

Evidence Issues in Forensic Use of CPM Scheduling

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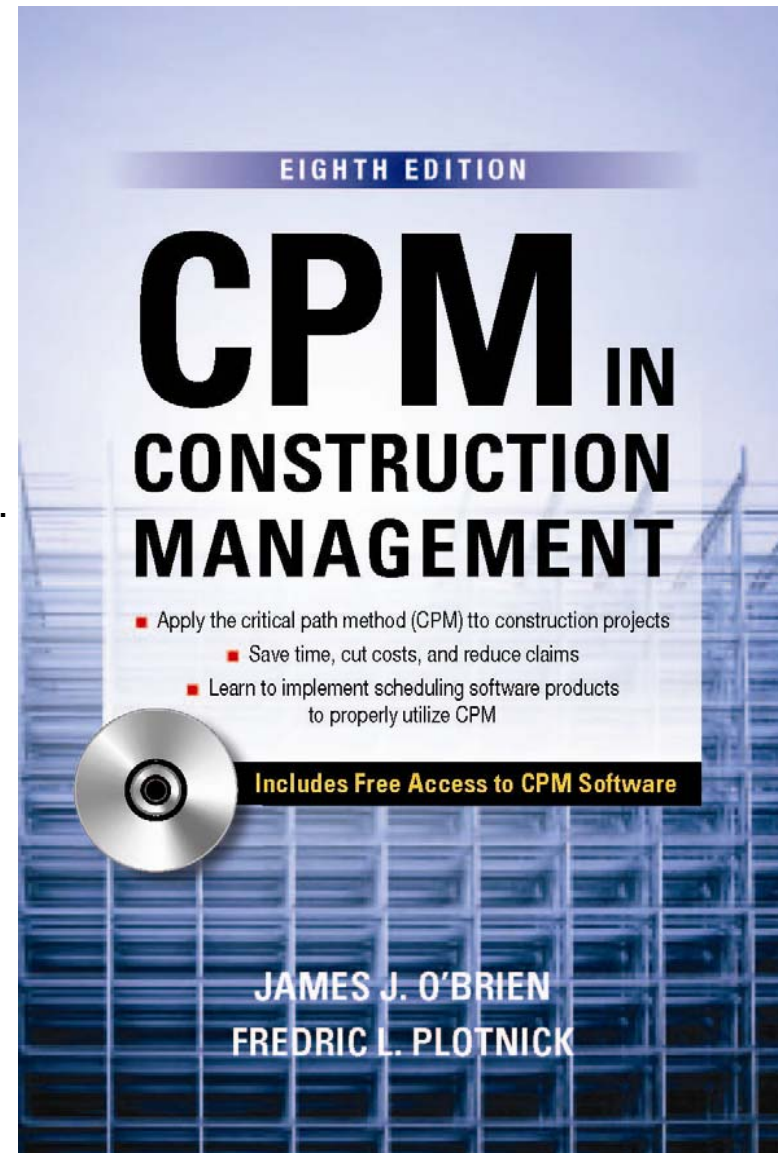
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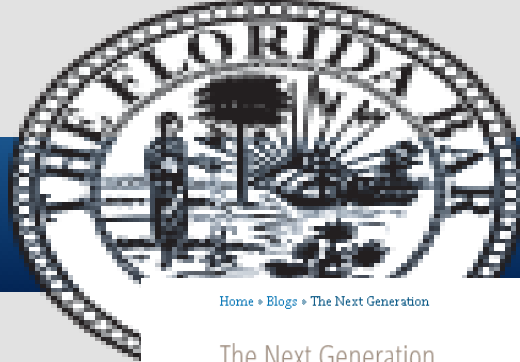
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Today's Presentation



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ENR
Engineering News-Record

This blog discusses CPM scheduling, engineering law and other aspects of project management.

Oranges, Apples and Pairs

November 14, 2013 No Comments

I have been away from my blog for too long. I don't know if it is writer's block or just being too busy. August was a couple of claims and trying to find time to catch a fish. September featured a presentation to the GAO on why they should consider my RDCPM protocol as part of a new metric to review CPM schedule. Let us continue the discussion on Schedule Risk, Measured Mile and Half Steps. Read on ...

Schedule Risk, The Measured Mile and Half Steps

July 9, 2013 No Comments

Professional and technical association conference presentations are providing more detail in forensic analyses. This is a good thing. As to why, read on ...

Location-Based Scheduling and the Confluence of CPM and BIM

April 23, 2013 One Comment

Location Location Location. The confluence of CPM with BIM continues to bring additional benefits to the users of these tools. Read on ...

Fla. Supreme Court Reverses Course on Economic Loss: A Must-Read for Designers

March 16, 2013 No Comments

Rarely will a practitioner live through a full swing of the pendulum of the expansion and retraction of a judicial doctrine. Read how the latest decision of the Florida Supreme Court again changes the legal landscape.

The Industrial Exemption

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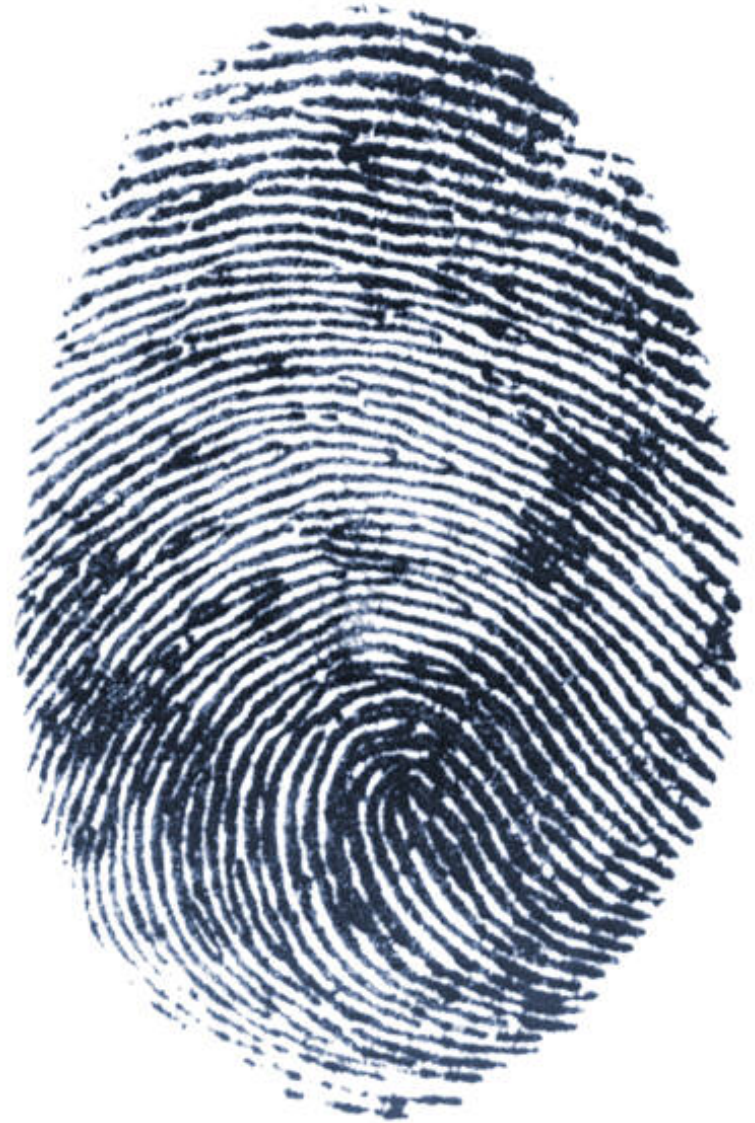
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- How reliable is CPM to establish a claim of delay or disruption?
- Claims before CPM
- Claims after CPM
- Current State-of-the-Art
- Frye v Daubert
- Intrinsic Unreliability of CPM
- Daubert **II**
- Robinson Factor Analysis
- Analytical Gap Test
- Specific Flaws of this CPM
- All leading to ...



Pre-CPM Claims of Delay

- Generally, if two parties claim concurrent delays, the court will not try to unravel the factors involved and will disallow the claims by both parties.

In *United States vs. Citizens and Southern National Bank*, 367 F. 2d 473 (1966), a subcontractor was able to show delay damages caused by the general contractor. However, the general contractor, in turn, was able to demonstrate that portions of the damages were caused by factors for which he was not responsible. In the absence of clear evidence separating the two claims, the court rejected both claims, stating:

“As the evidence does not provide any reasonable basis for allocating the additional costs among those contributing factors, we conclude that the entire claim should have been rejected.”

Post-CPM Claims of Delay

- **The courts gave early recognition to the validity of CPM.** In 1972 (Appeal of *Minmar Builders, Inc.* GSBCANo. 3430, 72-2 BOA), the court rejected a claim based on bar graph schedules, stating:

“The schedules were not prepared by the Critical Path Method (CPM) and, hence, are not probative as to whether any particular activity or group of activities was on the critical path or constituted the pacing element for the project.”

