

# Comparison of Risk Assessment Tools

for the Water Sector

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# AWWA Management Standards

- "G Standards"
- AWWA management standards "describe consensus requirements for utility management practices"
- Their use is "voluntary," not a regulatory requirement
- "Intended to serve the water sector and improve overall operations and service"
- Establishes "formal management and operations guidelines"

# Risk Assessments are Standard Practice in the Water Sector

- AWWA G430-14 Security Practices for Operation and Management
  - 4.4.1 The utility shall perform a risk assessment...
  - 4.4.2 The utility shall review and update its risk assessment as new hazards and threats emerge...
  - 4.4.3 The [review] schedule shall not exceed five years...
- AWWA G440-11 Emergency Preparedness Practices
  - Same as above
- Both standards "define the minimum emergency preparedness requirements for water, wastewater, or reuse facilities to respond to emergencies and restore normal operations, minimizing the disruption of critical services while sustaining public health, protecting property, and maintaining consumer confidence."

# HOW DID WE GET HERE?

# Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002

- All water utilities servicing more than
   3,300 people required to:
  - Perform Vulnerability Assessments (VA)
  - Update Emergency Response Plans to include the results of the VA



## By December 2003...

- Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD)-7\*:
  - Identifies 18 critical infrastructure and key resources (CIKR) sectors
  - Assigned EPA as the Sector-Specific Agency for the water and wastewater sector



\*Homeland Security Presidential Directive 7 (HSPD-7) from 2006 to 2009 and the Presidential Policy Directive 21 (PPD-21) after 2009

# Since 2003, a Lot Has Changed



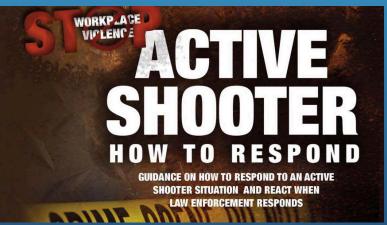






# Since 2003, a Lot Has Changed









# Common risk management framework for all critical sectors

PPD-21 set forth a comprehensive risk management framework and clearly defines critical infrastructure protection roles and responsibilities.



## National Infrastructure Protection Plan

Partnering to enhance protection and resiliency

# Managing Risk is a Utility Responsibility

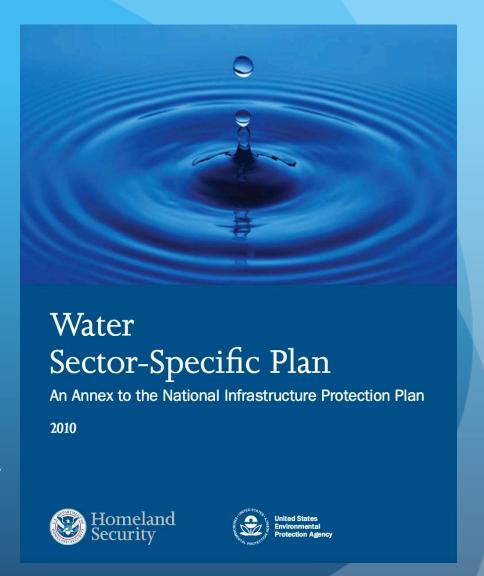
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PPD-21 states, "Critical infrastructure owners and operators are uniquely positioned to manage risks ... and to determine effective strategies to make them more secure and resilient."



