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1. SCOPE

The System Safety Program Plan (SSPP) defines the organization, controls, and tasks to achieve improvements in survival safety in the H-46 helicopter through the addition of a Sink Rate Delay/Improved In-Water Stability System, (Helicopter Flotation System) (HFS).

The System Safety Unit will accomplish tasks defined in this Plan, including definition of specific qualitative requirements which are translated into system safety design features. The SSPP follows the guidelines of MIL-STD-882. The plan is directed primarily towards the "Helicopter Flotation System" however, the activities will also be directed towards definition of safety requirements for the total aircraft system to assure that the safety considerations for the "Helicopter Flotation System" are kept in concert with the H-46 system safety objectives.

2. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the System Safety Program is to assure the identification, evaluation, and correction of flotation system hazard in a timely and effective manner. This objective shall be attained by ensuring that:

- a. Hazards associated with the "Helicopter Flotation System" components are identified, evaluated and eliminated or controlled to an acceptable level.
- b. Control is established over hazards that cannot be eliminated by design selection to protect personnel, equipment and property.
- c. Minimum risk is involved in the acceptance and use of new materials and new production and testing techniques.
- d. Retrofit actions required to correct hazardous conditions are minimized through the timely inclusion of safety features.
- e. The historical safety data generated by similar safety programs and operational experience shall be used to preclude the incorporation of previously identified hazards into the "Helicopter Flotation System".

3. ORGANIZATION AND RESPONSIBILITY

The organization established to achieve the safety objective is shown in Figure 1. The Program Manager, H-46/107 Program, is responsible for designs that are compatible with the objectives of the H-46/107 Program.

The System Safety Unit of Product Assurance prepares the SSPP and, upon approval of the SSPP, has the direct responsibility for working, support and monitoring safety tasks.

a. Design Engineering

1. Preparation of subsystem/assembly block diagrams and functions in support of hazard analyses.
2. Preparation of data packages (drawings, schematics, design requirements) in support of design reviews.
3. Solutions to identified safety problems.

b. Technology Engineering

1. Determination of the effect of loss of function of a subsystem/component on aircraft operation in support of hazard analyses.
2. Solutions to identified safety problems.

c. Test Engineering

1. Preparation of test plans and procedures.
2. Reporting of malfunctions and failures.
3. Identification of test instrumentation interfaces with test subsystem/components in support of hazard analyses.