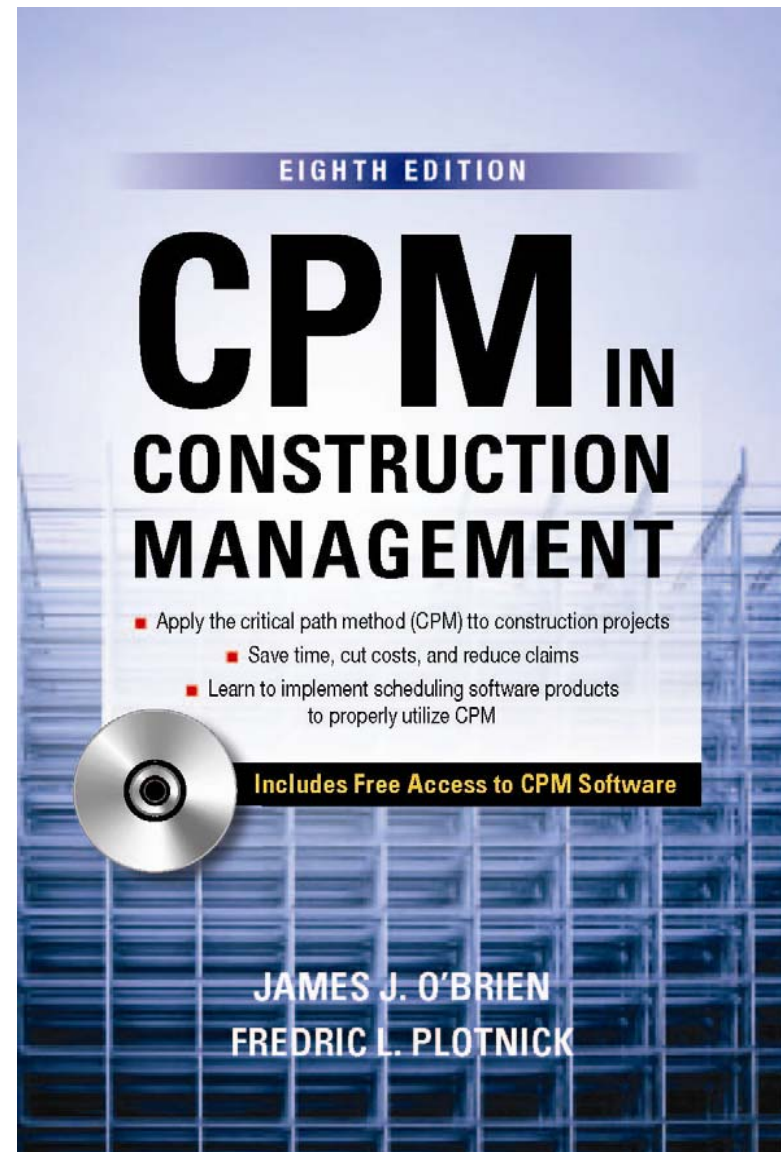
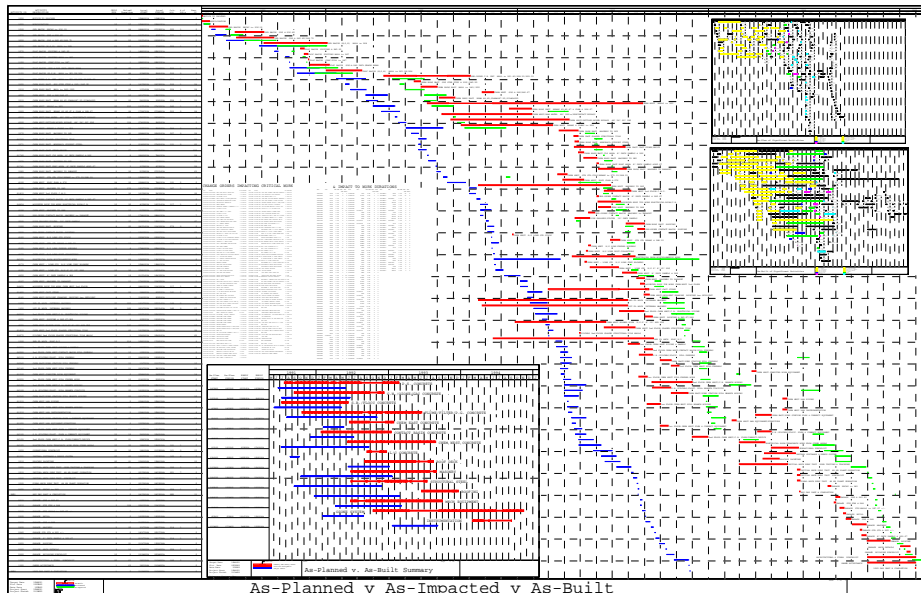
- Also in 1972, a Missouri Court (*Natkin & Co. v. Fuller*. 347 F Supp 17) stated that bar charts did not “afford an overall coordinated schedule of the total work covered by the contract.”
- An Illinois court (*Pathman Construction Co. v. Hi-Way Electric Co.* 65 Ill. App. ad 480, 382 N.E. 2d 453,460) in 1978 noted that

“**technological advances and the use of computers to devise work schedules and chart progress on a particular project have facilitated the court’s ability to allocate damages.**”

State of the Art Analysis & Presentation

- Analysis of Delay
- As-Planned
- As-Built
- As-Impacted
- Zeroing-Out
- Windows
- Zeroing-Out Windows

Relief From L/D's
Extended Overhead

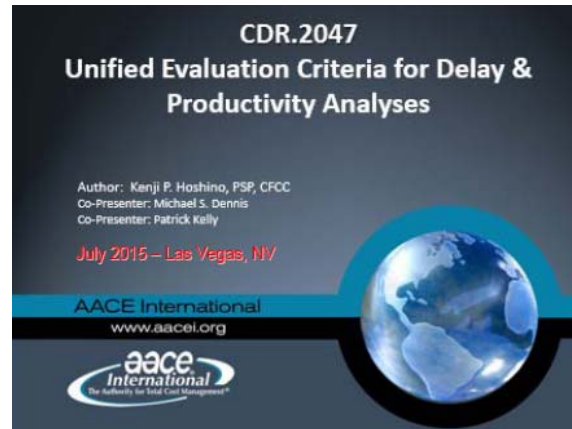


Peer Review v AACE 29RP-03

Evaluation of FSA Methods in "CPM in Construction Management, 8th Ed."

Kenji P. Hoshino, PSP, CFCC

February 1, 2016
Construction CPM Conference New Orleans



Total Score

Performance Evaluation Criteria	Raw Score			Weighted Score			Perfect
	OBP - "Time Impact Evaluation"	OBP - "Window"	OBP - 3.4 (Revised CPM)	Weight Value	OBP - "Time Impact Evaluation"	OBP - "Window"	OBP - 3.4 (Revised CPM)
1 Quality of Source Data for Unimpacted Condition	2	2	2	10%	0.20	0.10	0.30
2 Quality of Source Data for Impacted Condition	2	2	2	10%	0.20	0.20	0.20
3 Integration of Actual Events into the Analysis	1	1	2	10%	0.10	0.10	0.20
4 Granularity & Volume of Data Used for Analysis	2	2	2	10%	0.20	0.20	0.20
5 Validity of Comparison of Unimpacted to Impacted	1	1	2	10%	0.10	0.10	0.20
6 Consideration of the Sensitivity of the Impacted Elements	1	1	2	15%	0.15	0.15	0.30
7 Periodicity of Variance Measurement	1	1	2	10%	0.10	0.10	0.20
8 Chronological Treatment of Cause & Effect	2	2	2	5%	0.10	0.10	0.15
9 Proximity in Time of the Cause to the Claimed Effect	1	2	2	5%	0.05	0.10	0.10
10 Consideration of Completeness of All Causal Elements	1	1	2	5%	0.05	0.05	0.10
11 Segregation of Effects from Non-Claimable Causes	1	1	2	5%	0.05	0.05	0.10
12 Overall Cleanliness / Minimizing Room for Manipulation	1	1	2	5%	0.05	0.05	0.10
	24	24	29	100%	2.05	2.00	2.45

OBP "TIE" vs MIP 3.6 (IAP)

OBP "Window" vs MIP 3.7 (TIA)

Purpose: Compensable Delay & Rebuttal of LDs

Performance Evaluation Criteria	Raw Score			Weighted Score		
	OBP - "Time Impact Evaluation"	MIP - 3.6 (Impacted As-Planned)	Weight Value	OBP - "Time Impact Evaluation"	MIP - 3.6 (Impacted As-Planned)	Weight Value
1 Quality of Source Data for Unimpacted Condition	2	2	10%	0.20	0.20	
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12 Overall Cleanliness / Minimizing Room for Manipulation	1	1	5%	0.05	0.05	
	24	22	100%	2.05	1.90	

Winner

Performance Evaluation Criteria	Raw Score			Weighted Score		
	OBP - "Window"	MIP - 3.7 (Time Impact Analysis)	Weight Value	OBP - "Window"	MIP - 3.7 (Time Impact Analysis)	Weight Value
1 Quality of Source Data for Unimpacted Condition	1	1	10%	0.10	0.10	
2 Quality of Source Data for Impacted Condition	2	1	10%	0.20	0.10	
3 Integration of Actual Events into the Analysis	1	1	10%	0.10	0.10	
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12 Overall Cleanliness / Minimizing Room for Manipulation	1	1	5%	0.05	0.05	
	24	25	100%	2.00	2.15	

Winner

OBP Windows Analysis

- MIP 3.7 Variable Period, Static logic
- Using partially updated baseline
- Or a model-modeled MIP 3.2

OBP Time Impact Evaluation

- Enhanced MIP 3.6.F
- w/ 'Not-Quite' MIP 3.8 verification

VS

Half-Step Update Analysis

Forensic Use of Analysis	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.9
Non-Compensable Time Extension	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK
Compensable Delay	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK			OK	OK
Right to Finish Early Compensable Delay								OK	OK
Entitlement to Early Completion Bonus	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK
Disruption Without Project Delay	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK		
Constructive Acceleration				OK		OK	OK		

RP 29R-03 - Section 5: Choosing a Method

The AACEi compilation 29RP-03 is deemed by the authors of this text to document a number of, but clearly not all, methodologies that have been used in one trial setting or another. 29RP-03 does provide a number of tips to practitioners on source validation and on providing the operating parameters of a number of methodologies purported to have been accepted in at least one forum. However, the authors of this text believe that none of these approaches, as provided in 29RP-03, should pass a Daubert review.

Add Probability and Risk

- Pertmaster – Monte Carlo -15%/+20%
- Calculate probability of finish by set date
- Track alternate critical paths by frequency
- What was natural risk of project delay?



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Risk in Scheduling?

Where would I learn about that?

- **MON12 - Preparing a P6 schedule for Risk Analysis**
- Presented by Darryl Townsend of DRMcNatty & Associates, Inc.
- **MON13 - Microsoft New Project and Portfolio Management Solution for Construction Project Management**
- Managing cost, schedule, task updates, risks and collaboration across project stakeholders
- **MON32 - Schedule Risk Analysis doesn't have to be hard!**
- All too often Schedule Risk Analysis (SRA) is only performed because it was required for a proposal. Once the contract is won SRA goes out the window. Where SRA is not mandated it may be ignored because it is perceived as a lot of effort for questionable return. This presentation will demonstrate the benefits of using SRA throughout the project life cycle and show that benefits can be achieved with little additional effort.
Presented by John Owen, COO of Barbecana Inc.
- **MON42 - Doing a P6/Acumen Risk Analysis**
- Presented by Darryl Townsend of DRMcNatty & Associates, Inc.
- **TUE13 - Deltek Open Plan Download to 1st Update**
- This session will lead attendees from download of Open Plan software from Deltek's website, or from the link provided in the back of the text [CPM in Construction Management](#), 8th Edition, to delivery of the first update report to management of the Contractor and the Owner. Presented by Rob Edwards



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Risk in Scheduling?

Where would I learn about that?

- **TUE14 - Safran Risk**
- Risk analysis tools can be complicated. The complex interfaces and lack of process support can leave you wondering about the quality of your risk analysis. Did you capture all of your risks? Did you build the model correctly? In this session, you'll learn how Safran Risk addresses these issues. You'll learn how the process-led interface provides confidence in your risk modeling process, and you'll learn new techniques for capturing all of your risks in the comprehensive risk register – including risk factors (uncertainty), risk events, and risk calendars. You'll also learn how Safran Risk's best-in-class analytics can provide you quantified insight into how risks are impacting your project. Come see why Safran Risk is defining the new standard in schedule risk analysis. Presented by Wes Gillette – Director of Client Services, Safran
- **TUE17 - Mitigating Delay Claims and Scheduling Best Practices**
- Session addresses Claims and Risk Awareness, specifically as it related to construction scheduling. How to mitigate claims when construction change is inevitable. Learn about the principle causes of dispute and how to avoid claims as it relates to the project schedule function. Presented by Raquel Shohet, EI, PSP, of Hill International, with over 25 years of construction industry experience in the engineering, cost, scheduling, estimating, and field disciplines.
- **TUE33 - Deltek Acumen Risk: The Rewards of Schedule Risk Analysis**
- CPM schedules are excellent at providing a completion forecast based on the planned duration and sequence of work. However, they fall short in accounting for external risk events – those discrete events that have an impact on a project execution teams' ability to execute the plan. This presentation focuses on the second step towards improving project maturity: identifying and reducing project risk exposure through project risk analysis. Learn best practices when running a schedule or cost risk analysis and hear how Deltek Acumen Risk and Risk book combine the accuracy of Monte-Carlo risk analysis with a straightforward, team-oriented user experience to simplify this process. Presented by Tom Polen

Risk in Scheduling?