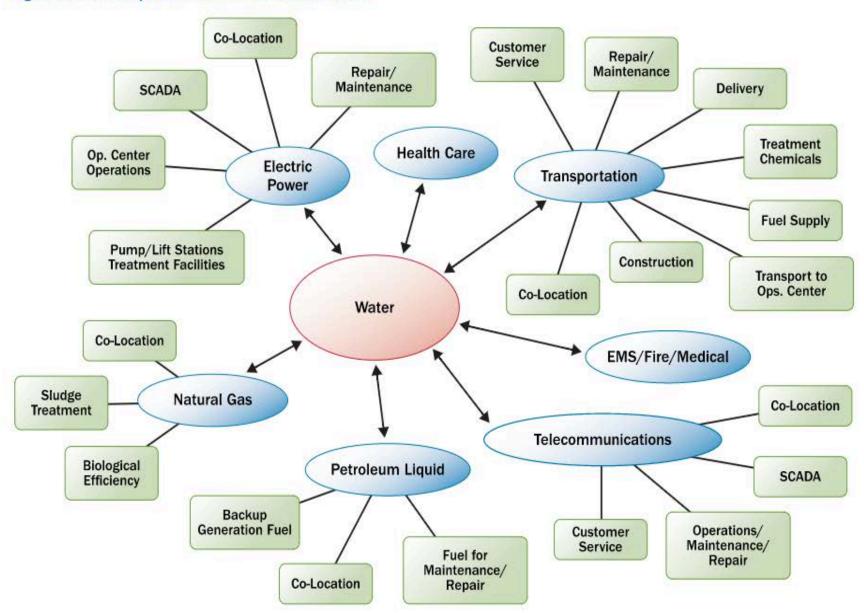
# Utility risk assessments are one of the main topics of this plan:

"Utilities risk assessments prioritize security and emergency preparedness improvements by incorporating prevention, detection, response, and recovery concepts into their overall risk management strategy."



#### (from Water Sector Specific Plan)

Figure 3-2: Interdependencies with the Water Sector



## What is RAMCAP?

- Risk Analysis and Management for Critical Asset Protection (RAMCAP®) Standard
- "ANSI/ASME-ITI/AWWA J100-10"

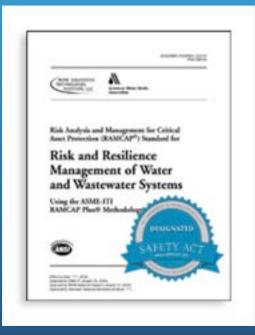


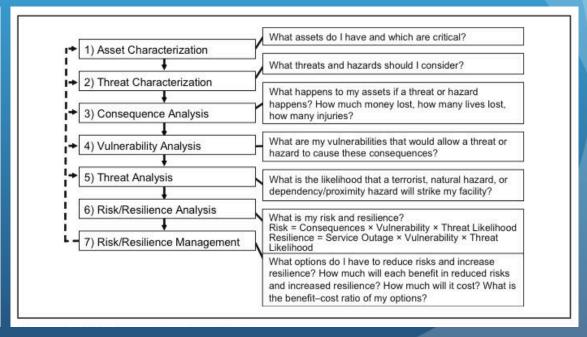




By 2010, the VA process was retooled to respond to the needs of the nation to protect the water and wastewater infrastructure

Vulnerability Assessment → Risk Assessment





# Risk Analysis

 RAMCAP® is a process for analyzing and managing the risks associated with malevolent attacks and naturally occurring hazards against critical infrastructure

CONSEQUENCE ×

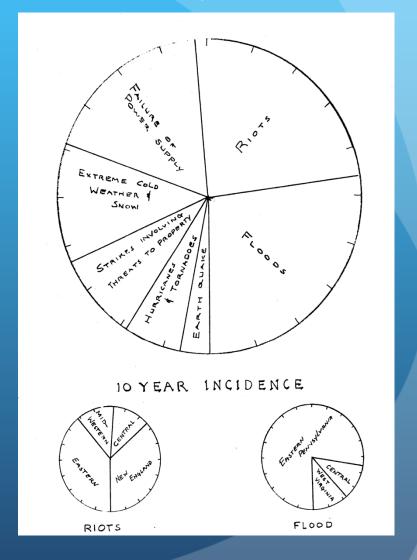
THREAT LIKELIHOOD ×

VULNERABILITY =

RISK

#### Page from a 1973 Risk Assessment Report for a Water System in Pennsylvania

Risk assessments in the water sector were performed long before 2001. They are useful for planning.



# Benefits of Performing a Risk Assessment

- Standard practice across critical key infrastructure sectors
- Provide insights about water and wastewater system vulnerabilities, consequences and risks as support for internal decisions.
- Lower risks, increase resilience to attacks and natural hazards.
- Improve reliability of service.
- Improve ability to communicate risk.
- Assist in rate and fee setting to pay for reliability.
- May reduce insurance costs and/or improve credit ratings, etc.