d. Human Factors Engineering

1. Identification of pilot/crew work tasks in support of hazard analyses.

e. Reliability Engineering

1. Material failure modes in support of hazards analyses.

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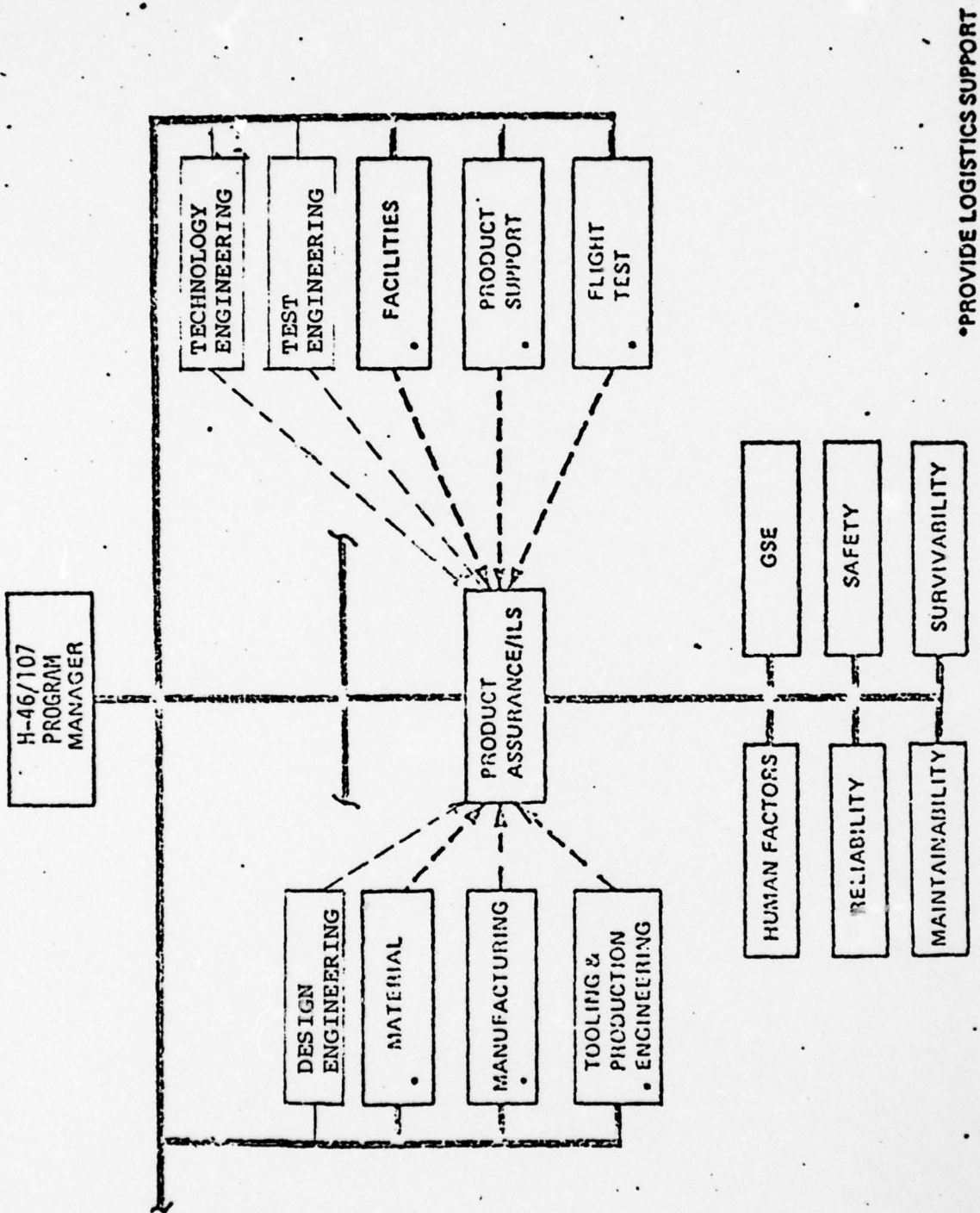


Figure 1 Organization Chart

3.1 INTERFACES

Probability of equipment malfunctions in support of hazards analyses.

a. Maintainability Engineering

Identification of maintenance tasks in support of hazards analyses.

b. Quality Assurance

Identification of hazard control procedures in support of making safety assessments.

c. Customer Technical Personnel

Formal and informal system safety reviews between contractor and customer safety personnel.

3.2 DESIGN SUPPORT

System safety design support is maintained through the implementation of a series of design reviews, trade reviews, and the establishment of a procedure for submitting safety recommendations/corrective actions.

3.3 SUBCONTRACTOR CONTROL

Safety control of products designed by Boeing and manufactured by others is exerted by normal quality control and inspection techniques. These techniques ensure that the safety designed into the product is not degraded by the subcontractor.

Safety control of products designed, fabricated, and tested by the subcontractor/supplier is exerted by the identification of design safety requirements in procurement specifications and specification control drawings. Subcontractors/suppliers are required to identify potential hazards that may exist in their design and describe corrective methods used to eliminate or control these hazards. Safety devices, warning systems, or compensating avoidance procedures will be described in those cases where the hazards cannot be eliminated. Subcontractors/supplier are required to:

- a. Submit hazards analyses - These analyses must be approved by Boeing Vertol prior to design finalization.

- b. Submit test plans which include provision for verification of safety requirements.
- c. Participate in design reviews, as required by Boeing Vertol, to implement corrective action to remove or control potential hazards.