Where would I learn about that?

- **TUE37a - Who Should Own Float? Mitigating Delays by Float-Preallocation Method**
- Float reduces risk by protecting against delays in network schedules. But who owns it remains a contentious issue. We will discuss the results of a National Science Foundation-funded research on allocating project float – between the sum of raw durations and the contract deadline – to the critical path. A mathematical model from social decision-making has inspired how to fairly allocate so that the critical participants can reach an evenly low risk level. Simulations validate the new approach. Presented by Gunnar Lucko, Associate Professor of Civil Engineering and Director of Construction Engineering and Management Program, Department of Civil Engineering, The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC 20064. lucko@cua.edu
- **TUE44a - Risky Project Project Risk Analysis and Risk Management Software**
- RiskyProject is integrated project risk management and risk analysis software. RiskyProject facilitates all steps of project risk management process: risk identification, analysis, mitigation and response planning, and risk communication. RiskyProject performs both qualitative and quantitative risk analysis. It performs schedule and cost risk analysis using Monte Carlo simulations. RiskyProject's risk register includes all information about risks. These risks can be assigned to project schedule and used in risk analysis. Presented by Lev Virine of Risky Project
- **TUE44b - PMA Netpoint Risk**
- **WED13 - Doing a P6/Acumen Risk Analysis**
- Presented by Darryl Townsend of DRMcNatty & Associates, Inc.
- **WED23 - Project Risk Analysis with Risk Events Step by Step**
- Efficiency of project risk analysis process depends on how project uncertainties are identified and modelled. Uncertainties in task durations and costs can be modelled using statistical distributions. Uncertainties can also be modelled using discrete risk events (threats, opportunities, or both), which can be assigned to the project tasks and resources. Presented by Lev Virine of Risky Project

“technological advances and the use of computers ... have facilitated the court's ability to allocate damages.”

Pathman Construction

State of the Art Analysis & Presentation

But the duration of each activity
in the CPM is only an estimate
Expected Duration is -15%/+20%

As-Plan Significant

As-Built Significant

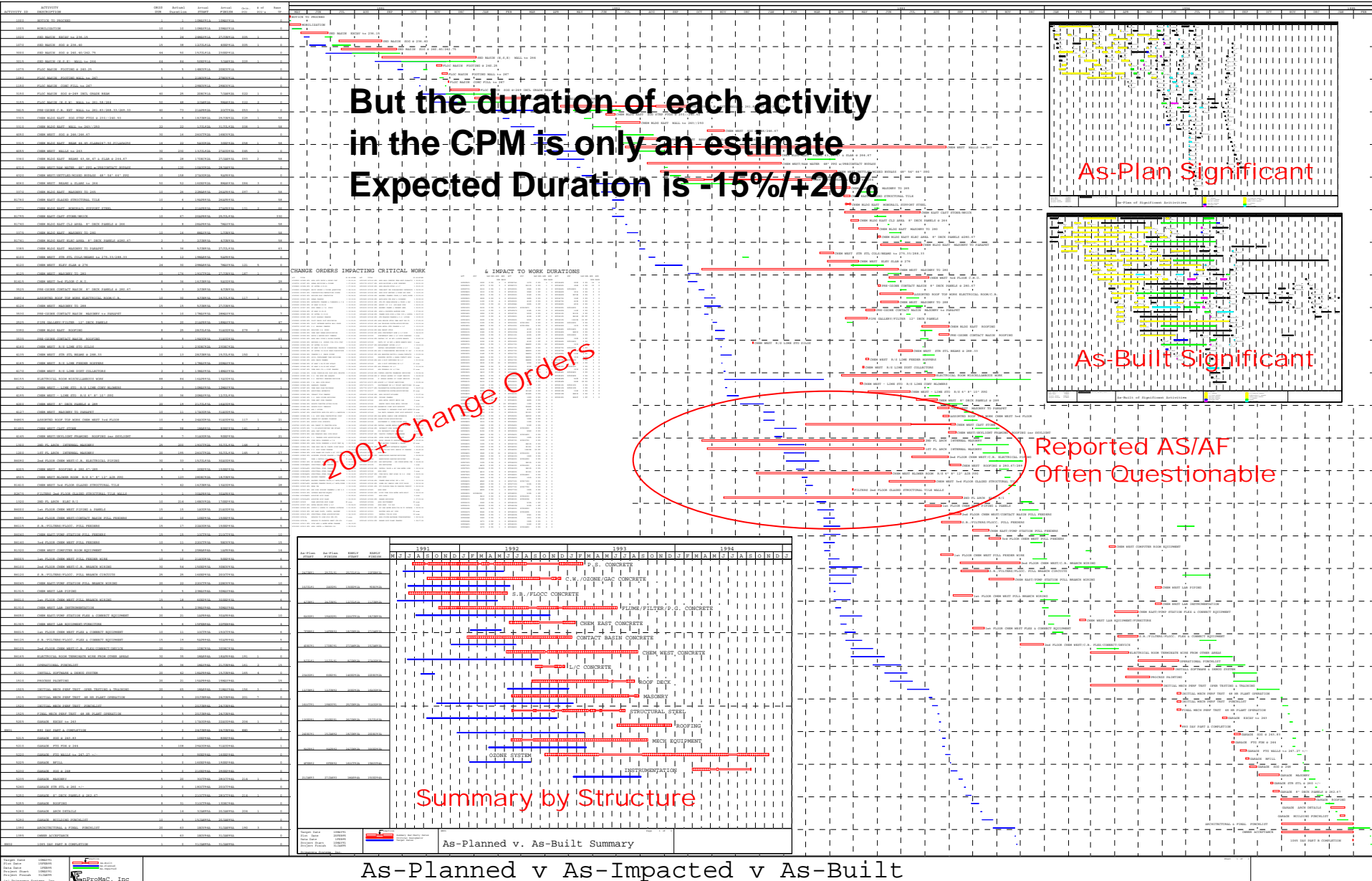
200+ Change Orders

Reported AS/AF
Often Questionable

Summary by Structure

As-Planned v. As-Built Summary

As-Planned v As-Impacted v As-Built



Intrinsic Unreliability of CPM

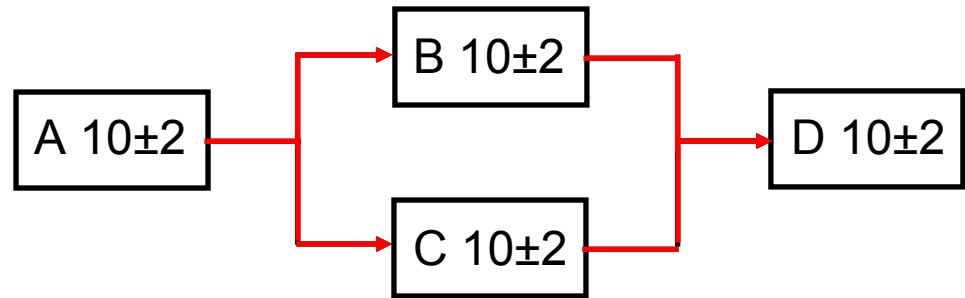
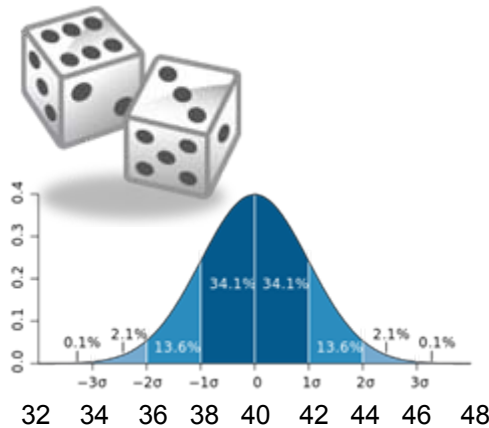
- Two Math Anomalies from Merge Bias
- $10 + 10 + 10 \neq 30$
- $\text{Leveled Schedule} \leq 2 \times \text{Optimal Schedule}$



Risk and Monte Carlo Simulation

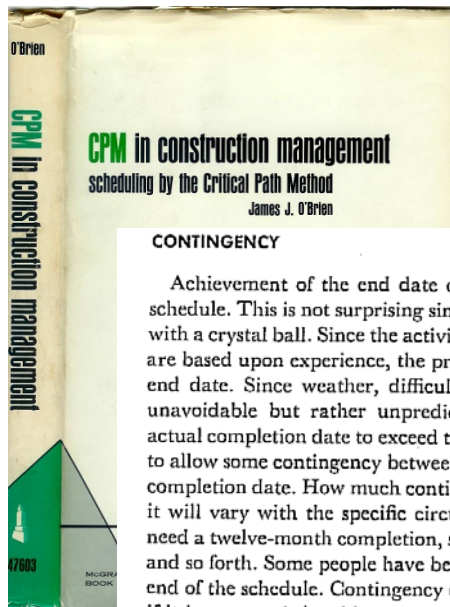
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 C 10 ± 2
 D 10 ± 2