## Threats and Hazards in RAMCAP

- Specific reference threat scenarios are included in the Standard
  - Natural events
    - Flood, hurricane, tornado, wildfire, ice storm, earthquake
  - Man-made events
    - Contamination of product, process sabotage, diversion or theft, boat as weapon, plane as weapon, vehicle as weapon, assault teams
  - Dependency and proximity hazards
    - Other utilities, service interruptions of key suppliers, proximity to others' assets that carry significant risk)

## RAMCAP Risk Assessment Tools



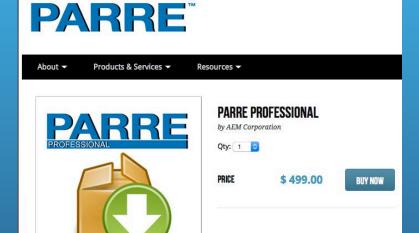
- Owned by AEM Corporation
- Buy annual license
- Web-based
- More user-friendly
- 1-hour of free technical support
- Been available for 2 years
- Been consistent with RAMCAP since its inception
- Good for any-size system



- Owned by EPA
- Free
- Not web-based
- Online tutorial videos
- Used more often than PARRE
- No technical support
- Latest version (6.02) is consistent with RAMCAP
- Good for small and some medium-sized systems

# Getting the Tools





The Program to Assist Risk & Resilience Examination (PARRE) is an interactive application designed to assist owner/operator assessment teams in conducting a probability-based risk & resilience assessment of their critical assets.



#### Conduct a Drinking Water or Wa Assessment

#### Vulnerability Self-Assessment Tool (VSAT) 6.0

Drinking water and wastewater utilities of all sizes can use VSAT to enhar and resiliency. Utilities can:

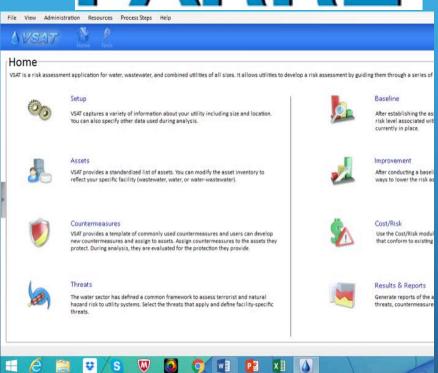
- · Identify the highest risks to mission-critical operations
- Find the most cost-effective measures to reduce those risks

VSAT Version 6.0 complies with the water sector risk assessment standar under the Department of Homeland Security's Support Anti-Terrorism by I (SAFETY) Act program. EPA strongly encourages drinking water and wast to use VSAT 6.0 to conduct or update an all-hazards risk assessment.

Download VSAT 6.0

VSAT 6.0 Training V

# Home Screens





Threat\Asset Identification

Data







Characterization

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Characterization

**Direct Threats** 

Documentation



Consequence

Analysis

Vulnerability Analysis Threat Analysis

Natural Threat Dependency Threat Analysis Analysis

Data Analysis





Management



Reports

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**Analysis** 



### Additional Features of PARRE

- Two levels of prioritization and screening to refine scope of assessment
  - One at asset level and one at asset-threat pair level
- Vulnerability Analysis of Malevolent Threats has 4 built-in methods to choose:
  - 1. Direct expert elicitation
  - 2. Path analysis
  - 3. Vulnerability logic diagram
  - 4. Event tree
- Threat Analysis of Malevolent Threats has 3 built-in methods to choose:
  - 1. Conditional probability
  - Best estimate
  - 3. Proxy indicator

## Additional Features of PARRE

 Natural Threat Analysis has built-in calculators for hurricane, earthquake, tornado, floods, and ice storms to evaluate natural threats or you can manually input values