3.4 SYSTEM SAFETY PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

3.4.1 Requirements and Criteria

The primary task of establishing safety requirements and criteria is accomplished by (1) performing hazards analysis and (2) utilizing experience gained from other programs using similar systems and from the following experience retention sources:

- a. Military Specifications
- b. Contractual Documents
- c. System Safety Design Handbook (AFSC DH1-6)
- d. Vertol Design Instruction Manual (VDIM)
- e. Mishap/Accident Analyses

These experience generated criteria are utilized by Preliminary Design Review participants and for inputs to design specifications.

3.4.2 Hazard Analyses

Hazard analyses will be performed to identify the hazardous elements or conditions in the air vehicle system and provide for their elimination or control. The following types of hazard analyses will be performed.

3.4.2.1 Subsystem Hazard Analyses (SSHA)

Subsystem Hazard Analyses will be performed to the level necessary to identify hazards for components and equipments whose performance degradation or functional failure could result in hazardous conditions. The SSHA uses the top-down approach. This approach is compatible with any level of design effort. Subsystem analysis starts when its functions are defined and detail functions are outlined. The following subsystem will be analyzed:

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- a. Flotation Bags
- b. Cool Gas Generators, Solid Propellant Generator

- c. Flotation Bag Encapsulation
- d. Harness and Retention Cables
- e. Electrical Activation System

3.4.2.2 System Hazard Analysis (SHA)

Subsystem, Operational and Maintenance Hazard Analyses are generally limited in scope and may not bridge all the interfaces between subsystems, especially when redundancy is spread across two or more subsystems. In this respect the SHA is performed on the total system. The technique for performing the SHA considers the common causal factors as well as the spatial relationships between parts and subsystem.

3.4.2.3 Operating Hazard Analysis (OHA)

The Operating Hazard Analysis (OHA) will be performed to identify hazardous conditions related to the performance of tasks involving aircraft use. Control of operating hazards is generally attained by implementing appropriate procedures, instructions, and training. A flight profile will be defined (including operation in the intended environment of the H-46 Helicopter) from which the operating tasks will be derived. This analysis will be completed prior to first operations of the demonstration model.

3.4.2.4 Maintenance Hazard Analysis (MHA)

The Maintenance Hazard Analysis (MHA) is performed to identify hazards to the system which could result from faulty maintenance and to identify hazards which could cause injury to maintenance personnel. The MHA is conducted in conjunction with the maintenance tasks as defined by Maintainability Engineering. Control of these hazards may be in the form of procedures, cautions, training, or design changes.

3.4.2.5 The above analyses will consider the interfaces with GFE equipment, but not include detail analysis of GFE.

3.4.2.6 The above analyses will use, as practical, the data in the "Flotation System Study" that was prepared under Contract N62269-75-C-0469.

3.4.3 Design Reviews/Trade Studies

The major design review effort by the safety engineer occurs "over the drawing boards" and in informal design reviews. Conclusions reached during hazards analyses and experience retention analyses are made available to design review participants. The safety engineer also participates in design trade studies.

3.4.4 Corrective Action Procedure

The corrective action procedure for identified safety problems is described below.

3.4.4.1 Hazard Categorization and Evaluation

The Hazard Categorization and Evaluation Cycle is illustrated by Figure 2. Hazards will be classified on the basis of worse potential consequences which could ultimately occur if the hazard is not eliminated.

These classifications will never change unless the original predicted consequence requires revision or the classification selected is in error. The hazard cause factors will include personnel error, environmental conditions, system design characteristics, procedural deficiencies, and material failure or malfunction. Classification of the consequence or effect of hazards will be expressed in terms of the severity of their effects on personnel and the material.

a. Class I - Negligible

1. The consequences of the condition will not result in personal injury or system damage.

b. Class II - Marginal

1. The consequences of the condition can be counteracted or controlled without injury to personnel or major system damage.

c. Class III - Critical

1. The consequences of the condition will cause personnel injury or major system damage, or will require immediate corrective action for personnel or system survival.

