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## ABBREVIATIONS

2P	Two Parameters
ETF	Expected Time to Failure
FMEA	Failure Mode and Effect Analysis
PDF	Probability Density Function
RAM	Reliability Availability and Maintainability

# 1. INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

The ECC RCM database aims to provide the maintenance task based on the information of equipment failure modes, cause and effects of oil and gas and petrochemical process plants equipment and component. The RCM database provides a guideline for support projects during concept and design phase and assessment of physical asset during operational phase considering the best maintenance task for each equipment/component failure mode. By using the ECC RCM data base you will have the following:

- To save time, money and effort by with standardized failure modes, cause and consequences;
- To have the basis for RCM analysis and save time, money and effort;
- To implement the standardized failure modes, cause and effect in the FRACAS, CMMS, Asset Management systems;
- To save time, money and effort by with standardized failure modes, cause and consequences in safety and risk analysis;

Based on the equipment / component list defined the RCM is described by using a general risk matrix. In order to update the RCM database by using the different risk matrix, a re-assessment must take place.

## 1.2 METHODOLOGY

The RCM database is based on the Reliability Engineer Expert Dr. Eduardo Calixto experience in hundreds of Reliability Engineering analysis including FMEA and RCM.

However, this RCM database is defined in for equipment and component level. Because of different equipment configuration, it was considered the most critical component that affect the equipment reliability performance.

The RCM data base is presented in level 1 (equipment) and level 2(component).

The main equipment of Oil and gas industry of downstream and upstream are divided in different types of equipment and system such as:

- Rotating;
- Static;
- Safety and Control;
- Utilities.

## 1.3 THE RCM DATABASE STRUCTURE

The RCM database is structured in a template divided in:

- Equipment List
- Equipment / Component Functions
- Failure Mode

- Cause
- Consequence
- Risk
- Preventive Maintenance

The “Equipment Description” describes the type of equipment, supplier, operation conditions and design specification.

The “Equipment Configuration” describes the number of equipment components in order to clarify if there is redundancy or not.

The “Equipment Function” describes the equipment objective.

The “Component” describes the type of components of the equipment.

The “Component Function” describes the objective of the components.

The “Failure Modes” describes the way that such components lose their function.

The “Failure Mode Causes” describes why failure mode happens.

The “Risk” describes the combination of the occurrence of failure modes cause and effects.

The “Maintenance Task” that aims to mitigate the risk.

The “Type” of Maintenance that defines the type of maintenance such as corrective (Co), Predictive (pdm), Schedule (Sch), Inspection (Insp).

The “Interval” of maintenance that defines the frequency of maintenance task.

The “Risk Post” is the risk mitigated after the preventive maintenance.

The “Phase” describes each phase of an asset when the failure mode happens, based on its cause. The asset phases are described in the RCM sheet as: De (design), Mo (Montage), Tra (Transportation), Ins (Installation), Pred (Pre-Commissioning), Op (Operation).

The “Risk Assessment” on the RCM analysis, is the combination of the likelihood of failure mode with the consequence of failure mode effect, defined in the FMEA. In order to analyze the risk, the qualitative risk assessment was carried out based on specialist opinion. In order to simplify the RCM template, the occurrence and severity classification will not be shown but only the final risk classification.

The “Likelihood Assessment” is the frequency of the failure modes occurrence based on the risk matrix description. The failure modes frequencies classification are in line with the ECC reliability and maintainability database.

There are different configurations of risk matrix and such configuration must reflect the law and companies risk policy. The figure 2 shows an example of risk matrix with four severity categories and six frequency categories.

Figure 2 – Risk Matrix

		FREQUENCY CATEGORY					
		A (extremely remote)	B (remote)	C (Little frequency)	D (Frequent)	E (Very frequent)	F (Extremely frequent)
		At least 1 between 1000 and 100000 years	At least 1 between 50 and 1000	At least 1 between 30 and 50 years	At least 1 between 5 and 30 years	At least 1 in 5 years	At least 1 in 1 year
SEVERITY CATEGORY	IV	M	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT
	III	M	M	NT	NT	NT	NT
	II	T	T	M	M	M	M
	I	T	T	T	M	M	M

In addition, severity classification must describe all parties affected in the case of an accident like employees, community and environment as well as company installations cost. The figure 3 shows an example of severity category.

