

# Climate Change Risk Assessment: Core Principles for All Sectors



- An introductory module on Climate Change Risk Assessment Objectives, Risk Assessment Core Principles and Approaches.



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## Training Module Outline



- Purpose and Objective of Climate Change Risk Assessment (CCRA)
  - Key Terms
  - Climate Change as a Mechanism of Risk
- Identifying Climate Hazards
  - Risk Estimation and Analysis
  - Combining Likelihood and Consequence to Estimate Risk Levels
- 3 Tiers of CCRA
  - What is a Tier 1 CCRA?
  - What is involved in a Tier 2 CCRA?
  - Tier 3 CCRA Characteristics.

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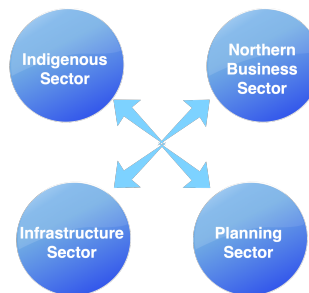


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## Who This Training Is For



- This course was developed to provide foundational concepts in CCRA to all Manitoba BRACE MCRT Sectors.
- This course is a prerequisite for the **design-oriented** CCRA Course: "Infrastructure Climate Risk Assessment Featuring the PIEVC Process"



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## Climate Change Risk Assessment (CCRA): Fundamentals



- CCRA is a process used to help business **identify their climate change-induced risks** from emerging climate change impacts. A process with **3 key steps**:
  - **Identify** Climate Hazards and Anticipated Impacts
  - **Assess** and Prioritise Risks
  - **Plan** to Reduce Identified Risks
- CCRA answers the question “**What might the future look like for us and what climate conditions will we need to adapt to?**”
- The process looks at impacts to
  - People
  - Property
  - Operations
  - Environment



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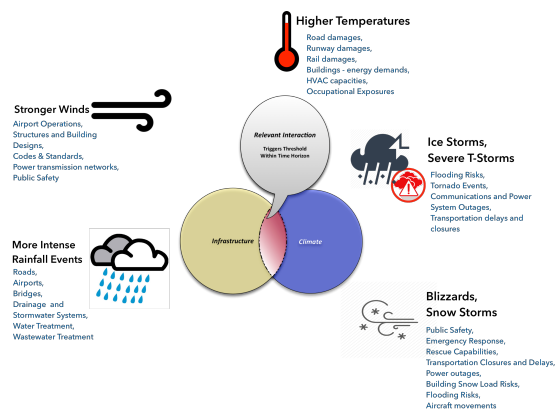
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## Climate Change Risk Assessment: A Process to Address Climate Risks for Business



- Climate change induces **several key risks** to businesses, infrastructure providers.
- Risks stem from impacts to critical infrastructure, services, people
  - (transport, drainage, utilities, etc.)
- Risks lurk in other areas that are important to businesses, communities



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## Responding to Climate Impacts: 3 Options Available



- For Climate Change, businesses have 3 responses available:

### 1. Do Nothing – Business As Usual

- Leave your business prone to impacts: Often expensive, disruptive.
- **NOT considered a viable option.**



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## Responding to Climate Impacts: 3 Options Available...



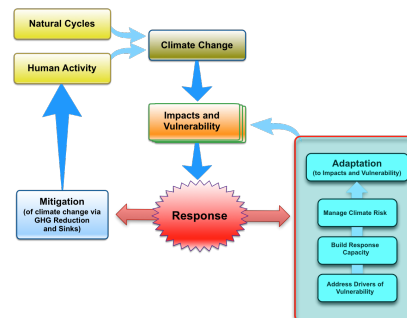
- Only two viable responses remain:

### 2. Mitigate Emissions causing Climate Change

- Apply strategies to **reduce the Greenhouse Gas emissions** that cause climate change

### 3. Adapt to Climate Impacts

- Implement measures or changes to **increase your business' ability to cope** with climate impacts



Climate Change Risk Assessments provide the critical decision support information to inform your risk reduction planning.

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# Defining Key Terms



**Risk** can be described in several ways, but at its essence, **risk is the possibility or probability of suffering a harm or loss, or the possibility of benefiting from an opportunity.**



- A source of opportunity to business
  - E.g. - *higher temperatures mean a longer open water season, so my lodge may see opportunity to extend operations for a longer fishing season.*
- A hazard or threat to the business. This is a "downside" risk.
  - E.g. - *wildfire events could cause loss of structures on our site property.*
- *Risk is the effect of uncertainty on objectives (ISO 31000).*

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# Important Risk Considerations



- Any job or activity involves some level of hazard or risk.
- When risk is acknowledged, there is then a need for safety.
- Many businesses develop Safety Plans to manage their known risks.



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## How Much Risk?



- We experience two kinds of risk:
  - **Perceived Risk:** a subjective judgement made by an individual
  - **Actual Risk:** the quantifiable aspects of risk (data on likelihood, impact severity of the risk)
- Our **perceived risk** is not always in line with **actual risk**.



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## Defining Key Terms...



### Perceiving Risk *(cont'd)*

- Our perceived risk is not always in line with actual risk
- For example, **more people die each year from falling out of bed (450 persons/year in USA) than they do from shark attacks.**
- This means the actual risk of death by falling out of bed is higher than from a shark attack..

#### **but**

- Many ocean swimming tourists perceive greater risk from the potential shark attack than from falling out of the bed in their hotel room.



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# Defining Key Terms: Components of Risk



- At its essence, risk is the product of two components:

$$R = P \times S$$



Where those components are:

**P= Probability (Likelihood)**

**S= Severity of the consequence of an event, should it occur.**

**Probability/Likelihood:**

If numerical data-based, call it Probability

If qualitative, description-based, call it Likelihood

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## Risk Characteristics: Low/High, High/Low Events



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Since risk is the combined effect of probability and severity **both** elements must be considered...

**Very low likelihood and high severity can still be a serious risk:**

- Low Probability, High Impact Severity Example:**

Japan's Fukushima Nuclear Reactor:

- Earthquake triggers tsunami, causing massive floodwave,
- Main power supply fails
- Backup power systems flood and fail - no power for reactor cooling
- loss of reactor cooling means **multiple reactor meltdown**.

- Catastrophic Severity** resulting from this **very low** likelihood, high severity event.

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**Very high likelihood and low severity may be a very low risk**

- **High Probability, Low Severity** Example: Winnipeg's Forks Riverwalk:
  - River levels fluctuate due to spring runoff, seasonal rains
  - Large, high intensity rainstorms occur
  - Flash runoff from rains enters river, water levels rapidly rise
  - Riverwalk is flooded from rising water levels. Floods persist for parts of the season.
- **Low Severity** from this **high likelihood, low severity** event. The Riverwalk is designed to be routinely flooded, so very high likelihood of flooding, but impacts are low risk – they just rinse off the river mud and re-open.

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## Risk Characteristics



- In an ideal world, we have access to all the data that allows us to do a statistical analysis and generate numerical probabilities.
- The world is often not ideal, and we often lack data sufficient to create precise numerical values, so we then rely on **historical, operational and other experience to assign a descriptive, non-numerical classification**).
- Both approaches are acceptable, and usually necessary.
  - Its unusual to have data in hand for everything.

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## Qualitative Definitions of Probability: Aviation Industry



- **Extremely Improbable:** should virtually never occur
- **Extremely Remote:** Unlikely to occur when considering several systems of the same type, but has to be considered as being possible
- **Remote:** Unlikely to occur during the total operational life of each system, but may occur
- **Reasonably Probable:** May occur once during the total operational life of one system
- **Frequent:** May occur once or several times during operational life



Source: ICAO Doc 5859 – Safety Management Manual

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## Quantitative Definitions of Probability: Aviation Industry



- **Extremely Improbable:**  $< 10^{-9}$  per flight hour
- **Extremely Remote:**  $10^{-7}$  to  $10^{-9}$  per flight hour
- **Remote:**  $10^{-5}$  to  $10^{-7}$  per flight hour
- **Reasonably Probable:**  $10^{-3}$  to  $10^{-5}$  per flight hour
- **Frequent:**  $1$  to  $10^{-3}$  per flight hour



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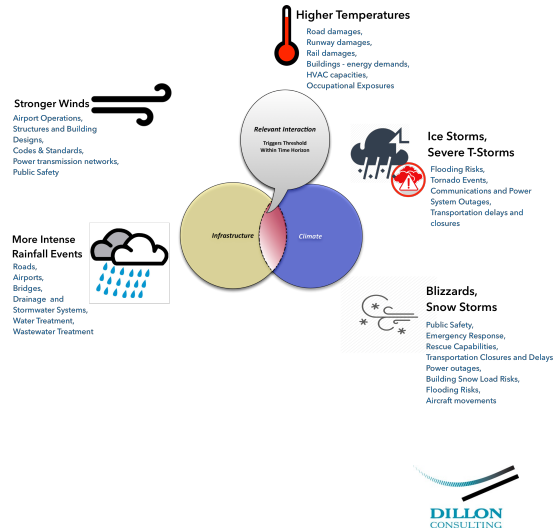


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## Climate Change as a Mechanism of Risk to your Business/Organisation



- Climate change triggers impacts that create risks to assets, operations, and staff.
- In select cases, impacts may translate into benefits.
  - Example: climate change resulting in warmer temperatures will result in a lower requirement for heating days per year. This likely will result in reduced demand on heating systems.
- Let's explore how climate risks arise and key areas of climate risk to businesses



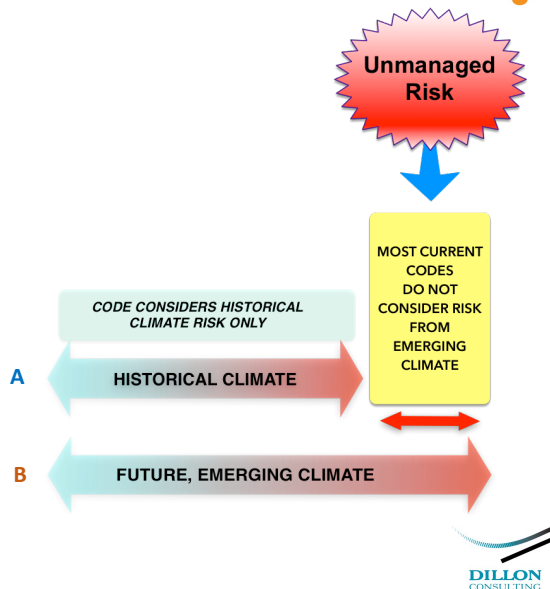
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## Climate Change Risk: How Does This Happen?



- Today, Engineers face two realities in design:
  - **A:** The operating environment defined by historical (prior) climate
  - **B:** The operating environment defined by a newer, shifted climate.
- The gap between the two climates, if not designed for, can contain un-managed risk.



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## Climate Change-Induced Risk to Businesses, Communities



- Climate Change has potential to induce several key risks to the businesses and communities:
  - **Regulatory Risks**
  - **Physical Risks**
  - **Risks to Reputation**
  - **Litigation Risks**
- For business continuity and reputational credibility, **businesses need to anticipate risks in each of these areas**



Image: CBC

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## Regulatory Risks



- Regulations always evolve with time. Climate change means new regulations will continue to be introduced, joining many already in effect in two main areas:
  1. **Traditional Regulation:** Permits, Building Codes, Energy-efficiency requirements
  2. **Market-Based Regulation:** carbon taxes, fuel tariffs, emissions trading.



Image: The Economist, Sept. 2019

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## Regulatory Risks...



- Newer regulations take several forms:
  - Improved **vehicle efficiency requirements**
  - Stronger **efficiency requirements in residential and commercial sectors**
  - Increased **reliance on renewables**
  - Strengthened **emission regulations**
  - Steps to **regulate emissions that were previously not regulated**.
- To avoid the most serious impacts of climate change, **we need to meet global emission targets**.
- Those targets are only achievable with far-reaching regulatory changes**.
- Expect regulatory changes to continue** as more severe impacts from climate change affect communities and economic sectors.



Image: Daily Energy Insider

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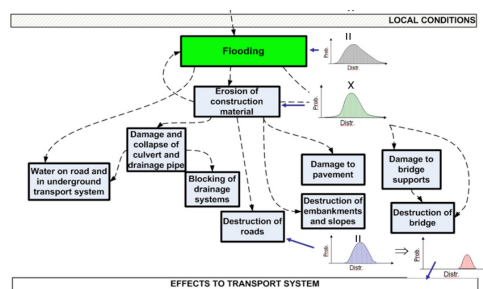


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## Physical Risks



- Important for businesses to review their operations, movements, supply sources for sensitivity to climate impacts
- What systems does your business rely upon and what are the sensitivities to climate for those systems?
- Operational exposure to physical risks depends on
  - Sector of the business (any issues with your supply chain?)
  - Location where business operates



Source: VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland, 2011

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## Reputational Risks



- In today's economy, **business reputation represents a significant share of brand value:**
  - How your business addresses climate change, sustainability concerns will have an impact on its reputation
  - Risks to business reputation are greater for
    - Sectors with **high emission levels**
    - Sectors that **interface directly with the public**
  - Failure to comply with legislation can **damage your reputation**
  - Increasingly, sectors such as energy, aviation, automobile industries are **expected to act beyond basic legal requirements**.



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## Legal Risks



**Evolving and increasing legislation means higher risk of litigation** in key areas affecting all sectors:

- Actions **targeting heavy emitters**
- Legal challenges related to **emerging jurisdictional carbon controls**
  - Carbon regulation expanding in Canada, and globally
- Legal scrutiny of greenhouse gas emissions, and **Climate Risk Disclosure**



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## Climate Change Risks to Operations



It boils down to this:

**Climate change is operating environment change.**

- Climate change will be more disruptive, for longer than COVID-19 has been to business, communities.
- There is no vaccine for climate change.
- Changes, and their effects, can create risk for company/community operations.
  - Supply chain disruptions
  - Water quality and supply issues for water-dependent operations/processes
  - Cooling for IT systems, controls

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### Churchill washout cost Via \$1.7M in revenue

Company saved \$1.2M in expenses due to service cancellations

By Oliver Robertson  
Posted: 8:45 AM CDT Monday, Oct. 16, 2018

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**ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMY CORRELATES**

OTTAWA — Via Rail estimates it lost almost \$1.7 million in revenue in the seven months after the tracks to Churchill washed out in the spring of 2017.

Documents obtained through a freedom of information request show the Crown corporation believes it also saved \$1.2 million by not running the full route from June to December 2017, making the net loss \$500,000.

The decision to keep the line operating with fewer passengers made it the most heavily subsidized of the 12 rail lines the federal government in 2015. Normally, the Subsidy Windmills, Cdn. runs costs the track.

In 2017, the passenger subsidy was \$873.16, compared with less than \$400 in 2016. Single Island Road would be the line the train are not going as far as passengers bound for Churchill.

Before the May washout, Via saw an uptick in interest along the line. In 2016, the route "has its highest mileage since 2007 during the polar bear season" according to the Star performer with revenue growing by more than 20 per cent and new passengers in a new, the reports said.

That's in part due to a new dining car and another one focused on tourist information prepared by Parks Canada.

— Oliver Robertson

Tracks used by the Hudson Bay Railway washed out just north of Gillam on May 23, 2017, cutting off service to Churchill. The Free Press requested the internal analysis of the effect of the washout on Via revenue. At a year ago, Via Rail has operated a single return trip each week between Winnipeg and The Pas, twice weekly between The Pas and Thompson and three times a week between Thompson and Gillam.

The train used to run twice weekly from Winnipeg and three times a week from Thompson, linking remote northern Manitoba communities along the line, in addition to sending tourists and academics to Churchill, the "Polar Bear Capital of the World."



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## Climate Change Risks to Assets



- Climate Change is operating environment change.
- Changes happening where your assets operate will pose risks to company assets due to impacts from:
  - Wildfire events
  - Overland flooding
  - Extreme heat events
  - Drought
  - Severe storms
  - Increased Snowloads

**"Among S&P 500 Companies, 60% own assets that are at high risk of at least one type of climate change physical risk."**

*"The Big Picture on Climate Risk", S&P Global, 2020*



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# Climate Change Risks to Staff



Climate Impact	Mechanisms	Staff Impacts
Extreme Heat Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prolonged exposure to extreme heat.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Heat stress</li> <li>Heat stroke</li> <li>Heat exhaustion</li> </ul>
Air Pollution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Changes in ground level ozone and particulate pollution levels</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Heart disease</li> <li>Respiratory disease</li> <li>Allergic reactions</li> </ul>
Extreme Weather Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Floods, landslides, storms, lightning, wildfires, drought</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Occupational fatalities</li> <li>Injury, disease, mental stress</li> </ul>
Biological Hazards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Changes in Temperature and Rainfall affect pathways for pathogens, invasive species, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vector-borne disease</li> <li>Mold-related asthma</li> <li>Allergies</li> </ul>
Indoor Climate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Higher temperatures stress existing climate control.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indoor air quality degradation</li> <li>Heat stress</li> </ul>

- Climate Change and its effect on environment can also pose risks to both indoor and outdoor workers.

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NIOSH, 2016



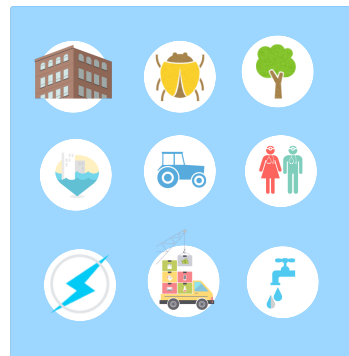
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# Defining Climate Hazards



- A Climate Hazard is...  
*.. "the potential occurrence of natural, physical event or trend that may cause loss of life, injury or other health impact, as well as damage and loss to property, infrastructure, livelihoods, services, ecosystems and environmental resources."*

*Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), 2016*



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# Identifying Climate Hazards



## Climatic Conditions

Understanding the character, magnitude and rate of change in the climatic conditions to which businesses will face



## Sensitivities of Assets, Infrastructure, Operations

How sensitive is my business to climatic changes?



## Built-in Capacity of the business

What level of built-in capacity within my business exists to absorb net consequences from changing climatic conditions?

Identifying climate hazards includes consideration of all 3 elements!



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## Climate Change Risk Assessment: *Providing Results Needed to Reduce Climate Impacts*



- CCRA is a 4-step process.



Source: National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility,  
Australia Department of the Environment and Energy, 2017

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## Climate Change Risk Assessment: *Steps in CCRA*



### Establish Context

- Define scope of assessment
- Set goals for assessment
- Identify stakeholders



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## Climate Change Risk Assessment: *Steps in CCRA*



### Step 1 Context

- Some example business goals and their descriptions



Business Goal	Description
Minimise loss of infrastructure services	Maintain services from essential infrastructure
Minimise disruption of supply chain	Maintain supplies of critical materials
Minimise injury, disease or hospitalization to customers, staff, suppliers	Preserve and enhance public health and safety
Minimise loss of economic activity	Maintain business continuity



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## Climate Change Risk Assessment: Steps in CCRA



### Identify Past/Current Climate Risks

- Review your business' objectives and identify climate risks that could negatively affect those objectives related to your business' products and/or services.



Source: National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility,  
Australia Department of the Environment and Energy, 2017

*Which climate hazards affect any or some of your products, services? Document these linkages!*

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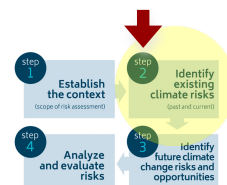
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## Climate Change Risk Assessment: Steps in CCRA



### Identify Past/Current Climate Risks...

- Identify high priority risk events that can be considered in the risk assessment.



Risk Cause	Sudden Onset or Ongoing Event?	Impact Concern
Change in average temperatures (air, river, lake)	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seasonality</li> <li>Aquatic life</li> <li>Winter road network</li> </ul>
Increase in extreme heat events	Sudden onset	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Human health, heat exhaustion</li> <li>Operational limitations</li> </ul>
Increases in Extreme Precipitation	Sudden onset	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overland flooding</li> <li>Road washouts</li> </ul>
Changes in seasonal precipitation (snow, rain)	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Downed power lines</li> <li>Ice accretion and slip/fall hazards</li> <li>Drought</li> </ul>
Change in wind patterns and speeds	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Airborne debris, building damages</li> <li>Tree limb failure and utilities (hydro, etc.), wildfires</li> </ul>

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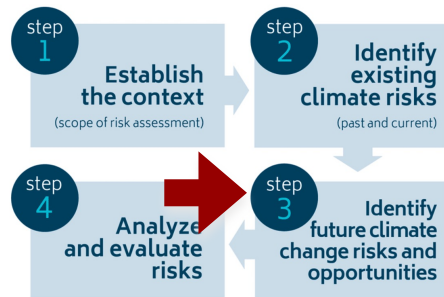
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## Climate Change Risk Assessment: *Providing Results Needed to Reduce Climate Impacts*



### Identify Future Climate Risks and Opportunities

- Make a list of your exposed assets/services
- List all the weather and climate-related events that could disrupt or damage your assets/services



*What aspects of your assets, operations, products/services, staff are impacted by these hazards?*

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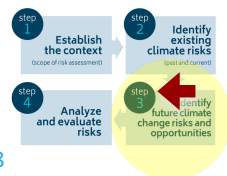
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Assets/Services	Hazards
Summer Tourism Season Revenue	Warmer temps likely means longer operating season (opportunity)
Staff Safety	Extreme Heat events
Warehouse Building	Site Drainage – extreme rainfall, Snowloads, extreme snowfall
Supply Chain/Winter Road Network	Warmer temps and shorter winter season leads to shorter, less reliable winter road season.



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## Climate Change Risk Assessment: Providing Results Needed to Reduce Climate Impacts



- Analysing and Evaluating Risks requires estimates for

- 1. Probability of Hazard** – obtained from data or trend analysis
- 2. Severity of Impact** – obtained from business experience, multi-disciplinary considerations (health, engineering, financial, regulatory, etc.)



*When a hazard occurs, how bad is the severity of that impact to your business?*



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## Simple 5-Point Scales for Assessments



IMPACT SEVERITY	<b>5 CATASTROPHIC</b> Risk will effect extensive damage long-term effect
	<b>4 SERIOUS</b> Risk will cause significant loss, injury or damage
	<b>3 MAJOR</b> Risk may cause considerable loss, injury or damage
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**PROBABILITY/LIKELIHOOD**



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## Combining Probability and Severity Ratings: 5 Point Scale



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SCORE	RISK LEVEL	RESPONSE
1-2	CONTROLLED	Limited Monitoring Only
3-6	SERIOUS	Active Monitoring
8-9	DISRUPTIVE	Investigation Needed
10-16	SEVERE	Rapid Action Required
20-25	CRITICAL	Immediate, Crucial Priority

**Risk Level= Probability x Impact Severity**

- Prioritise your risks by risk levels.
- Reduce the highest scoring risks as your top priority.
- Strategically plan to reduce all your identified risks in an order that makes sense for your business.
- The results from CCRA are rich with decision-support information on your climate risks.

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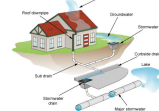
## Overview of the 3 Tiers of CCRA



- Tier 1** Identify Impacts and Preliminary Qualitative Risk Assessment
- Tier 2** Semi-quantitative Risk Analysis  
Systematic Mapping (cross sector risks)  
Policy Risk Analysis (includes gap analysis)
- Tier 3** Fully Quantitative Risk Analysis  
-Data insufficiency significant barrier to T3  
-Very few sectors have req'd data to complete T3



Community



System



Networked Assets

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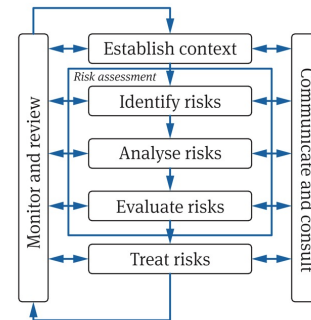


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# Introduction to Tier 1 CCRAs



- Tier 1 Primary Elements:
  - Defining what's in, what's out, geographic boundary conditions
  - Identifying existing stressors potentially exacerbated by climate change
  - Projecting climate-related effects, including changes in climate variability and determining how these effects impact infrastructure
  - Identifying and evaluating the likelihood and consequence of climate-related impacts
  - Characterizing uncertainty and assumptions
  - Communicating risks to stakeholders



Source: ISO 31000: Risk Management Guidance

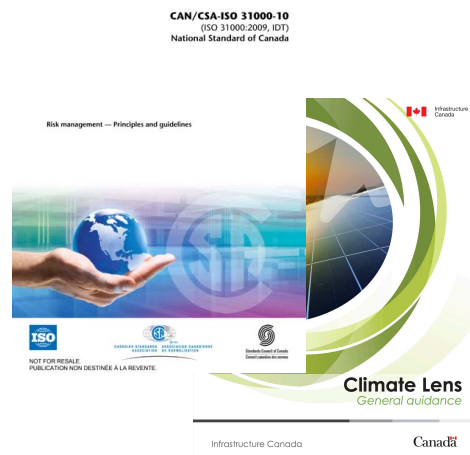
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# Tier 1 Example: ISO 31 000



- Can be data-driven, qualitative, or both.
- Infrastructure Canada's Climate Lens Requirements, reference to ISO 31000 for **Resilience Assessments**



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## Tier 1: Consequence Evaluation



- Consequence Evaluation:
  - Can look at Impact Severity in one or more areas:
    - Health & Safety
    - Reputational
    - Operational
    - Environment
    - Financial
    - Legal
    - Community and other stakeholders

IMPACT SEVERITY	5	Single Fatality or Permanent Disability Implying Long-Term or Quasi-Permanent Absence	IMPACT SEVERITY	5	Clients Move to Another Business
	4	Extensive Injuries or Chronic Health Issues. Absent one month+, or Recurrent Absence for Several months.		4	Clients Consider Using Another Business for your Product/Service
	3	Lost Time Injury and Short/Medium Term Health Effects. Absence of a week or more.		3	Clients Suffer SIGNIFICANT Disruptions, Delays or Losses
	2	Medical Treatment Required or Short-Term Acute Health Effects. Short-Term Absenteeism		2	Clients Suffer Disruptions, Delays or Losses
	1	Local Treatment with Short recovery and Minor Short-Term Effects. No Absenteeism.		1	Clients suffer Minor Disruptions
Health & Safety			Reputational		

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## Tier 1: Likelihood Evaluation



- Likelihood Evaluation:
  - Numerical scale, covering range between low and almost certain likelihood of occurrence.

LIKELIHOOD RATINGS		
Almost certain	5	Recurrent events - expect this event almost annually. Single event - highly likely (>90% probability).
Probable	4	Recurrent events - expect this event several times in your career. Single event - more likely to occur than not (50-90% probability).
Possible	3	Recurrent events - expect this event to occur once in your career, at any time. Single event - less likely than not, but still appreciable chance of occurring (10-50%).
Unlikely	2	Recurrent events - event hasn't occurred during your career yet, but could occur at some time. Single event - unlikely but not negligible (1-10%).
Rare	1	Recurrent events - event has occurred elsewhere, but in exceptional circumstances. Single event - not expected to occur, but possible (<1%).

Source: World Bank Group, International Finance Corp. Climate Risk and Business-PORTS

1	2	3	4	5
UNLIKELY Not expected to occur	REMOTE Not expected	OCCASIONAL May occur intermittently	CERTAIN Expected to occur eventually	FREQUENT Likely to occur soon and often

PROBABILITY/LIKELIHOOD

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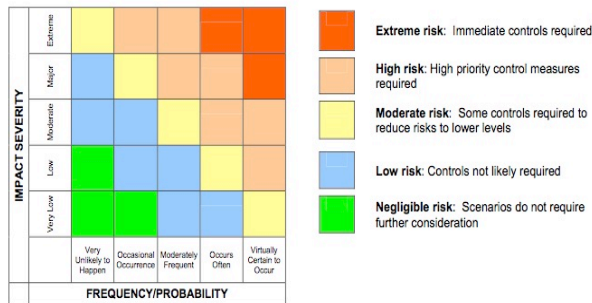


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## Tier 1: Risk Prioritisation



- Prioritization applies a Likelihood and Consequence Matrix:



Source: New Zealand Risk Guidebook

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## Tier 1: More Training



- For more detailed training on Tier 1 CCRAs, please proceed to the **CCRA for MB Northern Business Course Module**.
- This module will demonstrate a **Tier 1 CCRA** applied to a business example.

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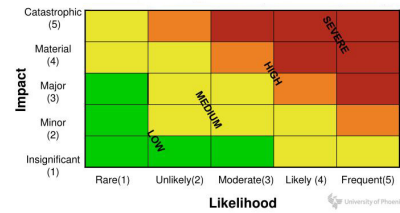


## Tier 2 CC Risk Assessment



- Tier 2 Characteristics
  - Semi-quantitative Risk Analysis
  - Systematic Mapping (indirect and cross-sector risks)
  - Policy Risk Assessment (gap analysis)
  - Best conducted by a multi-disciplinary team (climate scientists, engineers, process operators, maintenance staff)
- Tier 1 assessment process informs selection of higher priority impact areas or assets for Tier 2 Analysis
- Many approaches to T2 analyses

Semi-Quantitative Risk Matrix



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## Tier 2: PIEVC Risk Framework

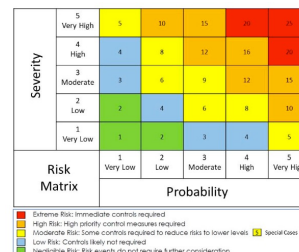


- PIEVC means "Public Infrastructure Engineering Vulnerability Committee"
- Developed and launched by Engineers Canada
- In 2020, Engineers Canada transferred ownership and control of PIEVC to the Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction (ICLR), the Climate Risk Institute and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH
- An assessment protocol to assess and prioritize climate vulnerabilities for critical public infrastructure
- Objectives:
  - look at infrastructure vulnerability to climate change from an engineering perspective
  - Facilitate development of best engineering practices that adapt to climate change impacts

Adapting infrastructure to a changing climate

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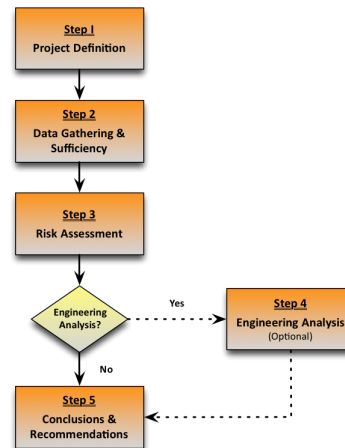
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## Tier 2 CCRAs: PIEVC



### PIEVC Protocol Steps

#### A Five Step Process



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## Tier 2: Considerations for Risk in PIEVC



- Specifically, PIEVC looks at the aspects of a facility with anticipated sensitivities to changes in specific climate parameters. PIEVC guides to look for problems in areas of:

- Structural Serviceability
- Serviceability
- Operations & Maintenance
- Emergency Response Risks
- Insurance Considerations
- Policies and Procedures
- Economics
- Public Health & Safety
- Environmental Effects

Performance Response Considerations						
Structural Design	Functionality	Watershed, Surface Water, Groundwater	Operations & Maintenance	Emergency Response Risks	Insurance Considerations	Policies and Procedures
						Social Effects

*i.e. "When extreme rain event occurs, what response is possible in these key performance areas?"*

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## Tier 2: Workshop Master Results



Infrastructure Components	Climate Parameters																												
	Temperature												Rainfall						Wind Speed										
	Mid-winter Thaw (Dec/Jan/Feb Tmin>=3C)				Freeze-Thaw Cycles (Winter, 30 cycles -3C to +3C)				Frost Penetration (1.51m depth; need to revisit threshold)				Extreme Rainfall (threshold for ponding causing road closure, 4- 6in ponding, 25 mm in 1hr)		Extreme Rainfall (Threshold for flooding; 55mm in 1 hour; ~1:14 year event based on current IDF)		Extreme Rainfall (Catastrophic events; 1:100 year event; 75.5mm in 1hr based on current IDF)		Thunderstorm Winds (90km/h+, Apr- Sep)		Lightning				Hail				
	Y/N	P	S	R	Y/N	P	S	R	Y/N	P	S	R	Y/N	P	S	R	Y/N	P	S	R	Y/N	P	S	R	Y/N	P	S	R	
Catchment Ground Surfaces	Y/N	P	S	R	Y/N	P	S	R	Y/N	P	S	R	Y/N	P	S	R	Y/N	P	S	R	Y/N	P	S	R	Y/N	P	S	R	
Roads	n				0	n			0	n			0	y	4	3	12	y	2	4	8	y	1	5	5	n			0
Grass	n				0	n			0	n			0	y	4	2	8	y	2	3	6	y	1	4	4	n			0
Parking Lots	n				0	n			0	n			0	y	4	3	12	y	2	4	8	y	1	5	5	n			0
Rooftops -residential	n				0	n			0	n			0	y	4	1	4	y	2	1	2	y	1	1	1	n			0
Weeping Tile	n				0	n			0	n			0	y	4	1	4	y	2	1	2	y	1	3	3	n			0
Existing Lift Station	Y/N	P	S	R	Y/N	P	S	R	Y/N	P	S	R	Y/N	P	S	R	Y/N	P	S	R	Y/N	P	S	R	Y/N	P	S	R	
Manhole Chamber (shallow)	n				0	y	2	1	2	y	5	1	5	y	4	1	4	y	2	1	2	y	1	1	1	n			0
Pump	n				0	n			0	n			0	y	4	1	4	y	2	1	2	y	1	1	1	n			0
Back-up Pump (natural gas)	n				0	n			0	n			0	n			0	n			0	n			0	n			0
Building (brick, concrete roof)	n				0	y	2	1	2	n			0	n			0	n			0	y	4	1	4	y	2	2	4
Floats	n				0	n			0	n			0	n			0	n			0	n			0	n			0
Electrical Panel	n				0	n			0	n			0	n			0	n			0	y	2	1	2	n			0
Internal piping (Cast Iron)	n				0	n			0	n			0	n			0	n			0	n			0	n			0
Heater	n				0	n			0	n			0	n			0	n			0	y	2	1	2	n			0
Outlet (flap valve external to	n				0	n			0	n			0	y	4	1	4	y	2	1	2	y	1	1	1	n			0

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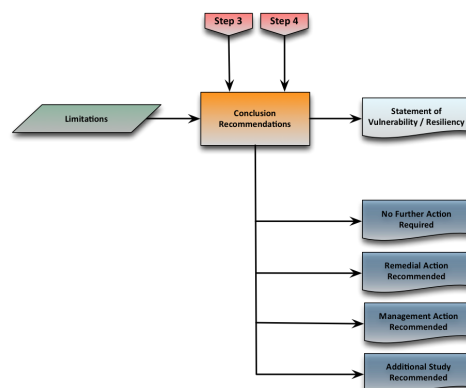
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## Tier 2: Reporting PIEVC Results, Recommendations



- Results from PIEVC are rich in decision-support information. Info packages tailored for
  - Government officials (briefing level)
  - Owners and operators of the infrastructure (technical detail)
- Generally, four major categories of recommendations:
  - Remedial action required to upgrade
  - Management action required to address infrastructure capacity shortfalls
  - No further action required
  - Data gaps or data quality require more study for proper assessment



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## Tier 2: More Training on PIEVC



- For more detailed training on Tier 2 CCRAs, please proceed to the **MCRT Course**:

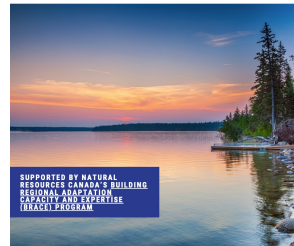
### Infrastructure Climate Risk Assessment Featuring the PIEVC Process

- This module will provide detailed training on conducting a PIEVC assessment, tailored for the design community.

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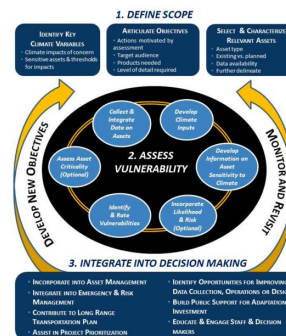


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## Introduction to Tier 3 CCRAs



- Highest detail and effort to complete.
- Conducted on a critical network scale (e.g. state highway network)
- Multiple detailed steps to complete
- Example: FHWA Maryland State Highway Administration Climate Vulnerability Assessment



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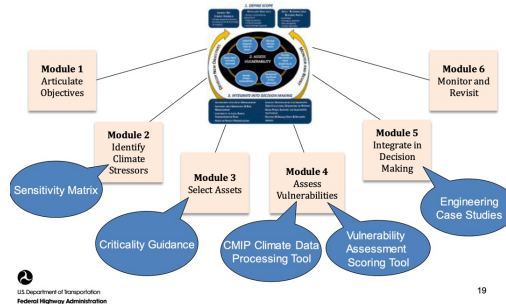


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# Introduction to Tier 3 CCRA's



- Involved detailed modelling of multiple climate stressors
  - Sea Level Rise
  - Storm Surge
  - Precipitation
- This study assessed:
  - over 220 bridge assets
  - State road network
  - State culverts and drainage conveyances
- Study took 2 years to complete, included teams of MDOT staff, consulting engineers, local university climate experts.
- Tier 3 is not commonly used due to complexity and cost. Suitable for holders of large asset portfolios.



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# Where to From Here?



- For **Business Sector** participants, proceed to the
  - CCRA for Manitoba Business Module.**
    - Tier 1 CCRA applied to the business context.
- For **design professionals**, proceed to the
  - Infrastructure Climate Risk Assessment Featuring the PIEVC Process Module**

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## Feedback

**Post-Pilot Class Participation Survey:**

- Your feedback is extremely important to us, critical to course module refinement
- Links to a survey will be emailed to you within 24 hours

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