d. Class IV - Catastrophic

1. The consequences of the condition will cause death or severe injury of personnel or system loss.

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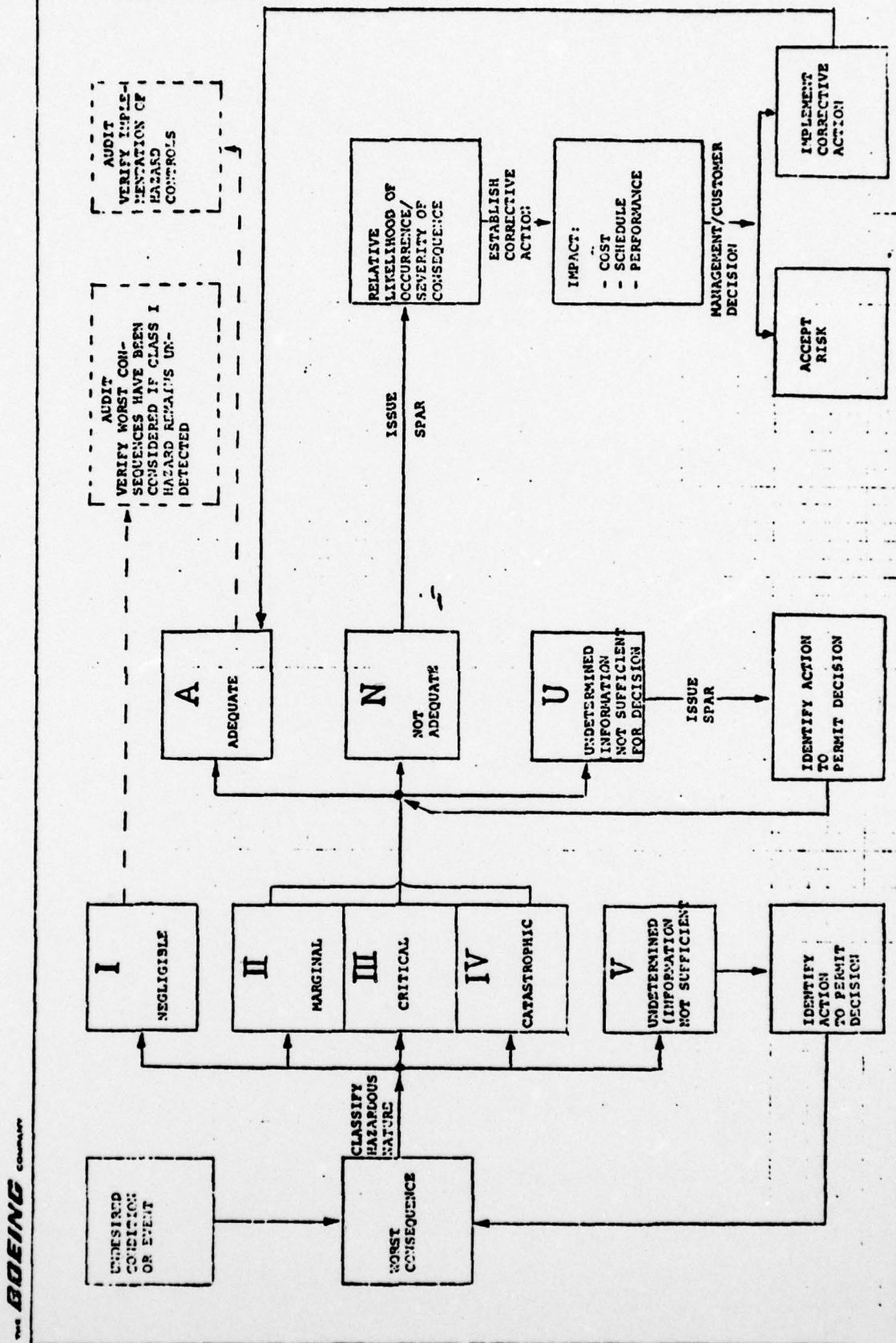


FIGURE 2 - Hazard Categorization and Evaluation Cycle

e. Class V - Undetermined

1. The consequences of the condition cannot be determined at this time. Additional technology, analysis, or test are required to substantiate the effects on the system.