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 Estimating



Scheduling

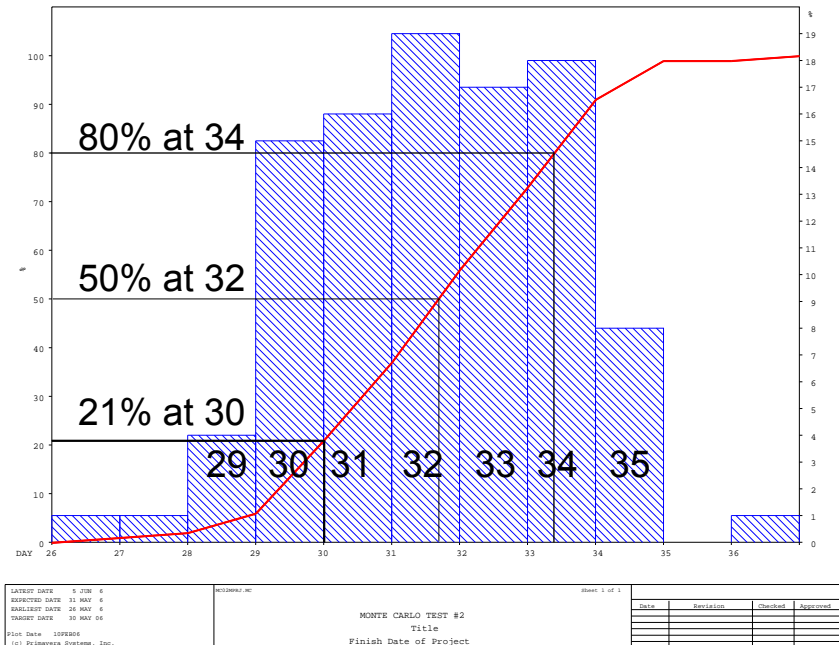
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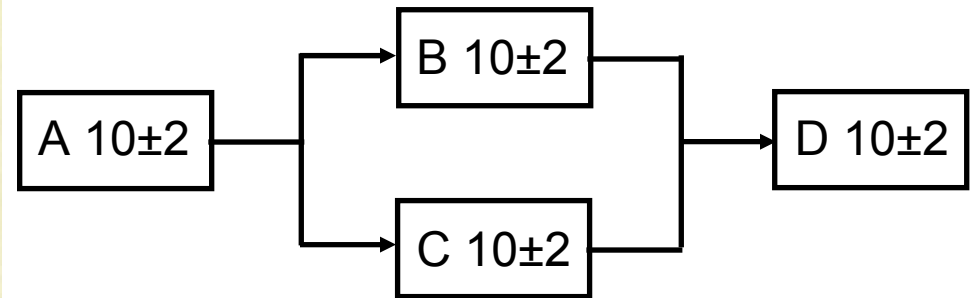
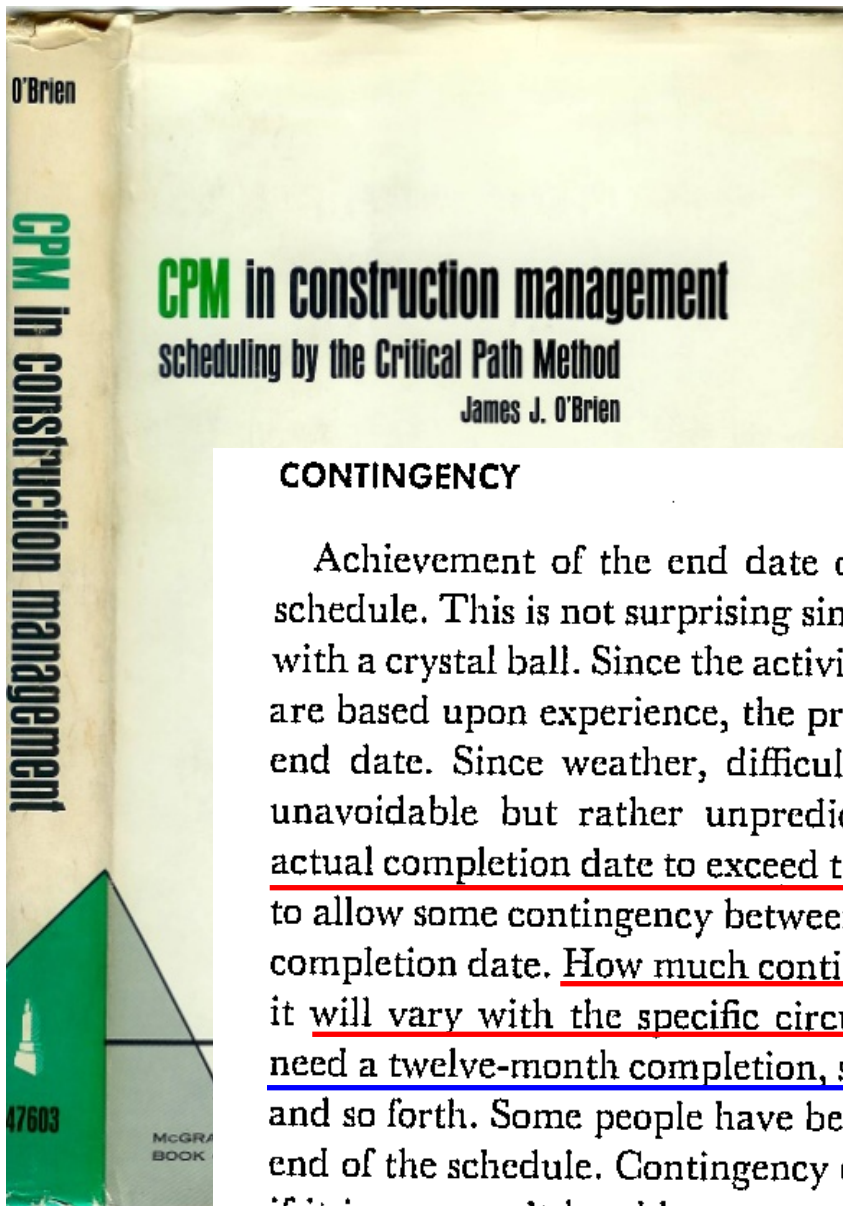


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Achievement of the end date desired is unfortunately not an acceptable schedule. This is not surprising since we know that CPM has not furnished us with a crystal ball. Since the activities and times estimates used in the network are based upon experience, the project rarely finishes ahead of the computed end date. Since weather, difficult site conditions, labor disputes, etc., are unavoidable but rather unpredictable, there a definite tendency for the actual completion date to exceed the first CPM end date. It is then reasonable to allow some contingency between the CPM end date and the actual desired completion date. How much contingency? There is no definite answer to this; it will vary with the specific circumstances of the project. However, if you need a twelve-month completion, set your CPM goal at about eleven months, and so forth. Some people have been reluctant to set a flat contingency at the end of the schedule. Contingency can be buried in the activity estimates, but if it is you won't be able to separate true estimates from contingency.

Excerpt from page 142 of CPM in Construction Management

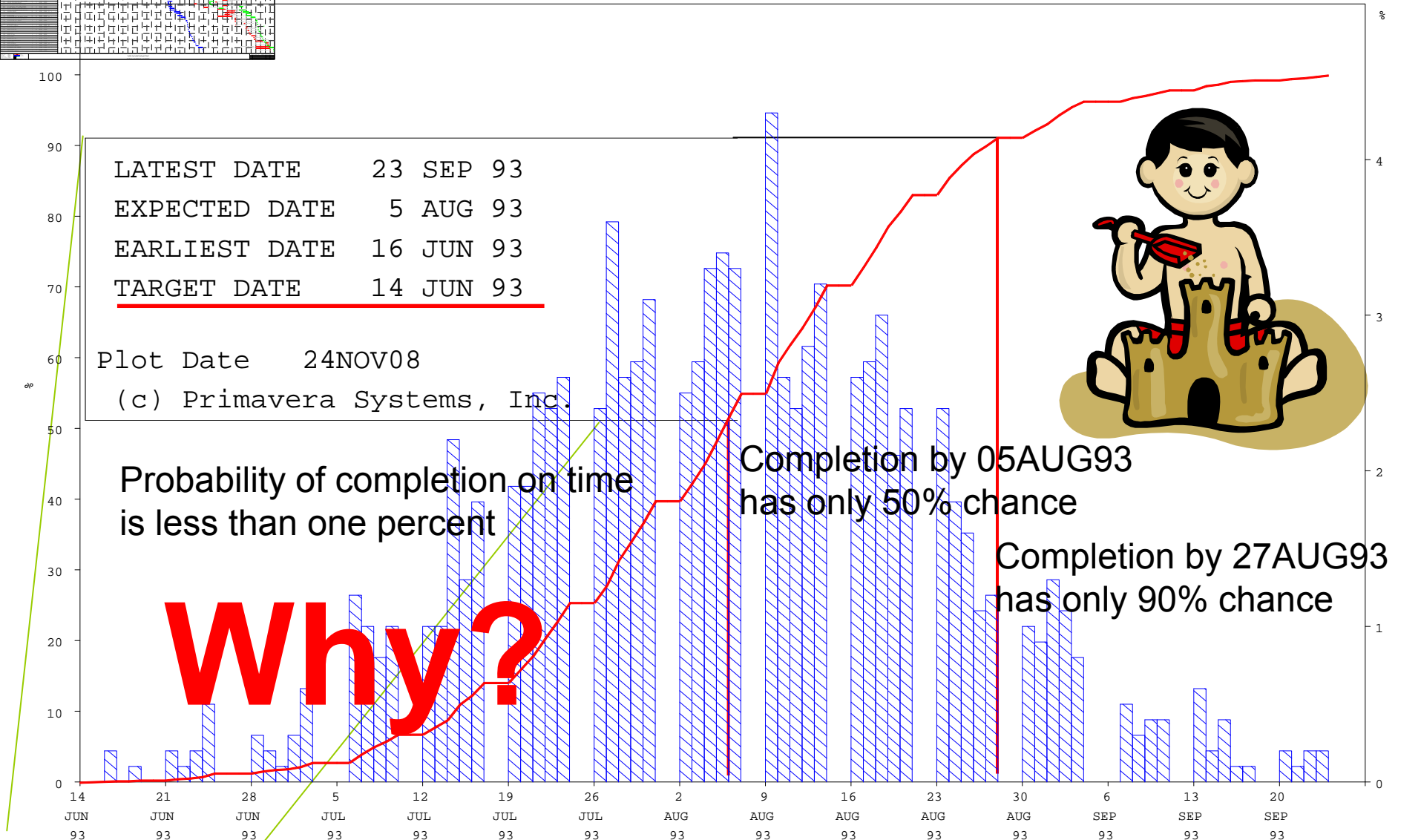
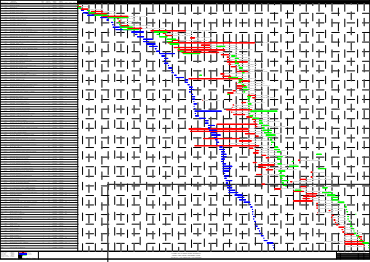




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State of the Art Analysis?