Figure 3 – Severity classification

		Description and characteristic				
		PERSONAL SAFETY	INSTALATION	ENVIROMENT AND IMAGE	SOCIAL	
SEVERITY CATEGORY	IV	Catastrophic	Cathastrofic injures with death, its possible to effect people outside	Losses in equipment and plant with high cost to buy the new one	Loss of ecosystem with bad nacional and international company image reputation	Economics effects in local activities, health cost in local populatio, economics losses in turism, ecosystem local losses and quality of life losses. (Betwen R\$ 101.000.000,00 and R\$ 336.000.000,00)
	III	Critical	Critical injures. Employees stay a period oftime out of workplace	Equipment serius damaged with high cost to repair	Critical effects to enviroment being hard to improve eosystem condition even with human actions. Bad nacional and international company image reputation	Economics effects in local activities, health cost in local populatio, economics losses in turism, ecosystem local losses (Betwen R\$ 2.500.000,00 and R\$ 101.000.000,00)
	II	Marginal	Moderate injures with firt aid assistance	Low equipment damaged with low repair cost	Not serius enviroment effect but its necessary human intervention and actions to improve enviroment.Bad nacional company image reputation	Economics effects in local activities, health cost in local population, economics losses in turism, fishing and the others (Form R\$ 0,00 to R\$ 2.500.000,00)
	I	NOT EFFECT	Theres no injures and health damaged	There is not damaged to equipment and plant	Insignificant enviroment effect. There is not necessity to human action to eosystem improvement. There is not nacional company image reputation bad effect	There is not economics effects in local activities, health cost in local population

## 2. ONSHORE EQUIPMENT

### 2.1 Rotating Equipment



#### 2.1.1 *Pumps* (Components: seal, bearing, shaft, impeller, O-ring, casing, packing, shaft, coupling, nozzle)

The centrifugal pump is one of the most used pumps in Petrochemical, chemical and Oil and Gas industry, therefore, such RCM will describe the main components failure modes, cause, risk and preventive maintenance mitigation action. The first step in RCM analysis is to define the equipment and components list. The main component of centrifugal pump can be described on equipment hierarchy as follows:

- Seal;
- Bearing;
- Shaft;
- Impeller;
- O-ring;
- Casing;
- Packing;
- Shaft;
- Coupling;
- Nozzle.

The next step is to define the equipment and component function, which is described on table 1 below.

Table 1 – Pump equipment and component function (RCM)

<b>Reliability Centred Maintenance (RCM)</b>					
<b>RCM Leader: Dr. Eduardo Calixto</b>			<b>Document: DE-xxxx-001 Rev01</b>		<b>Date:xx-xxx-xxxx</b>
<b>System: xxxxxxxx</b>			<b>Subsystem: xxxxxxx</b>		<b>Equipment: P-01 A/B</b>
<b>N0</b>	<b>Equipment Number</b>	<b>Equipment Description</b>	<b>Equipment Function</b>	<b>Component</b>	<b>Component Function</b>
1	P-101 A/B	Centrifugal Pump	Transfer a given liquid at a system required flow rate of "X" and a pressure of "Y"	O-ring	Avoid leakage
2				Casing	Protect the impeller and create a chamber for the fluid be pumped through.
3				Coupling	Transmit torque to impeller
4				Impeller	Spin the fluid inside the pump chamber
5				Shaft	Transmit mechanical energy
6				Seal	Prevent external leakage
7				Bearing	Ensure shaft alignment
8				Packing	Control leakage
9				Nozzle	To direct or modify the flow of a fluid

The next step is to perform the different component RCM Analysis as shows the tables 2 below



Table 2 – RCM Pump (O-ring, Casing, and Coupling)

Reliability Centred Maintenance (RCM)									
RCM Leader: Dr. Eduardo Calixto			Document: DE-xxxxx-001 Rev01			Date:xx-xx-2020			
System: xxxxx			Subsystem: Xxxx			Equipment: P-01 A/B		Component: O-ring, Casing and Coupling	
N0	Component	Failure mode	Phase	Cause	R	Maintenance Task	Type	Interval	Risk (Post)
1	O-ring	Worn out	Op	Aged	EI	Visual Inspection	Sch	2 years	DI
2			Op	Excessive solids in fluid causing premature wear	EI	Process control (To control fluid quality)	N/A	N/A	DI
3			Ins	Impeller misaligned	EI	Visual Inspection (To verify impeller alignment)	Sch	2 months	DI
4		Brittle	Op	Overheat due lack of cooling or adequate liquid flow	EI	Process control (To control fluid quality)	N/A	N/A	DI
5		Deformation	OP	Excessive temperature, pressure or chemical attack	EI	Process control (To control fluid temperature)	N/A	N/A	DI
6	Casing	Worn out	Op	Normal wear	DI	Visual Inspection	Sch	2 years	CI
7			Op	Excessive solids in fluid causing premature wear	DI	Process control (To control fluid quality)	N/A	N/A	CI
8		Distorted	Op	Excessive pipe strain caused by overload.	DI	Process control (To control process load)	N/A	N/A	CI
9	Coupling	Worn out	Op	Vibration caused by Improper shaft alignment	DII	Visual Inspection (To verify impeller alignment)	Sch	2 months	CII
10			Op	Improper lubrication	DII	To control lubricant quality	Sch	1 month	CII
11			Op	Normal wear	DII	Visual Inspection	Sch	2 years	CII