A safety assessment will be made for those hazards which cannot be eliminated. The assessment shall be indicated as follows:

"A" - Adequate - The occurrence of the hazard is considered to be unlikely with the controls provided.

"B" - Not Adequate - The occurrence of the hazard is considered to be likely, and controls are not considered sufficient or do not exist.

Hazards that have been designated with a safety assessment of "Not Adequate" or "Undetermined" will be documented on a Safety Problem Action Report (SPAR) as described in Paragraph 3.4.4.2.

The above process effectively prioritizes identified hazards and directs attention to those areas requiring further investigation and management decision for corrective action. Resources required to establish corrective action will be identified when the program costs, schedule, or system performance are significantly affected.

3.4.4.2 Action on Identified Hazards

A closed loop procedure will be used for tracking action status of identified safety problems (hazardous conditions). Sources of problem identification include hazard analyses, design reviews, test experience, and mishap data available from the Armed Services Safety Agencies.

Safety problems will be documented on a Safety Problem Action Report (SPAR) Form (see Figure 3). SPAR's will be closed out after implementation of the required corrective action has been verified. Each SPAR will be chronologically numbered and cross-referenced to appropriate subject categories selected from the Work Breakdown Structure (WBS).

The System Safety Engineer will identify the problem with appropriate recommendations and coordinate problem investigation with the cognizant design, technology and/or test engineer. The required action is recorded and the Safety Engineer and the Design, Technology or Test Engineer sign the SPAR as approval of the corrective action.

Status of SPAR's will be reported in the Safety Statement.

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SUBJECT:	PROGRAM: _____ SPAR NO.: _____ ORIGINATOR: _____ DATE: _____		
PROBLEM:			
EXISTING CONTROLS:			
ASSESSMENT/RECOMMENDATIONS:			
CORRECTIVE ACTION: DATE:			
CORRECTIVE ACTION APPROVAL	DESIGN PROJECT ENGINEER DATE:	SYSTEM SAFETY ENGINEER DATE:	

3.4.5 Program Review

System Safety Program Informal Reviews will be scheduled as required. The Contractor will be prepared to discuss or answer questions relative to safety activities as defined by Safety Statements or other safety related agenda items as approved by the Navy Program Manager.

3.4.6 Test Requirements and Reviews

3.4.6.1 Test Plans

Safety Engineers will review test plans and recommend safety requirements as appropriate. These requirements will be generated from hazard analyses and/or experience retention data. Test results will be reviewed for compliance with the test requirements.

3.4.6.2 Failure/Malfunction Reporting

Equipment failure/malfunctions for all test phases (bench testing, demonstration, test rig, flight testing) will be reported to Safety Engineering so that these "potential hazards" may be included in hazard analyses and their effect determined on aircraft operation. Test Engineering has the responsibility to report such failures/malfunctions to the Safety Engineering Group.

3.4.6.3 Flight Test Accident/Incidents

The procedure for investigation and reporting an aircraft accident/incident will follow the guidelines of Boeing Vertol Operating Procedure 700.49, "Aircraft Accident or Incident Investigation."

3.4.7 Safety Statements

Safety Statements will be prepared in accordance with the format shown by Figure 4, and will be submitted as required.

4. SYSTEM SAFETY ACTIVITIES AND MILESTONE SCHEDULE

System safety activities and milestone schedules will be in accordance with Figure 5.

HELICOPTER FLOTATION SYSTEM SAFETY STATEMENT

1. Table of Contents

List of each subsystem and its page number.

2. Introduction

Summarize all actions completed or initiated during reporting period. Provide a narrative on status of overall safety program.

3. Subsystems

List each subsystem separately and present the following for each subsystem.