LATEST DATE 23 SEP 93
 EXPECTED DATE 5 AUG 93
 EARLIEST DATE 16 JUN 93
 TARGET DATE 14 JUN 93

Plot Date 24NOV08
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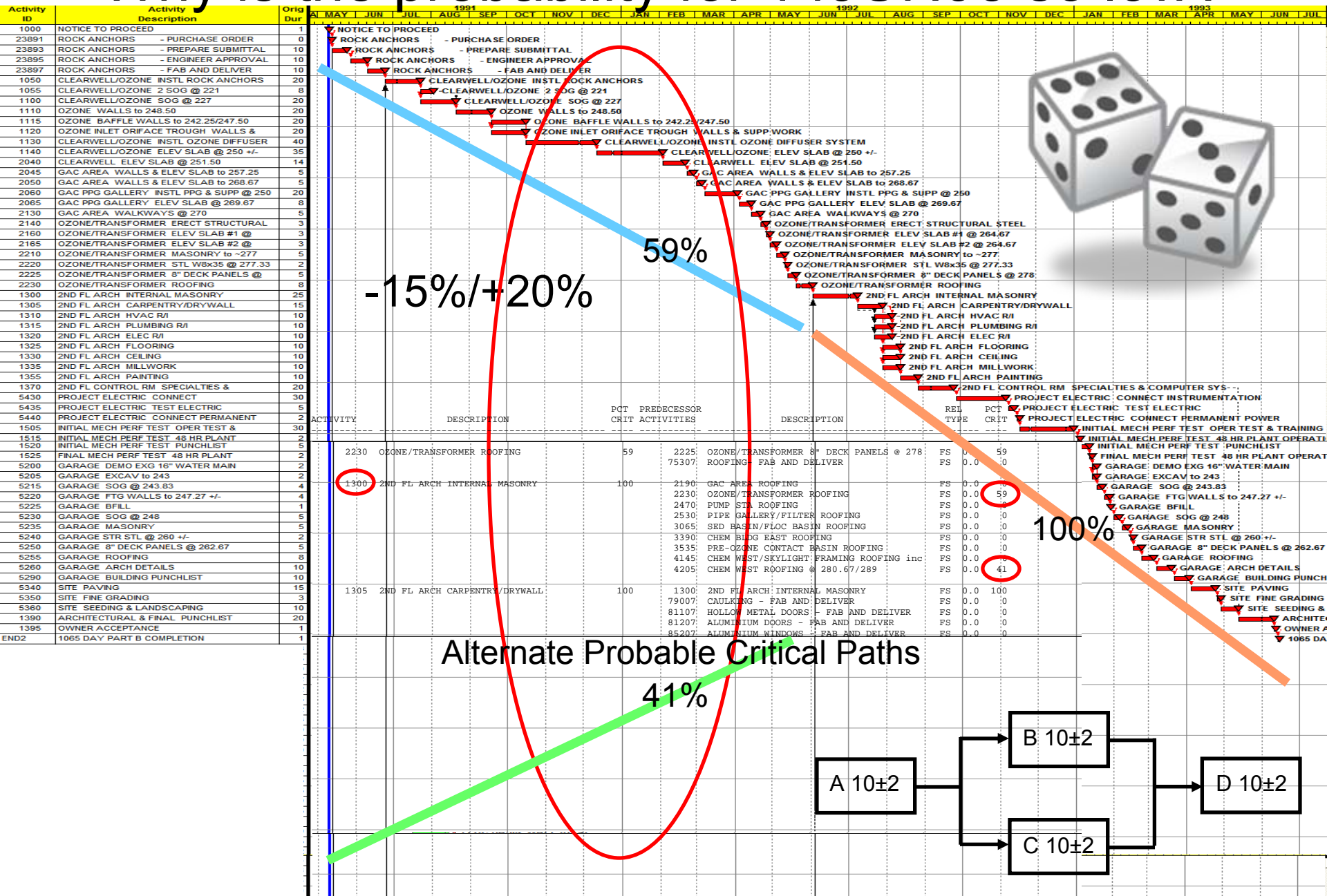
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 Initial Schedule Submittal (As-Planned)
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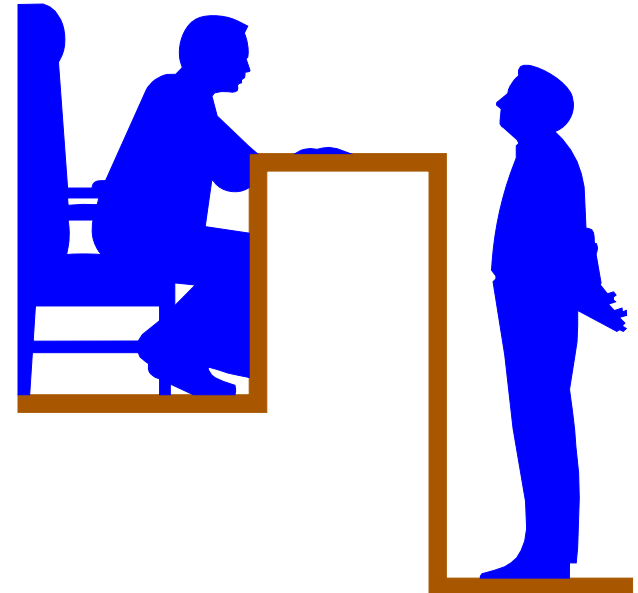
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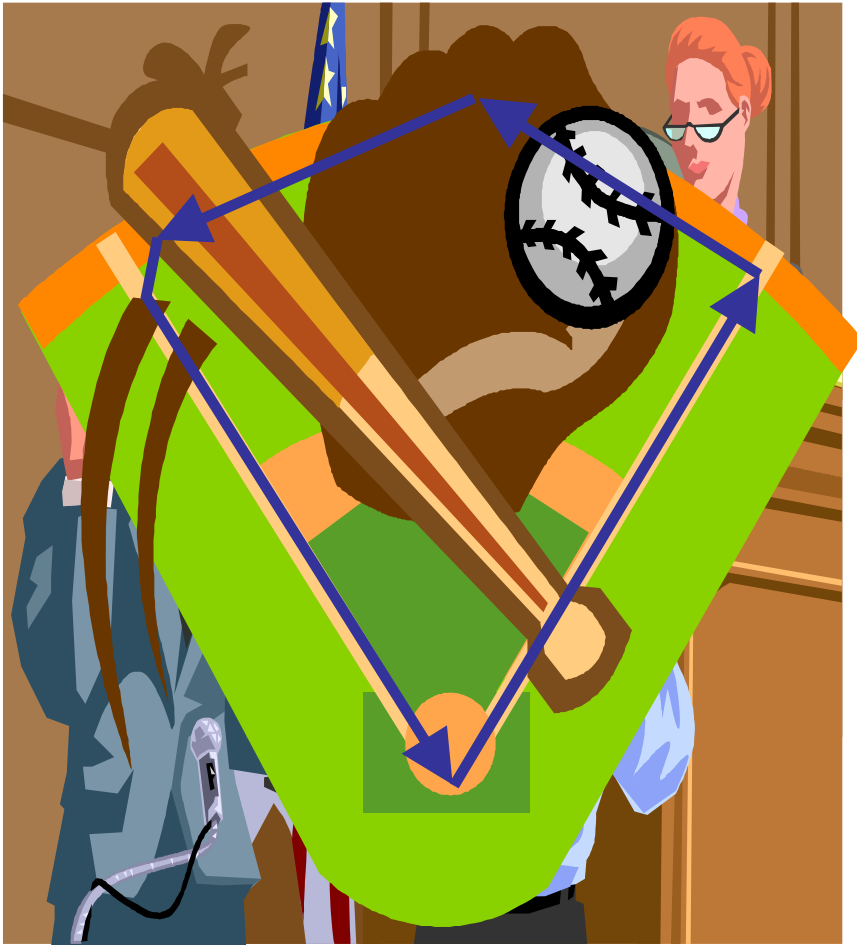
Why is the probability for 14JUN93 so low?



- CPM may be less certain than generally believed
- Certainty of the proffered CPM should be questioned
- Understanding of the “expert” relating to Risk is fair game



Specific Flaws of this CPM



- Frye Credential Test
- Daubert Theory Test
- Analytical Gap Test
- Ultimate Conclusion



Specific Flaws of this CPM

- Is the As-Planned a CPM or only a bar-chart?
 - Logic network from one start end to one finish end – no other open ends!
 - Every activity must have a physical methodology predecessor & successor
 - Activities Placed by Logic Restraints – NOT Date Constraints
 - Proper Logic May Be Restated in “ADM” Finish-to-Start-no-Lag Format
 - Resource (PREFERENTIAL) Logic Not Probative for Delay Analyses
 - But how do we distinguish Physical from Resource Logic?

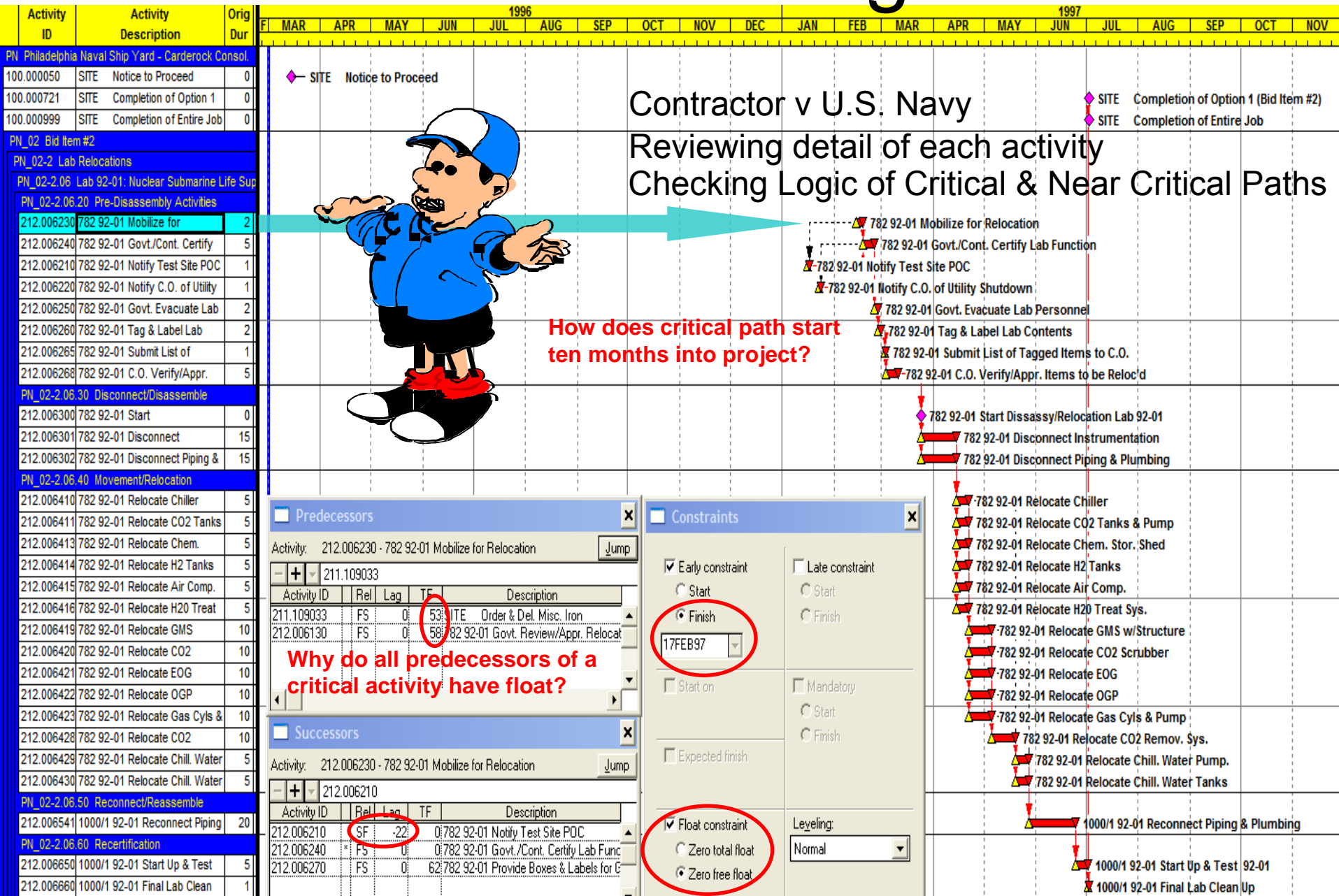


- How reliable is this CPM to establish a claim of delay or disruption?

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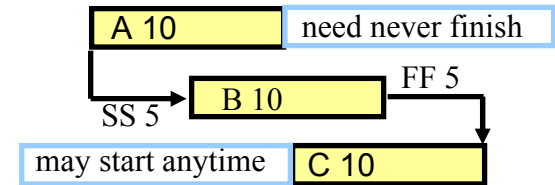
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As-Planned Logic?

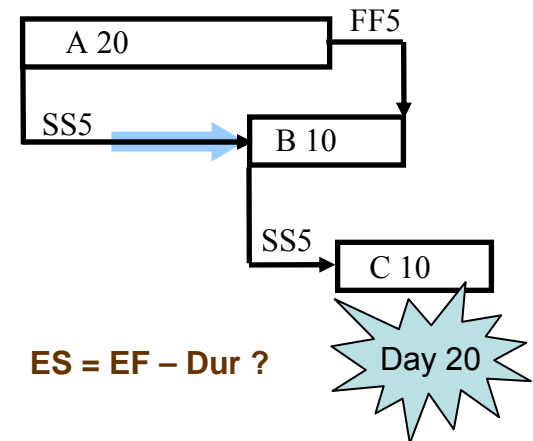
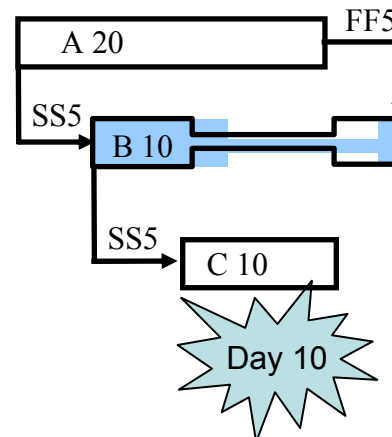


RDM Analysis of the As-Planned Logic

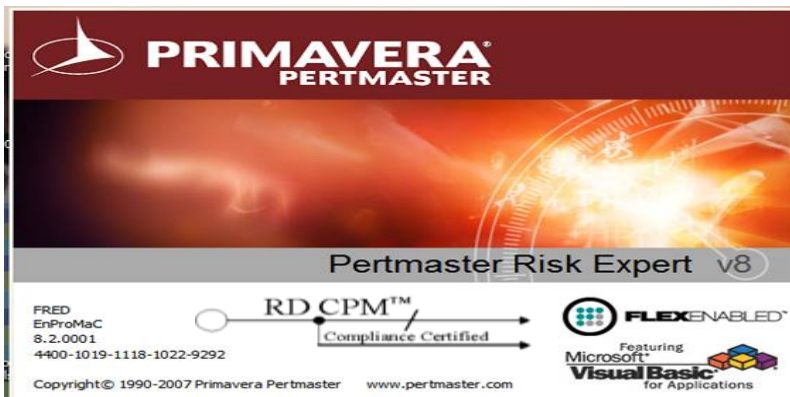
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- check for misunderstood logic
- Interruptible supported by
P3 – Pertmaster – Asta – Phoenix



interruptible duration continuous duration



$$ES = EF - Dur ?$$



RDM Analysis of the As-Planned Logic

- check for hidden open ends
- check for misunderstood logic
- check for physical v resource logic



Reason/Why Codes

Pertmaster Risk Expert - [C:\... \RDM Pertmaster\CMAP.plan - Gantt Chart]

Link Categories and User Fields

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Succeeding	1400 - West22 For...	fs	No	3	Form crew moves to flo
Succeeding	1150 - WestRF Ro...	fs	No	1	Slab required before ro
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Predecessors

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1135 ...	fs	0	0	Yes	<Default>	1	No

Successors

ID - Descrip...	Type	Lag	Relative Float	Driving	Lag Calendar	Link Category	Ignore Link
1466 ...	fs	0	80	No	<Default>	0	No
1350 ...	fs	0	5	No	<Default>	0	No
1150 ...	fs	0	0	Yes	<Default>	1	No
1400 ...	fs	0	0	Yes	<Default>	3	No

Link Colors

Set color of links with category:

3 - Resource - Same Craft - Different

Color: [Green] Close

Ignore/Restore Links

Link Category: 3 - Resource - Same Craft - Differ

Ignore All Links Ignore Links Restore Links Restore All Links Close

Category

0 Unknown - Same Craft - Same Location

Use as default for new plans OK Cancel

RDM Analysis of the As-Planned Logic

- check for hidden open ends
- check for misunderstood logic
- check for physical v resource logic
- check for physical-logic-only open ends
- check if the as-planned is a CPM or merely a bar-chart

Reason/Why Codes

The image displays the 'Link Categories and User Fields' dialog box in Primavera Risk Expert. The 'Selected Task Links' list shows a link from task 1140 to task 1141. The 'Link Category' is set to 'Physical - No'. The 'Link User Fields' section shows 'Steel required before elev floor slabs'. The 'Categories' section shows 'SubHandoff', 'CraftChange', 'TowerSame', and 'FloorSame'. The 'Export to Excel' and 'Import from Excel' buttons are visible at the bottom.

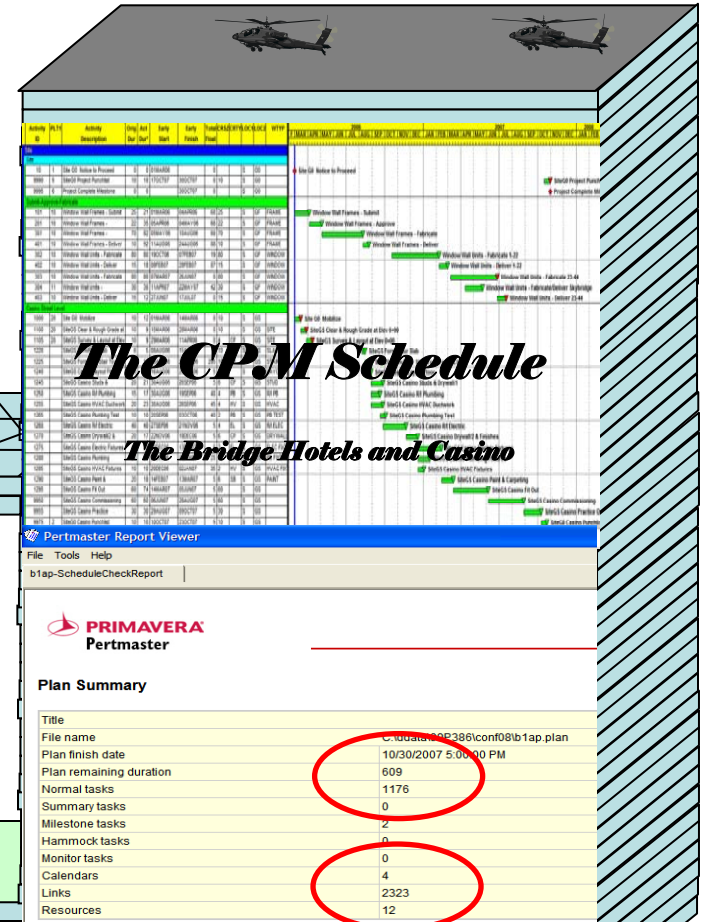
Other visible dialog boxes include 'Link Colors' (Set color of links with category: 3 - Resource - Same Craft - Different) and 'Ignore/Restore Links' (Link Category: 3 - Resource - Same Craft - Different). The main project view shows a network diagram with tasks and links.

Our Example Today



Shootout at the OK Corral Did You Notice Me?

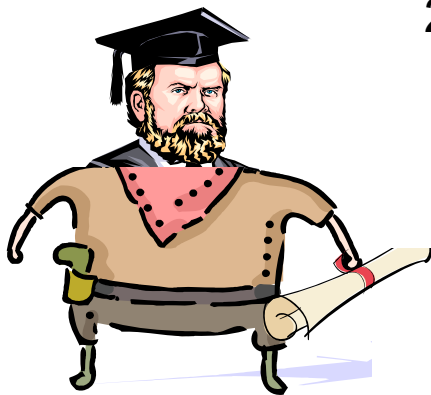
Mock Trial 2008



Entitlement to Total Delay

Activity ID	PLT1	Activity Description	Rem Dur	Act Dur*	Early Start	Early Finish	Total Float	2006												2007												2008			
								F	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	
10	1	Site G0 Notice to Proceed	0	0	01MAR06		0																												
E001	15	Event 001 - Delay to Mobilize	10	10	01MAR06	14MAR06	-10																												
E002	15	Event 002 - Window Frame Approval Takes 35 Days	35	35	30MAR06*	17MAY06	59																												
E003	15	Event 003 - Ship Hijacked by Pirates	92	92	20SEP06*	25JAN07	-22																												
E004	15	Event 004 - Industry Strike by Dockworkers	30	30	01MAR07*	11APR07	42																												
E005	15	Event 005 - Window Connector Design Error - Requ	24	24	08MAY07*	08JUN07	15																												
E006	15	Event 006 - Skybridge Window Frame Refit / Refab	11	11	23MAY07*	06JUN07	-29																												
E007	15	Event 007 - Window Connector Design Error - Requ	24	24	06AUG07*	06SEP07	-49																												
9995	6	Project Complete Milestone	0	0		07JAN08	-69																												

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Direct Examination
Testimony for the Contractor



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- set the predicate for a proper CPM
 - every activity (other than first) must have a predecessor
 - every activity (other than last) must have a successor
 - if these rules not followed the logic network will have open ends
 - what is wrong with open ends?
 - this required logic must be methodology (physical), not just resource
 - non-physical resource restraint example – crew from tower to tower
 - if non-physical resource restraints are removed – more open ends?
- does CPM used for this analysis meet these criteria?



Cross-Examination

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Pertmaster Risk Expert - [C:\... \conf08\b1ng.plan - Gantt Chart*]

File Edit View Insert Format Plan Risk Reports Tools Window Help

Import Log...
Schedule Check Report...
Distribution Graph...
Distribution Analyzer...
Tornado Graph... F11
Scatter Plot Ctrl+F11
Probabilistic Cash Flow...
Summary Risk Report...
Criticality Path Report...
Criticality Distribution Profile...

2007 2008

2007

2008

LOC1 LOC2 WTyp Early Start

S GF Frame 01 Mar 06
S GF 01 Mar ...
S GF 01 Mar 06
S GS Site 15 Mar 06
S GS Site 29 Mar 06
S GF Frame 05 Apr 06
W GS Site 12 Apr 06
W GS Steel 26 Apr 06
S GF Frame 05 May ...
W CL Slab 24 May ...
E GS Steel 24 May ...
W CL Steel 21 Jun 06
E CL Slab 21 Jun 06
W 10 Slab 19 Jul 06
E CL Steel 19 Jul 06
W 09 Slab 02 Aug ...
W 08 Slab 08 Aug ...
S GF Window 11 Aug ...
S GF Frame 11 Aug ...
W 07 Slab 14 Aug ...
W 10 Steel 16 Aug ...
E 10 Slab 16 Aug ...
W 06 Slab 18 Aug ...

Filter
All Tasks Visible Tasks Only
Report
View Full Report View Summary

Check for the following
☐ Constraints
☐ Out of sequence updates ("broken logic")
☐ Negative lags ("leads")
☐ Positive lags on Finish-to-Start links
☐ Start-to-Finish links
☐ Links to / from summary tasks
☒ Open-ended tasks (Does not include ignored links)
☒ Lacking predecessors ("start tasks")
☒ Lacking successors ("finish tasks")
☒ Ignore Link Category 3 and above
☐ Lags longer than 0 units
☐ Lags between tasks with different calendars
☒ For Finish-to-Start links
☒ For Start-to-Start links
☒ For Finish-to-Finish links
☐ Duration uncertainty distribution shape 2

Select All Checks
Deselect All Checks

Rationale (right click on the check to view rationale)
Edit...

Help Options...

Ignore/Restore Links

Link Category:
7 - Continuous IW Crew
3 - Resource
4 - ChangeFloor SameCraft
5 - ChangeFloor SameCraft - Select
6 - ChangeSection SameCraft
7 - Continuous IW Crew
8 - ChangeTower SameCraft

Ignore All Links
Restore All Links
Close


Task Details
ID: 101 Description: Window Wall Frames - Submit
General Dates Constraints Links Resources Costs Risk and Uncertainty User Fields Suspend and Resume
Original Duration 25 Calendar Cal1 WBS
Remaining Duration 25 Type Normal OBS
% Complete 0.00% Define... Priority 50 Comment
Can stretch Default Ignore

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Pertmaster Report Viewer

File Tools Help

b1ng-ScheduleCheckReport

 **PRIMAVERA**
Pertmaster

Pertmaster Schedule Check Report

Plan Summary

Title			
File name C:\ddata\99P386\conf08\b1ng.plan			
Plan finish date	10/30/2007 5:00:00 PM	Tasks with no progress	1171
Plan remaining duration	609	In progress tasks	0
Normal tasks	1169	Completed tasks	0
Summary tasks	0	Total tasks	1171
Milestone tasks	2	Resource assignments	1148
Hammock tasks	0	Budget cost	\$0
Monitor tasks	0	Remaining cost	\$0
Calendars	4	Actual cost	\$0
Links	2280	Total cost	\$0
Resources	12		

Report Summary

Task view	All tasks
Constraints	Not checked
Open-ended tasks (Does not include ignored links)	74
Out of sequence updates ("broken logic")	Not checked
Lags longer than 0 units	Not checked
Negative lags ("leads")	Not checked
Positive lags on Finish-to-Start links	Not checked
Start-to-Finish links	Not checked
Lags between tasks with different calendars	Not checked
Links to / from summary tasks	Not checked
Duration uncertainty distribution shape 2	Not checked
Total number of items found	74

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Open-ended tasks (Does not include ignored links)

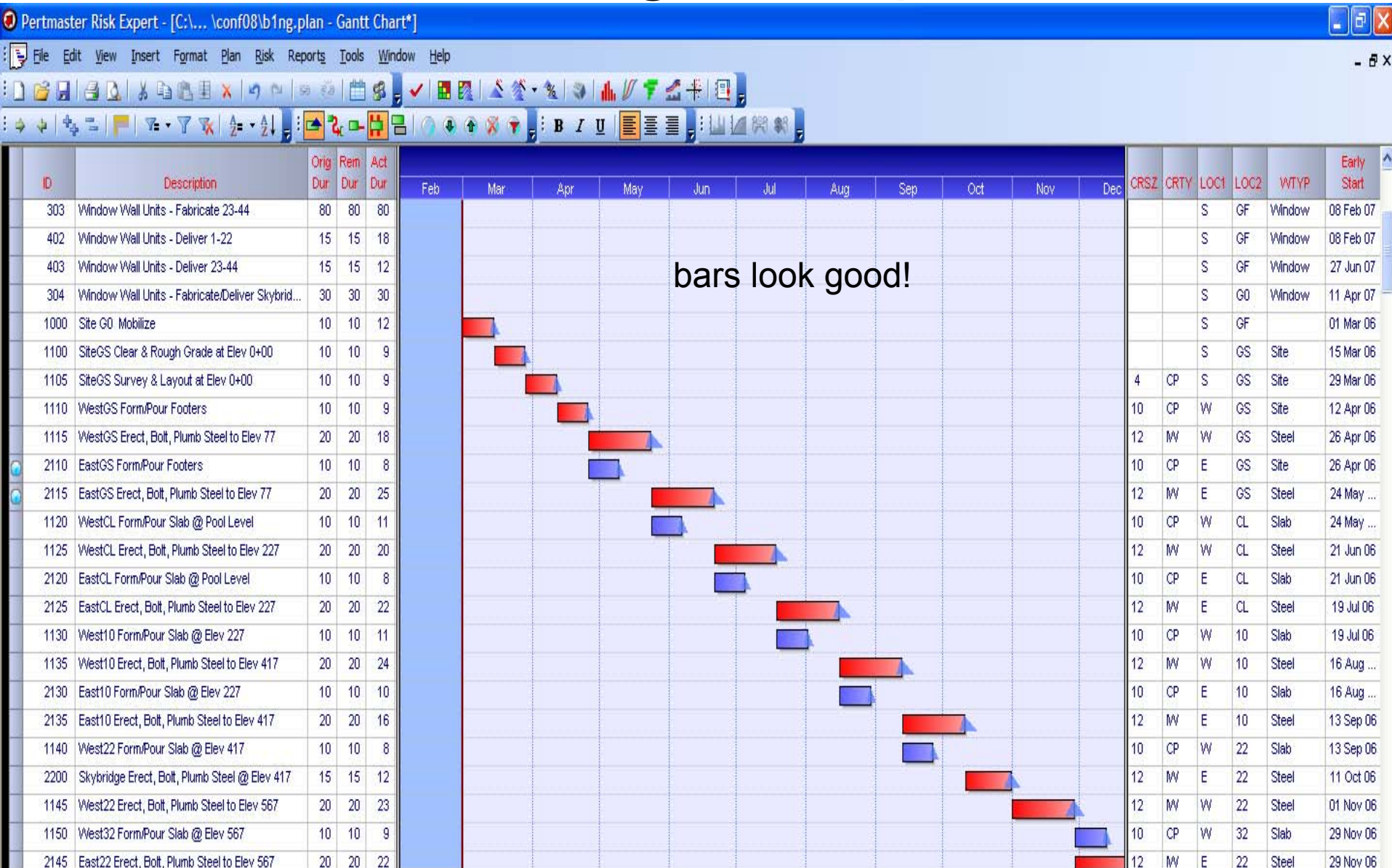
Options selected: Predecessors, Successors

For a schedule risk analysis to be meaningful, it is important that tasks' dates are set by logic (e.g. Finish-to-Start links) rather than constraints. This is so that the risk analysis will recognize the knock-on effect of delays. An open-ended task is one that does not have at least one predecessor and one successor – it indicates a possible lack of logic. Consider closing open-ended tasks:

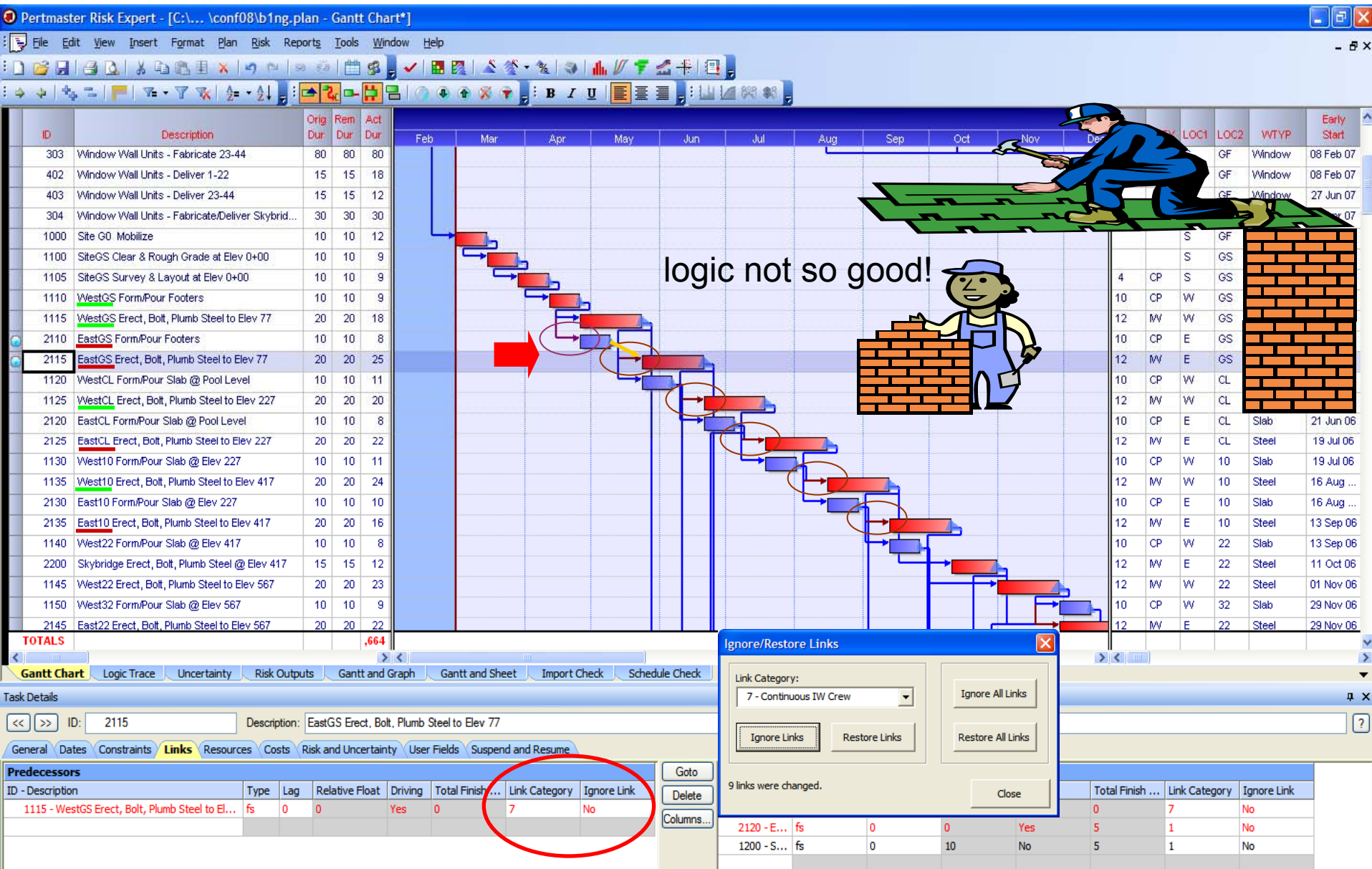
- If a task has no predecessor, try to find some other tasks which could potentially delay it. Leave it as open-ended if it is the project start milestone.
- If a task has no successors, try to find some other tasks which it could potentially delay. Leave it as open-ended if it is a project finish or reporting milestone.