Asset ID				24/2/2010/00/2010			
			Calculator				
Threat	N(H)	Opera	tional Loss (\$)	100,000,000			
Fatalities	0	Replace	ement Cost (\$)	0			
Serious Injuries	0	0	amage Factor	0.5			
Duration (days)	0		Design Speed	100			
Severity (MGD)	0	Hu	rricane Profile		V		
Economic Impact	0			Add New Profile	Edit Selected Profile		
	Manually enter risk totals			Calculate			
Financial Impact	100,000,000						
Vulnerability	1						
Threat Likelihood	0.0167						
	Manually Calculate						
	Financia	l Total (\$)	100,000,000				
	Total Risk (\$)		1,670,000				
		Save	Cancel				

# Baseline Results for Both

		Number of	Number of			Utility Financial	Regional Economic
Asset	Threat	Fatalities	Injuries	Fatalities (\$)	Injuries (\$)	Impact	Impact
	S(PI) - Process Sabotage-						
Treatment Facility	Physical Insider	50	2000	\$390,000,000	\$156,000,000	\$100,000,000	\$1,000,000,000
Treatment Facility	AT1 - Assault Team 1	50	2000	\$390,000,000	\$156,000,000	\$100,000,000	\$1,000,000,000
Treatment Facility	V1 - Car Bomb	50	2000	\$390,000,000	\$156,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$100,000,000
Lake	C(C) – Contamination	50	2000	\$390,000,000	\$156,000,000	\$11,000,000	\$110,000,000
Street Offices	Active Shooter	8	20	\$62,400,000	\$1,560,000	\$1,000,000	\$10,000,000
		4	10	\$31,200,000	\$780,000		
Storage	C(C) – Contamination	4	8	\$31,200,000	\$624,000		\$20,000,000
Street Offices	H1 - Category 1	2	2	\$15,600,000	\$156,000		\$0
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Transmission Mains	F2 - 500-year flood	2	2	\$15,600,000	\$156,000	\$5,000,000	\$2,000,000
Distribution Mains	F2 - 500-year flood	2	2	\$15,600,000	\$156,000	\$500,000	\$100,000
Storage	T1 - Fujita 1	2	4	\$15,600,000	\$312,000	\$2,000,000	\$0
Storage	C(C) – Contamination	2	4	\$15,600,000	\$312,000	\$4,000,000	\$40,000,000
Storage	C(C) – Contamination	2	4	\$15,600,000	\$312,000	\$3,000,000	\$30,000,000
Storage	C(C) – Contamination	2	4	\$15,600,000	\$312,000	\$2,000,000	\$20,000,000
Storage	C(C) – Contamination	2	4	\$15,600,000	\$312,000	\$2,000,000	\$20,000,000
Storage	C(C) – Contamination	2	4	\$15,600,000	\$312,000	\$5,000,000	\$50,000,000
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# Baseline Results for Both

	_, .	Likelihood of		
Asset	Threat	Damage	Likelihood of Threat	Total Monetized Risk
	S(PI) - Process Sabotage-Physical			4
Treatment Facility	Insider	0.3	0.0001	\$49,380
Treatment Facility	AT1 - Assault Team 1	0.3	0.00000001	\$0
Treatment Facility	V1 - Car Bomb	0.3	0.000000001	\$0
Lake	C(C) – Contamination	0.15	1E-10	\$0
Street Offices	Active Shooter	0.03	0.0001	\$225
Treatment Facility	Active Shooter	0.3	0.00001	\$129
Storage	C(C) – Contamination	0.05	1E-10	\$0
Street Offices	H1 - Category 1	0.03	0.0233	\$18,003
Transmission Mains	F2 - 500-year flood	0.25	0.002	\$11,378
Distribution Mains	F2 - 500-year flood	0.25	0.002	\$8,178
Storage	T1 - Fujita 1	0.2	0.0001412	\$506
Storage	C(C) – Contamination	0.1	1E-10	\$0
Storage	C(C) – Contamination	0.1	1E-10	\$0
Storage	C(C) – Contamination	0.1	1E-10	\$0
Storage	C(C) – Contamination	0.1	1E-10	\$0
Storage	C(C) – Contamination	0.05	1E-10	\$0
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# RAMCAP Risk Assessment Report

- Top threats
- Asset-threat pair risks prioritized
- Risk reduction options prioritized
- And more...





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