- a. Description - Describe the subsystem, identifying the components within the subsystem and their sequence of operation. Schematic diagrams shall be included for each major subsystem to aid in the understanding of the relationships between components. The interfaces of the subsystem with other subsystems shall be included in the discussion and schematics.
- b. Hazards - Any potential hazards identified during the particular reporting period for the Safety Statement or any hazards identified, but not eliminated or controlled in previous Safety Statements shall be presented in this section. The hazards will be referenced by their tracking system designation. Possible alternatives of corrective action will be presented for all identified hazards. The Contractor shall select the most feasible form of corrective action as early in the design phase as possible and present his reasons for the selection of this particular alternative.

4. Failure Mode Analysis

Summarize any quantitative/qualitative analyses, and present any test results performed to support information contained in the Safety Statement.

5. References

List all pertinent references.

FIGURE 4 - General Format for Safety Statement

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SYSTEM SAFETY PROGRAM MILESTONES

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STABILITY SYSTEM FOR HELICOPTERS
SCHEDULING DATA SHEET

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5. DOCUMENTATION

The SSPP shall be updated, as required.

The contractor will submit Safety Statements to the procuring agency, as required.

All other system safety data will be available in the Contractor's file for government review.

6. AIRWORTHINESS SUBSTANTIATION

The following activities of the "Helicopter Flotation System" SSPP will form the system safety portion of the Airworthiness Qualification Program.

- a. Review of hazard analyses.
- b. Safety Problem Action Report (SPAR) status.
- c. Compliance with model specification and contract safety requirements.
- d. Review of test and demonstration plans.
- e. Review of test results.
- f. Review of interim safety statements.

7. U.S. NAVY EVALUATION TESTS

The system safety activities in support of U.S. Navy Evaluation Tests will include:

- a. Update of the final safety statement submitted to the government 30 days after completion of Demonstration Model Testing.

8. SAFETY ACTIVITIES

8.1 SAFETY DATA

The safety data provided by the Naval Aviation Safety Center, Norfolk, VA was utilized in the preparation and evaluation of the safety analyses.

8.2 TRAINING

The Contractor shall develop and conduct an in-house training program to qualify and develop capabilities of System Safety organization personnel in the hazard analyses techniques and other tasks specified in the SSPP. System Safety shall review instruction plans and materials to be used in the training of flight, maintenance and test personnel for inclusion of appropriate safety information.

8.3 AUDIT PROGRAM

An audit shall be accomplished to verify implementation of actions designated to control all identified hazards. The audit will consist of a review of production drawings, functional test procedures, operating, and maintenance instructions by the System Safety Group. Results of the audit will be included in the Safety Statements.

8.4 GROUND HANDLING, STORAGE, SERVICING AND TRANSPORTATION

The System Safety Program shall be applicable to all phases of System Ground Handling.

Hazards analyses shall include hazards encountered during these ground operations.

Flotation System Equipment will be handled, stored, serviced and transported in accordance with established survival equipment requirements.

8.5 SAFETY TESTING

Safety Testing is integrated into appropriate test plans. The tests will be performed on critical components to determine the category of hazard and/or the margin of safety present in the design. The System Safety Input is derived from the Operating Hazard Analysis (OHA).

The detail test plans will be structured to assure that testing is carried out in a safe manner and that hazards introduced by testing procedures, instrumentation, or test hardware are identified and minimized.

9. SUB CONTRACTOR/VENDOR/SUPPLIER SYSTEM SAFETY PROGRAM APPLICABILITY

The requirements of this plan apply to program participants where necessary in order to achieve SSSP objectives.

Subcontractors, vendors and suppliers will perform analyses as necessary to identify hazards and describe corrective methods used to control or eliminate such hazards as related to their specific products.

10. EXPLOSIVES AND ORDINANCE

Not Applicable.

11. SYSTEM INSTALLATION

Figure 6 illustrates the management structure from which will be provided on the job safety surveillance during system installation, checkout and modification activities.