Bookmark	ID	Description	Type	Remaining Duration	Detail
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1300	West09 Form/Pour Slab	Normal	4	Finish has no successors
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1305	West08 Form/Pour Slab	Normal	4	Finish has no successors
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2400	East21 Form/Pour Slab	Normal	4	Start has no predecessors
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1360	West03 Affix Window Wall Frames Floors 1-3	Normal	6	Finish has no successors
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1460	West12 Affix Window Wall Frames Floors 10-12	Normal	6	Finish has no successors
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1470	West22 Affix Window Wall Units Floors 1-22	Normal	12	Start has no predecessors
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1362	West06 Affix Window Wall Frames Floors 4-6	Normal	6	Finish has no successors
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1364	West09 Affix Window Wall Frames Floors 7-9	Normal	6	Finish has no successors
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1364	West09 Affix Window Wall Frames Floors 7-9	Normal	6	Start has no predecessors
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1462	West15 Affix Window Wall Frames Floors 13-15	Normal	5	Finish has no successors
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1464	West18 Affix Window Wall Frames Floors 16-18	Normal	5	Finish has no successors
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2110	EastGS Form/Pour Footers	Normal	10	No successors
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2110	EastGS Form/Pour Footers	Normal	10	Start has no predecessors
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2115	EastGS Erect, Bolt, Plumb Steel to Elev 77	Normal	20	Start has no predecessors
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2360	East03 Affix Window Wall Frames Floors 1-3	Normal	6	Finish has no successors
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2362	East06 Affix Window Wall Frames Floors 4-6	Normal	6	Finish has no successors
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2364	East09 Affix Window Wall Frames Floors 7-9	Normal	6	Finish has no successors
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2410	East19 Form/Pour Slab	Normal	4	Start has no predecessors
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2415	East18 Form/Pour Slab	Normal	4	Start has no predecessors
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2420	East17 Form/Pour Slab	Normal	4	Start has no predecessors
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2425	East16 Form/Pour Slab	Normal	4	Start has no predecessors
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2430	East15 Form/Pour Slab	Normal	4	Start has no predecessors
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2435	East14 Form/Pour Slab	Normal	4	Start has no predecessors
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2440	East13 Form/Pour Slab	Normal	4	Start has no predecessors
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2445	East12 Form/Pour Slab	Normal	4	Start has no predecessors

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Pertmaster Risk Expert - [C:\... \conf08\b1ng.plan - Gantt Chart*]

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Ignore/Restore Links

Link Category:
7 - Continuous IW Crew

Ignore All Links
Restore All Links

Ignore Links
Restore Links

9 links were changed.

Close

with Pertmaster RDCPM ignored resource logic makes logic looks bad!

ID	Description	Orig Dur	Rem Dur	Act Dur
303	Window Wall Units - Fabricate 23-44	80	80	80
402	Window Wall Units - Deliver 1-22	15	15	18
403	Window Wall Units - Deliver 23-44	15	15	12
304	Window Wall Units - Fabricate/Deliver Skybrid...	30	30	30
1000	Site G0 Mobilize	10	10	12
1100	SiteGS Clear & Rough Grade at Elev 0+00	10	10	9
1105	SiteGS Survey & Layout at Elev 0+00	10	10	9
1110	WestGS Form/Pour Footers	10	10	9
1115	WestGS Erect, Bolt, Plumb Steel to Elev 77	20	20	18
2110	EastGS Form/Pour Footers	10	10	8
2115	EastGS Erect, Bolt, Plumb Steel to Elev 77	20	20	25
1120	WestCL Form/Pour Slab @ Pool Level	10	10	11
1125	WestCL Erect, Bolt, Plumb Steel to Elev 227	20	20	20
2120	EastCL Form/Pour Slab @ Pool Level	10	10	8
2125	EastCL Erect, Bolt, Plumb Steel to Elev 227	20	20	22
1130	West10 Form/Pour Slab @ Elev 227	10	10	11
1135	West10 Erect, Bolt, Plumb Steel to Elev 417	20	20	24
2130	East10 Form/Pour Slab @ Elev 227	10	10	10
2135	East10 Erect, Bolt, Plumb Steel to Elev 417	20	20	16
1140	West22 Form/Pour Slab @ Elev 417	10	10	8
2200	Skybridge Erect, Bolt, Plumb Steel @ Elev 417	15	15	12
1145	West22 Erect, Bolt, Plumb Steel to Elev 567	20	20	23
1150	West32 Form/Pour Slab @ Elev 567	10	10	9
2145	East22 Erect, Bolt, Plumb Steel to Elev 567	20	20	22
TOTALS			664	

Gantt Chart Logic Trace Uncertainty Risk Outputs Gantt and Graph Gantt and Sheet Import Check Schedule Check

Task Details

ID: 2115 Description: EastGS Erect, Bolt, Plumb Steel to Elev 77

General Dates Constraints Links Resources Costs Risk and Uncertainty User Fields Suspend and Resume

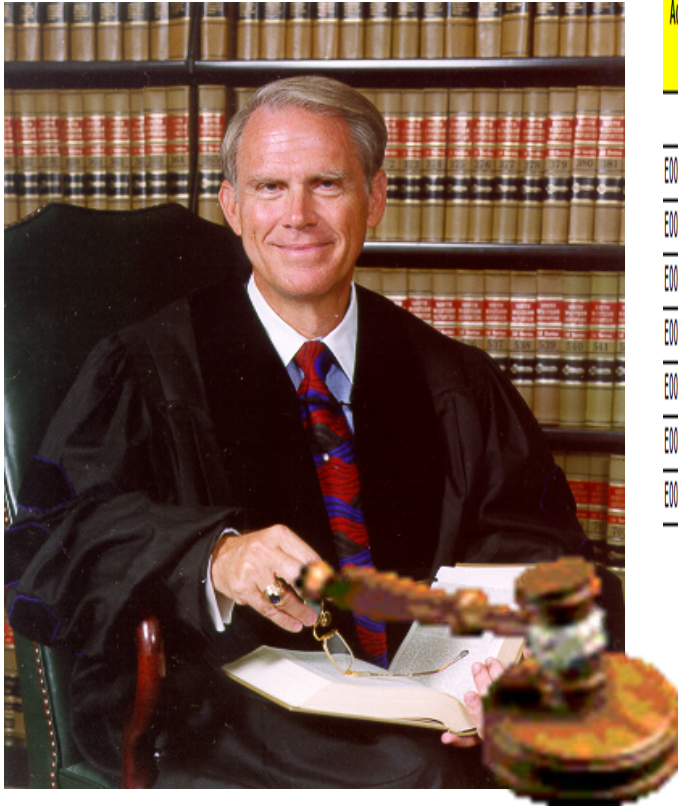
Predecessors










ID - Description	Type	Lag	Relative Float	Driving	Total Finish ...	Link Category	Ignore Link
1115 - WestGS Erect, Bolt, Plumb Steel to El...	fs	0	1596	No	0	7	Yes

Successors

ID - Descrip...	Type	Lag	Relative Float	Driving	Total Finish ...	Link Category	Ignore Link
1125 - ...	fs	0	1852	No	34	7	Yes
2120 - E...	fs	0	0	Yes	40	1	No
1200 - S...	fs	0	50	No	0	1	No

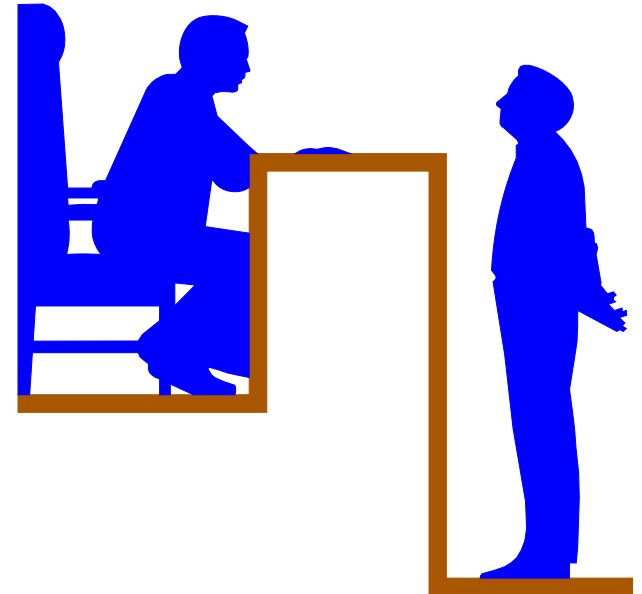
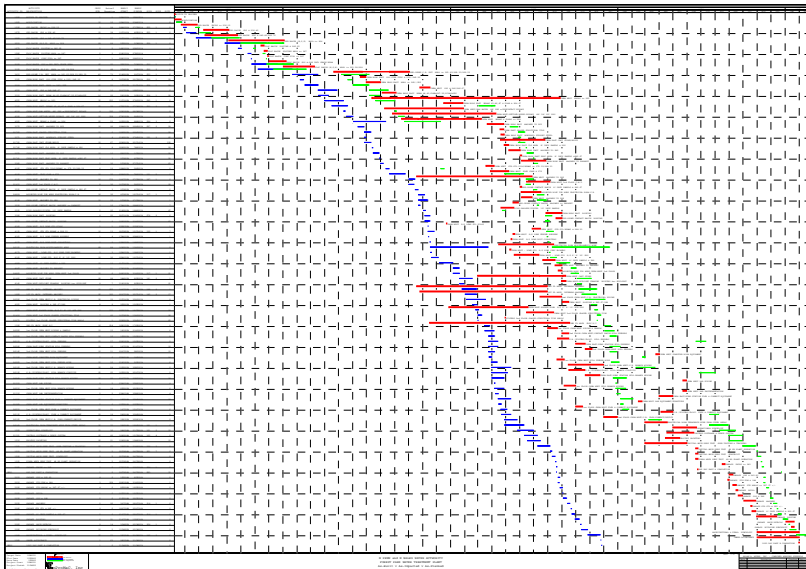
Decision Time



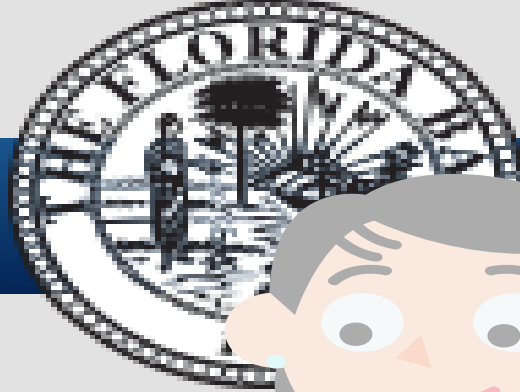
Activity ID	PLT1	Activity Description	Rem Dur	Act Dur	Early Start	Early Finish	Total Float	2006												2007												2008				
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E001	15	Event 001 - Delay to Mobilize	10	10	01MAR06	14MAR06	-10		Event 001 - Delay to Mobilize																											
E002	15	Event 002 - Window Frame Approval Takes 35 Days	35	35	30MAR06	17MAY06	59		Event 002 - Window Frame Approval Takes 35 Days																											
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9995	6	Project Complete Milestone	0	0		07JAN08	-89		Project Complete II																											

Evidence Issues for this CPM

- The As-Planned Schedule Logic may be flawed
- Distinguishing Methodology from Resource Logic is key
- Understanding of the “expert” relating to Logic is fair game



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