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UNDERSTANDING RISKS to CULTURAL PROPERTY



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This presentation

ls:

- Why a risk-based approach
- Introduction to basic concepts

Is not:

- Detailed instructions on quantifying risks
- All approaches





We all take risks every day



















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Diverse Collections



PROTECT HERITAGE Bridging Past and Future

My wake up moment











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- Evaluate risks (Thursday)
- Manage risks (Thursday)





- Define context, goal, and scope
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Need: A clear common goal





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✓ Define context and scope

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Agents of change

- Physical forces
- Fire
 Fire
- Water
- Criminals
- Pests
- Contaminants
- * Light, UV, radiation
- Incorrect temperature
- Incorrect relative humidity



Dissociation





Frequency ----->



















Specific Risks Considered

- * Earthquake \rightarrow Shelf collapse \rightarrow Breakage
- * Handling in use \rightarrow Accident \rightarrow Physical damage
- $\boldsymbol{\ast}\ Gravity \rightarrow Poor\ support \rightarrow Distortion$





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What do I think the chances are?

- Coin toss heads or tails?
- Probable
- Slight chance
- Unlikely
- Highly probable









"unlikely that an accidental surface or subsurface oil spill would occur from the proposed activities."

BP's 52-page exploration plan for the Deepwater Horizon Well Filed with the federal Minerals Management Service







Quantify risk $MR(Risk) = FS \times LV \times P \times E$ where: $FS \Rightarrow$ Fraction Susceptible $LV \Rightarrow Loss in Value$ $P \Rightarrow$ Probability











































The Forest







Risk profile by collection units



AGE

The Forest





Risk profile by generic risk

1998 Total Risk to CMN Collection



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Bridging Past and Future

Pareto distribution

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