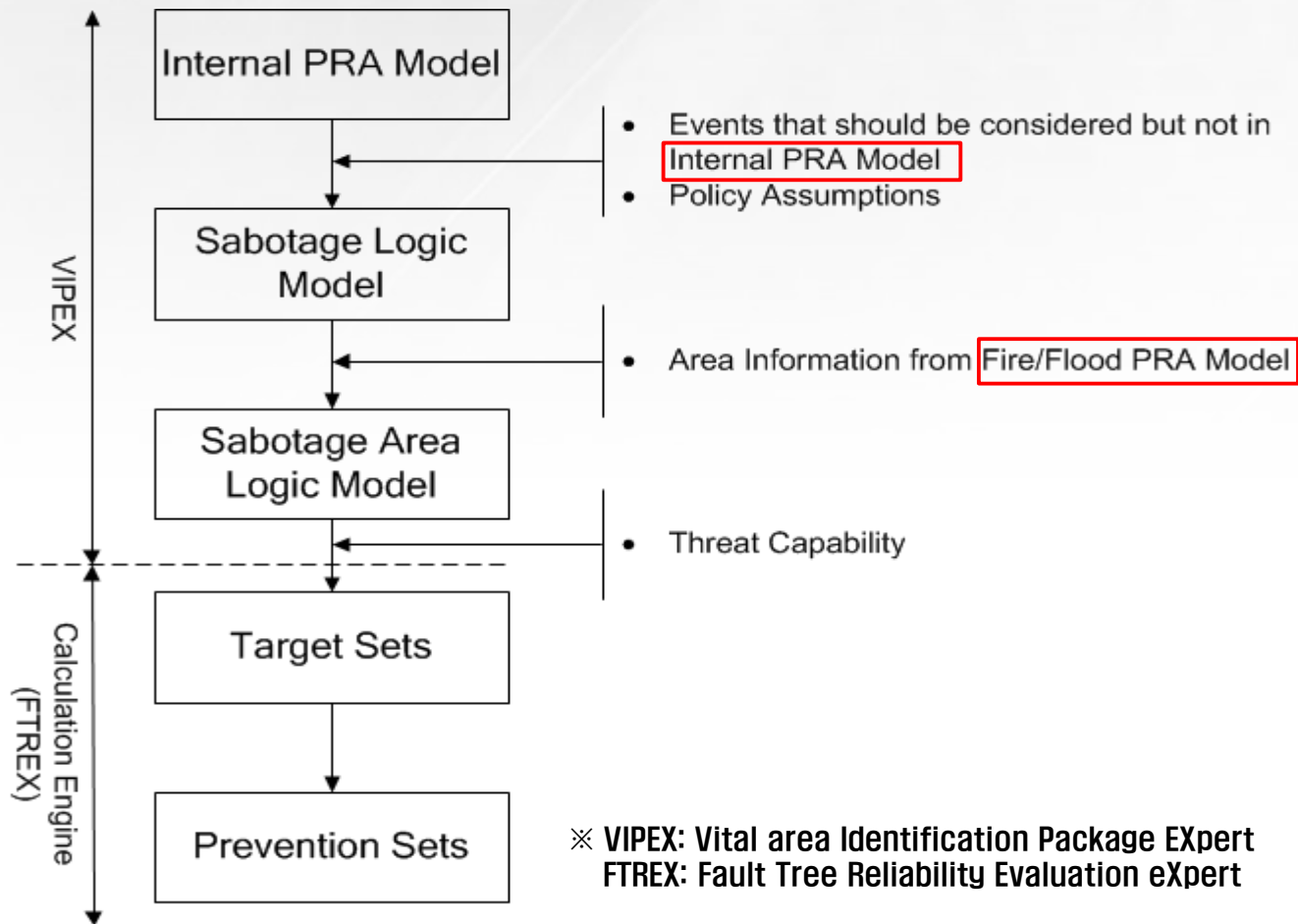
<Fault Tree>



<Event Tree>

Vital Area Identification based on PRA

■ Process of VAI



Vital Area Identification Process

■ Development of Sabotage Logic Model

- Development of Sabotage logic model based on Internal PRA model
 - Identify any **initiating events of malicious origin(IEMOs) with mitigating system disablements** that would lead to HRC
 - Find a list of the **safety function** needed to respond to IEMOs and then identify a list of **front line system and support systems** that perform each safety function
 - Describe system **success criteria** for front line systems and support systems with each IEMO