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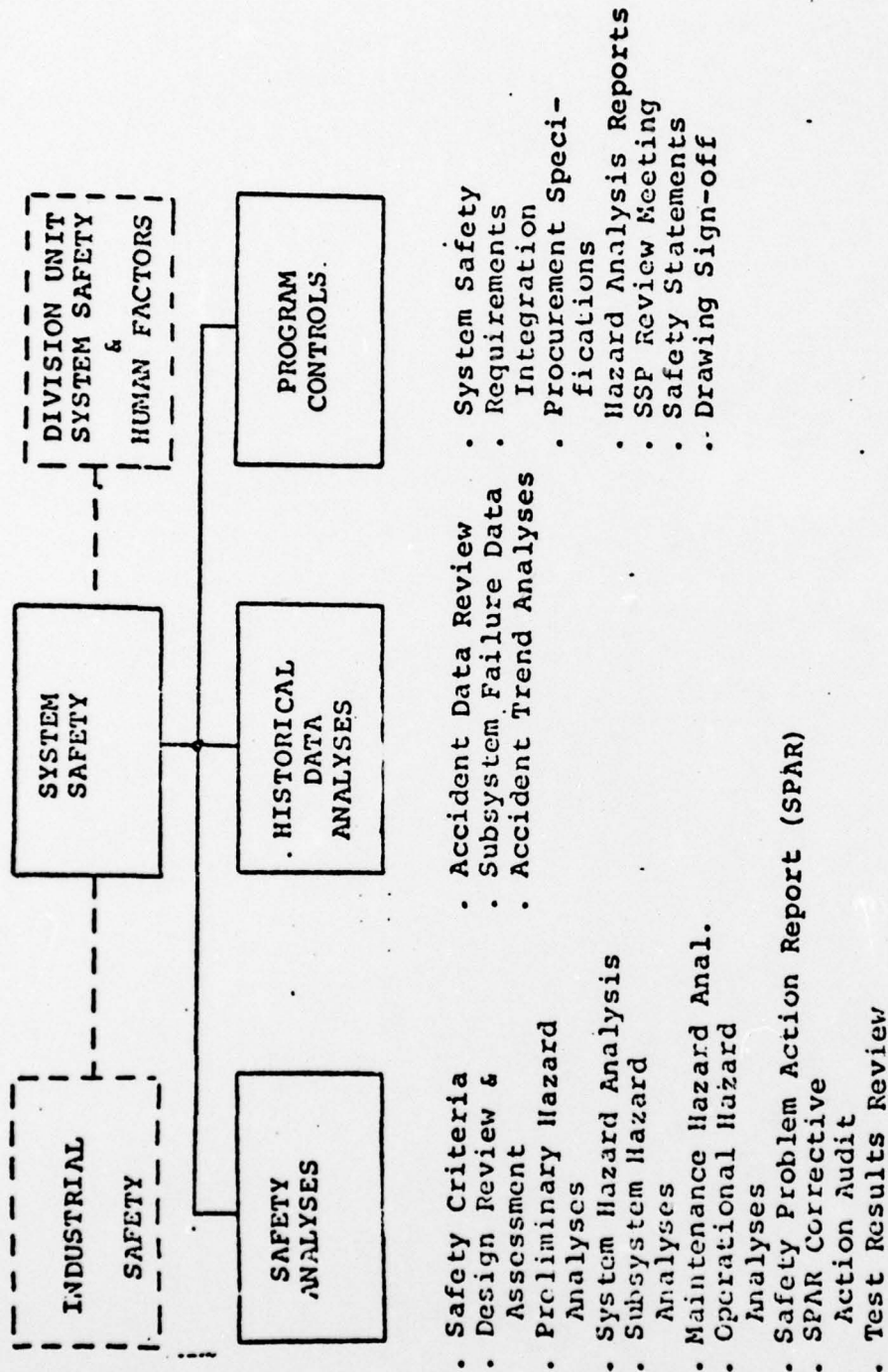


FIGURE-6 . SYSTEM SAFETY UNIT MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE