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# A game plan to proactively manage your assets

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- 30 years in maintenance, engineering, and plant management
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Mike utilizes his 30 years of experience in maintenance and manufacturing to lead clients developing effective maintenance strategies. His experience includes managing plants, and leading corporate level maintenance and reliability organizations.



## Life Cycle Engineering

We engage, coach, and educate people, building your organization's capabilities



## Atlas

Atlas draws from Life Cycle Engineering's 40+ years of experience helping asset-intensive organizations achieve significant benefits: greater capacity, lower operational costs, reduced capital investment, extended asset life cycle, improved safety, and enhanced regulatory compliance



## Step Change Transformation

Implementing industry best practices and transforming the client's workforce using change management, on-the-job training, and on-site coaching and mentoring

### Engineering

Solving complex problems, using Subject Matter Experts (SME), proprietary work processes, tools, and diagnostics

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Augmenting a client's resources and talent to expedite routine tasks/projects or perform unique, non-routine tasks, including client site direct placement



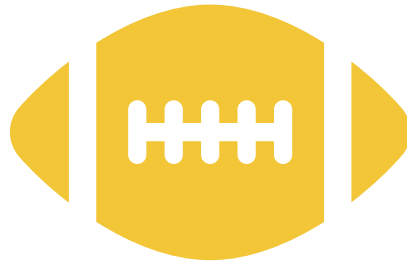
## Adult Training and Education

Formal O&M and change management training and education based on adult learning principles

RCG SERVICES

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## **POLL QUESTION No. 1**



**How would you classify your reliability program?**

**(Click only one answer)**

- Reactive
- Emerging
- Proactive
- World-class

# RE and DC responsibilities

## Reliability Engineer

- Key member of the plant leadership
- Defines systems to prevent failure
- Determines the plan of attack for each asset
  - Utilizes a defense in depth approach to reduce failure
  - Studies the asset failure modes using FMEA
- Uses RCA to understand how a failure occurred
- Defines corrective actions to improve the performance of the asset

## Football Defensive Coordinator

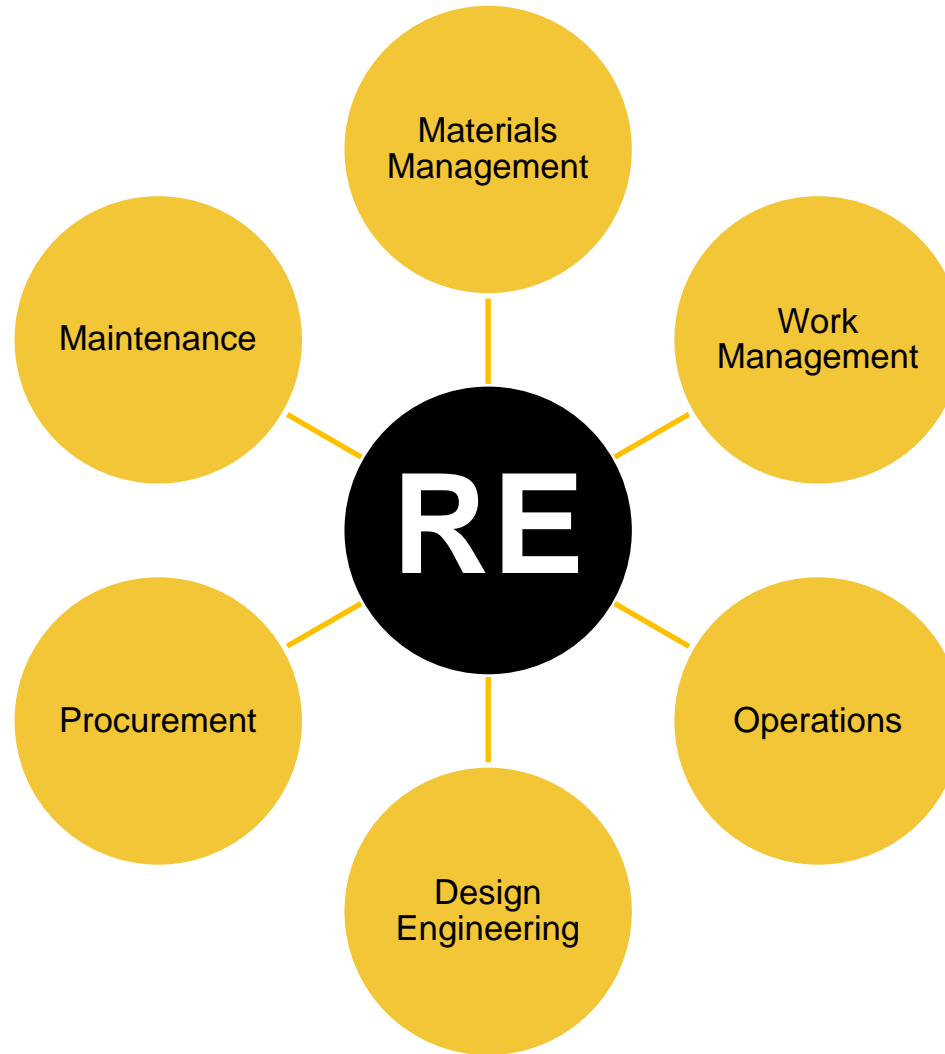
- Key member of the team leadership
- Defines systems to prevent scoring
- Determines the plan of attack for each opponent
  - Utilizes a defense in depth approach to reduce scoring
  - Studies the offense using game analysis and films
- Uses film study to understand how a score occurred
- Determines improvements needed for the next game





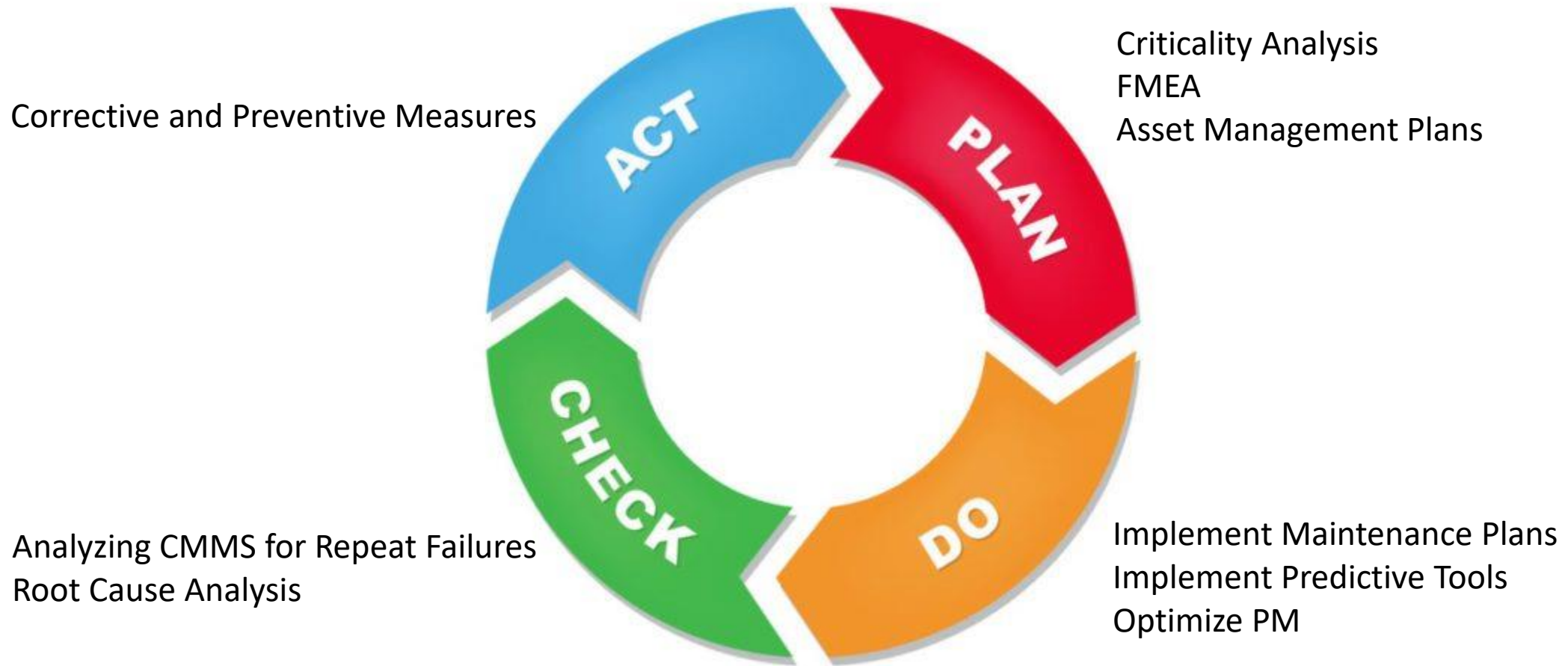
## **Reliability Engineering and Key Management Partnerships**

# Interdepartmental partnerships





# Continuous improvement for reliability





## **Understanding Your Opponent Functional Failure**

# Terms: Reliability and Functional Failure

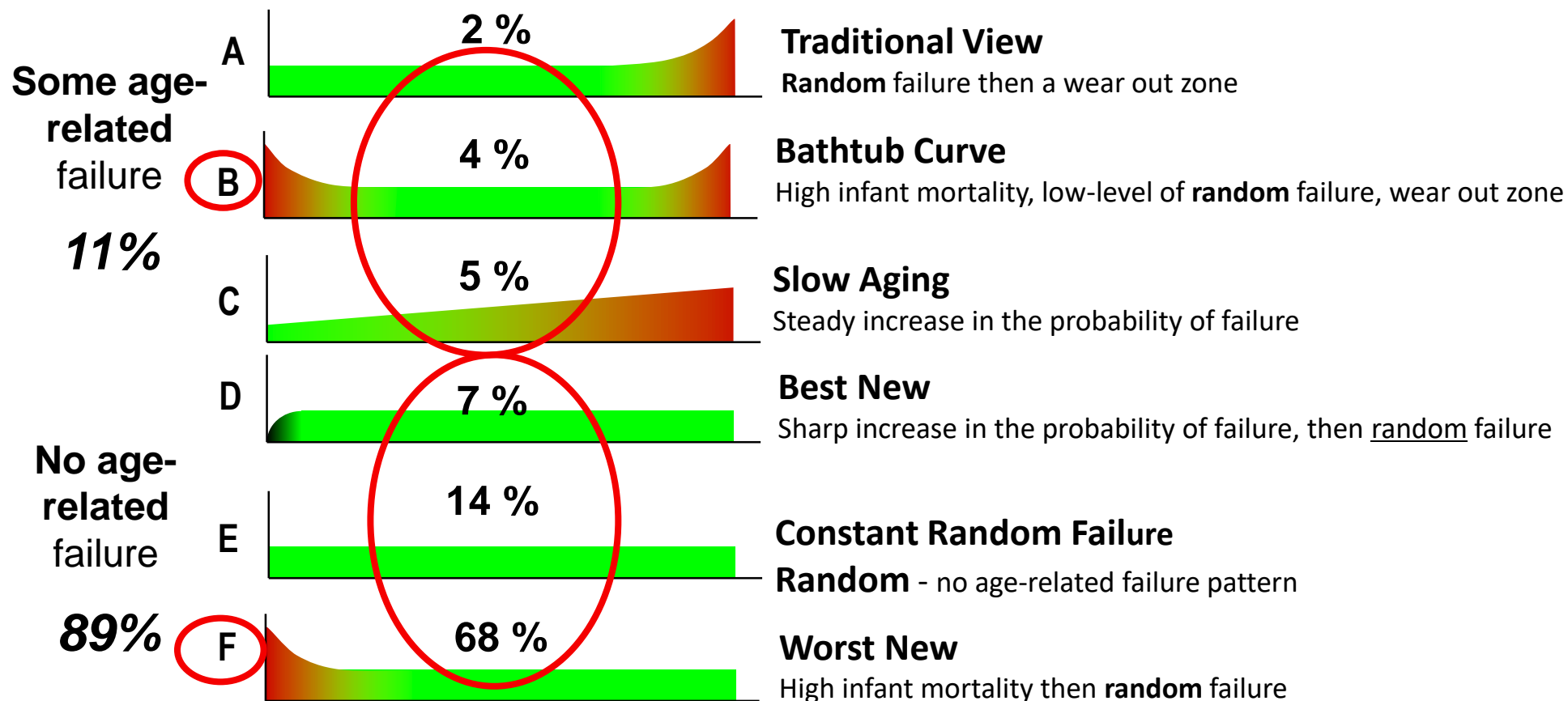
## Reliability

The probability that a device, system, or process will **perform its prescribed *function* without failure** for a known **time period** and known **environment**

## Functional failure

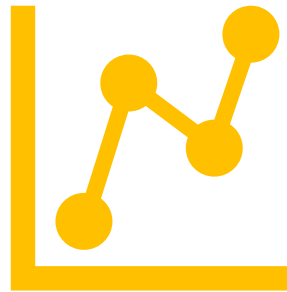
The ***inability*** of an asset to meet a specified ***performance standard***

# Failure patterns: how components fail



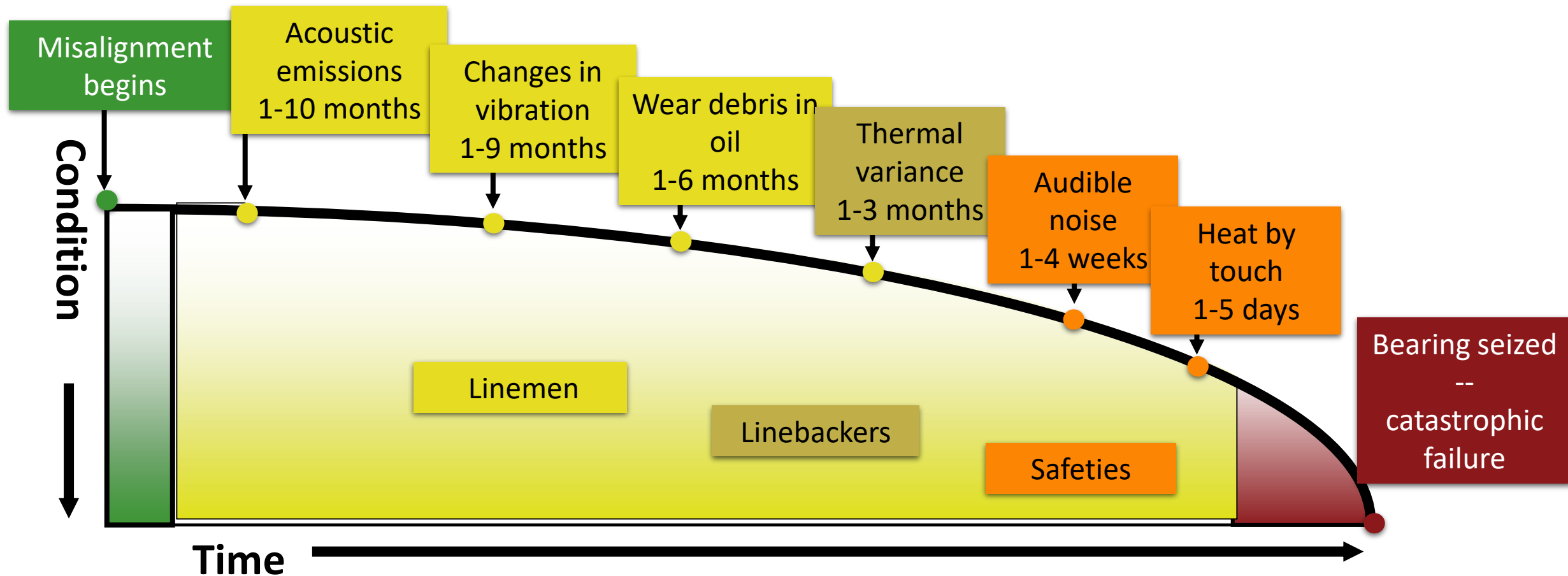
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# What does failure look like?

## How do we build a defense against it?



## POLL QUESTION No. 2



**Which defensive positions (strategies) do you currently use?**

**(Click all that apply)**

- Acoustical emissions and/or vibration
- Human inspections
- Tribology
- Thermal imaging





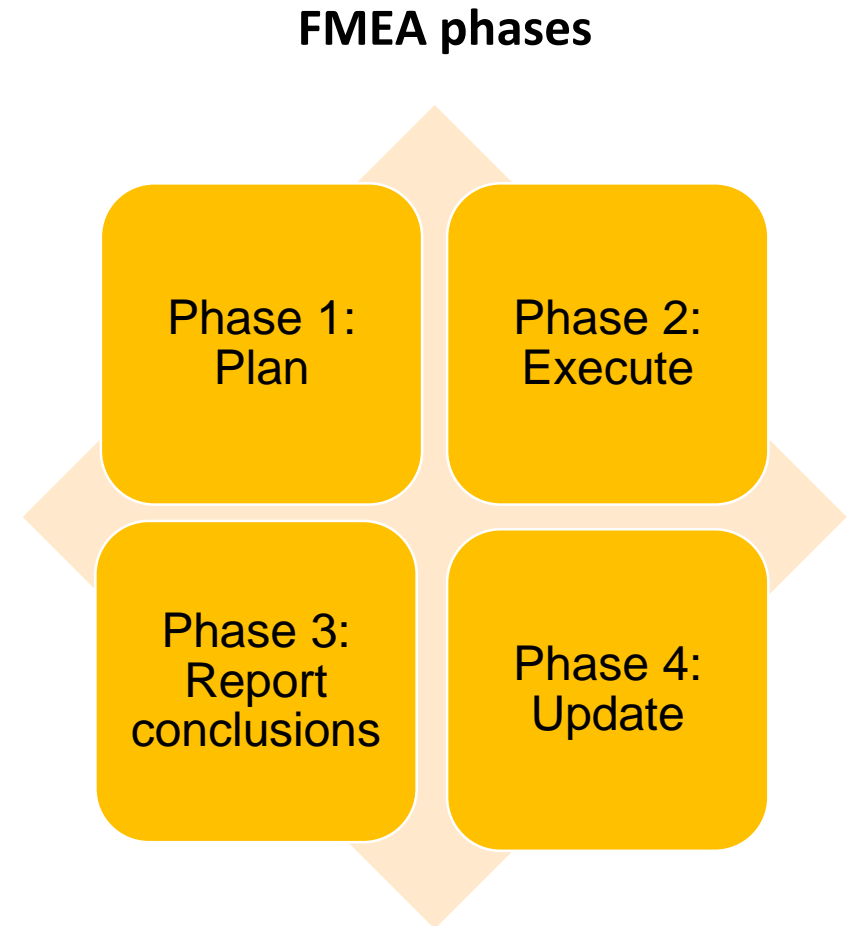
# **Developing the Game Plan**

## **Failure Modes and Effects Analysis (FMEA)**

# FMEA objectives and phases

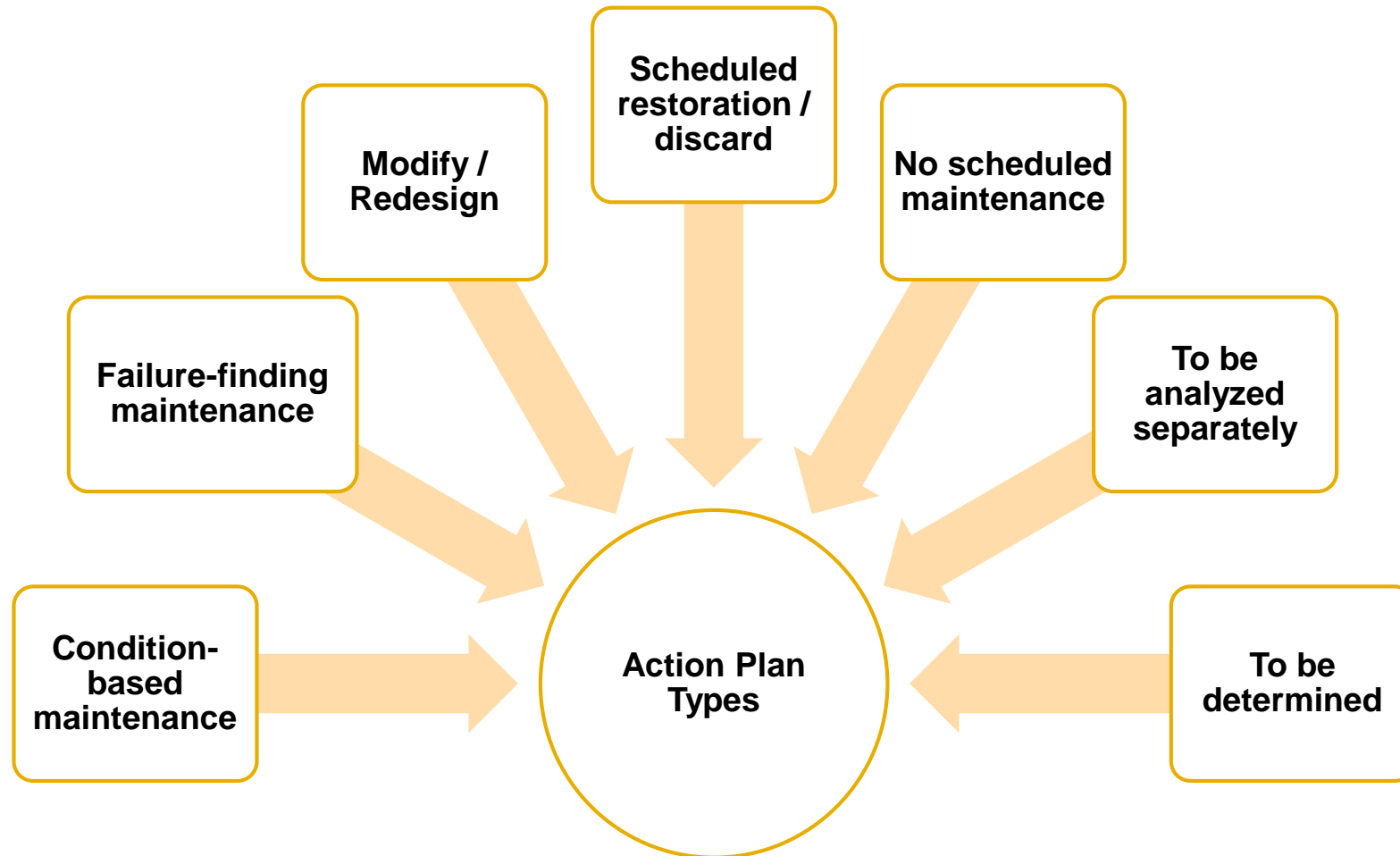
## Per ISO standard 60812

- Identify:
  - Failures
  - How each failure mode affects different system levels
- Improve:
  - System reliability and safety
  - Maintainability
- Define:
  - Criticality
  - Priority of failure modes



# **FMEA leads to control strategies**

Recommended actions will either prevent a functionally failed state, or handle the failed state

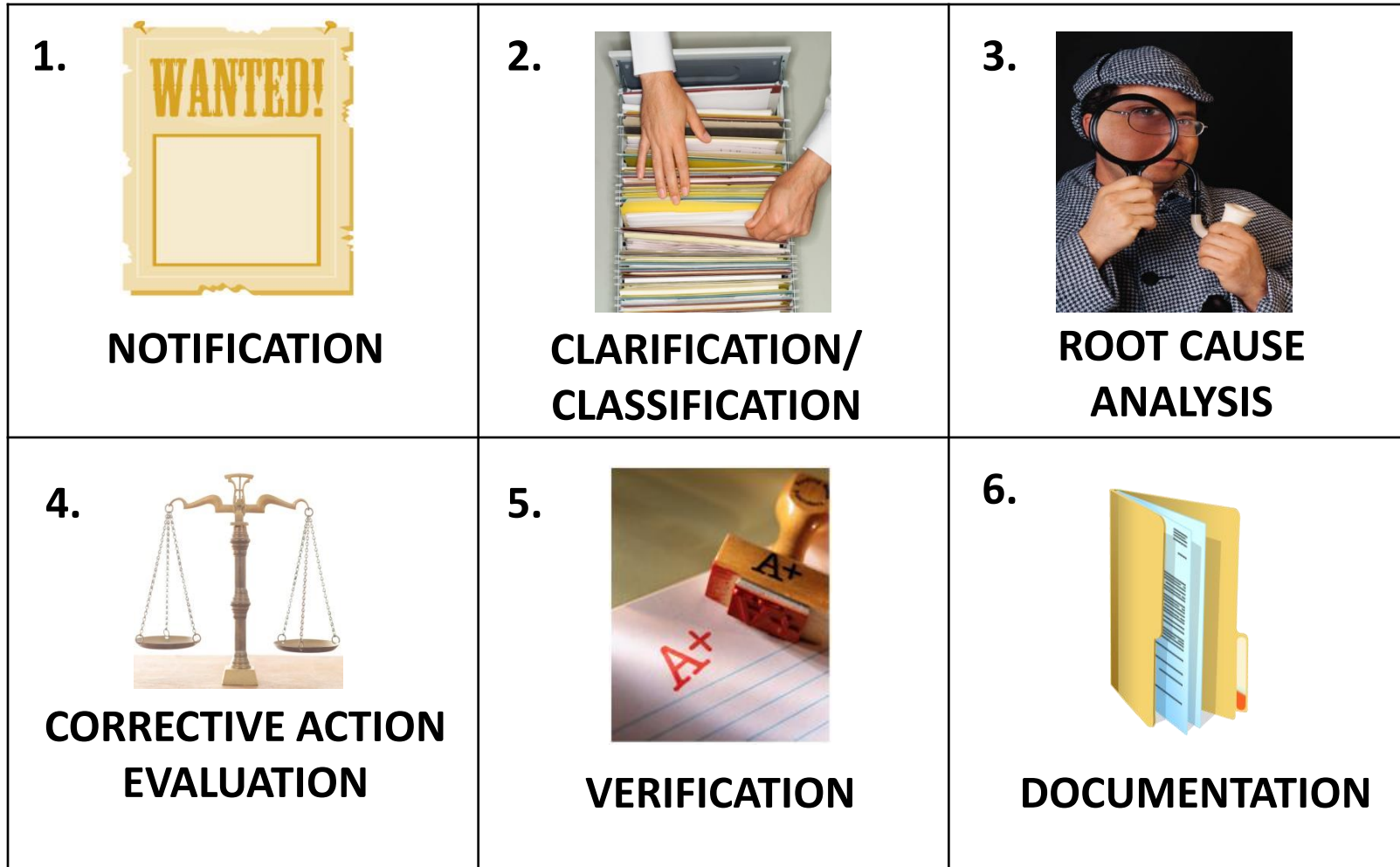




**The other team scored**

**How are we going to prevent it in the future?**

# The RCA process



# Step 1: Notification

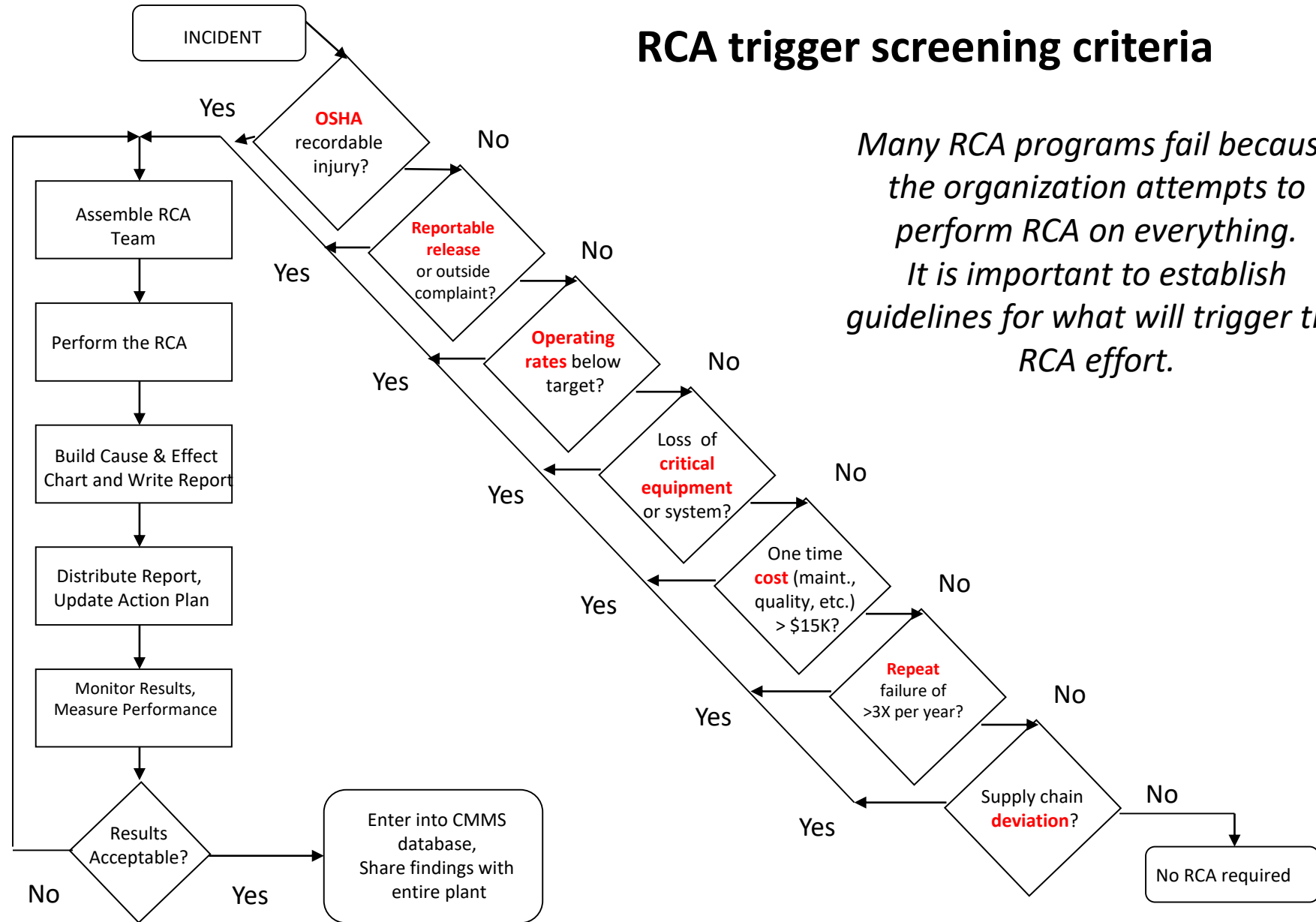


## Sources of RCA Investigations

- Data analysis  
Reliability Engineers identify potential problems before they manifest as actual problems
- Workforce reports a problem or pending problem  
If there is no current process, problems can be reported through informal methods, e.g., phone calls, email, personal contact

## RCA trigger screening criteria

*Many RCA programs fail because the organization attempts to perform RCA on everything. It is important to establish guidelines for what will trigger the RCA effort.*





## **Step 2: Incident clarification / classification**

- Clarification
  - Is root cause analysis needed?
  - Approach or type of analysis to use
- Classification
  - Equipment damage or failure
  - Operating performance
  - Product quality
  - Capacity restrictions
  - Economic performance
  - Safety/regulatory compliance



## **Step 3: RCA**

1. Design/Application Review
2. Ishikawa (Fishbone)
3. Sequence of Events
4. Fault Tree Analysis
5. Change Analysis
6. FMEA
7. Events and Causal Factors



## **Step 4: Corrective action evaluation**

- List all potential corrective actions
- Evaluate technical merit of each
  - Will it correct the problem and prevent recurrence?
  - Could it cause other problems?
- Cost and benefit analysis



## **Step 5: Verify corrective actions**

### Questions:

- Were action items completed?
- Will the initial problem recur?
- Did the action create another problem that may affect reliability or costs?
- Did we get the expected return?

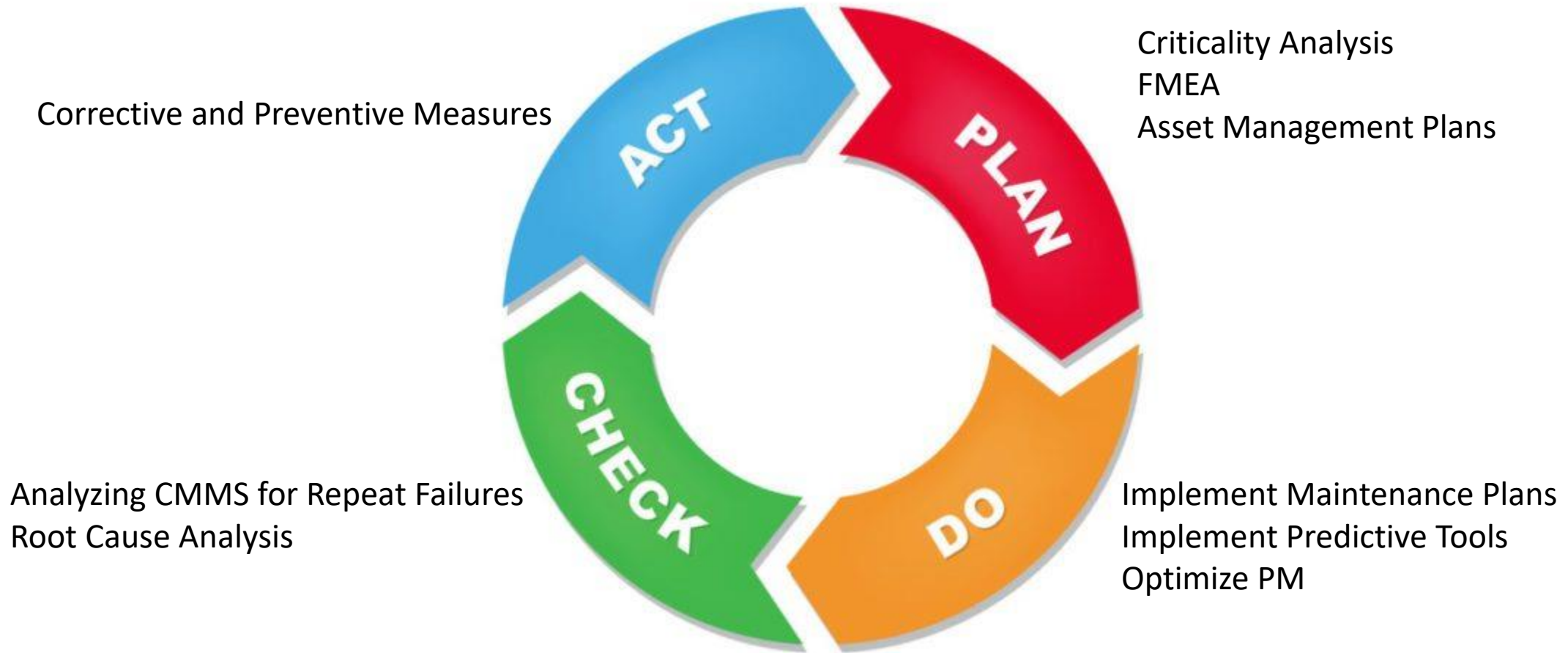


## **Step 6: Proper documentation**

- Final report:
  - Problem, its impact, root causes and recommended corrective actions
- Follow the Engineering Change Management (ECM) or Management of Change (MOC) Process



# Continuous improvement for reliability



# Winning and reliability feel good!





# QUESTIONS?



Thank you!

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### BEST PRACTICE WEBINAR

Wednesday, Sept. 2, 11 a.m. ET

### Exploring the tree of unreliability and what drives downtime

An infinite number of causes can lead to lost production and unplanned downtime. But some have common physical roots and underlying latent roots related to our reliability issues. Presenter **Shon Isenhour**, founding partner of Eruditio, has reviewed or participated in thousands of root cause analyses.

In this webinar, he discusses cases with more obvious roots at the surface, as well as the more neglected, and often completely missed, organizational troubles that can haunt reliability efforts. He pulls real examples to give attendees some areas to focus on and organizational issues to be aware of as part of their reliability journey.



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