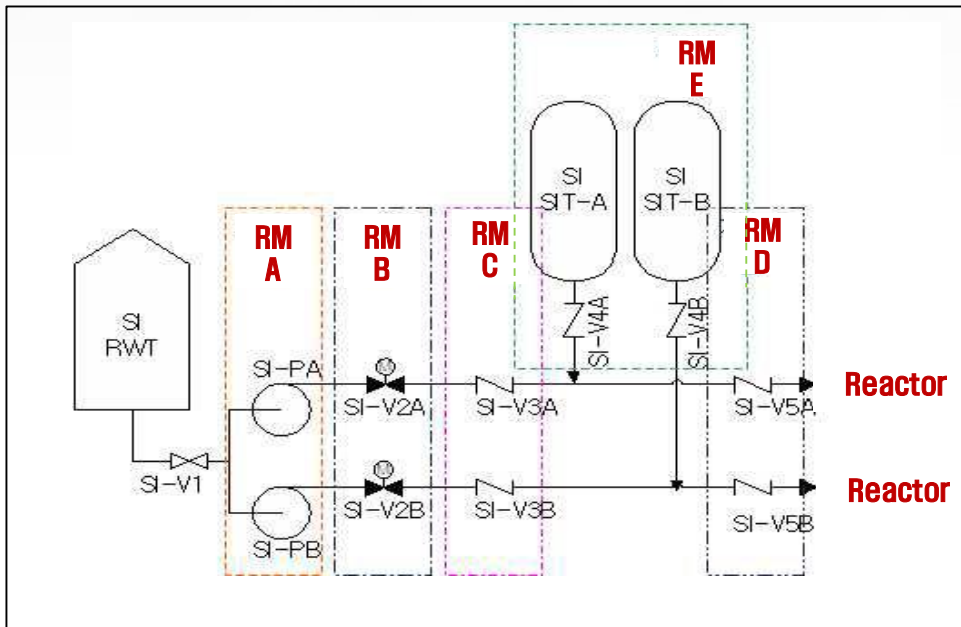
IEMO	Front-Line System	Support System	Success Criteria	Support Document	Special Characteristics
Loss of off-site power	Waste tank cooling system		One of two trains delivering cooling water at 100% of design flow (80% of pump max flow)	HAWSF DSA extract	Both coolant pumps are flow-cooled and self-lubricating.
	Train A	440 VAC Bus A (standby power)	90 kilowatts of power from Standby Diesel Generator A (125 kilowatts nominal power)	Design specifications for Train A cooling pump (see Figure C-3)	
	Train B	440 VAC Bus B (standby power)	90 kilowatts of power from Standby Diesel Generator B (125 kilowatts nominal power)	Design specifications for Train B cooling pump (see Figure C-3)	

<Example : Success Criteria of IEMO/System>

Vital Area Identification Process

■ Development of Sabotage Area Logic Model

- **Conversion** from Sabotage logic model to **Sabotage Area logic model**
 - **Identify the locations(areas)** in which IEMOs and the other events in the sabotage logic model can be accomplished
 - **Replace the events in the sabotage logic model with their corresponding areas**



※ Solve the sabotage area logic model to **identify the combinations of locations** that should be protected.

Ex) Room A destroyed
⇒ SI Pump A/B is failed

AND

Room E destroyed
⇒ SI Tank A/B is failed

Core Damage

Vital Area Identification Process

■ Identify Target Sets and Prevention Sets

➤ Solve the Sabotage area logic model via calculation software

- Find **Target Sets**

⇒ Minimal cut set(MCS) of the sabotage area logic model is combination of target sets

- Find **Prevention Sets**

⇒ If the adversary is prevented from gaining access to all the areas in one prevention set, he will not be able to complete any of the sabotage attacks

- **Select the vital area set** from the candidate vital area sets identified as prevention sets that will be protected to prevent sabotage leading to HRCs

※ Consideration Factor : Low difficulty of providing protections /

High effectiveness of protection measures and etc.

Thank You.

Q & A

