

Part II: Impacts of Wind Turbine Fires









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Questions from last session

- Some OEM's claim that fire's no longer a risk - discuss
 - Why is fire protection not included by the OEM?
 - Owners' motivation to retrofit fire suppression/ protection?



Questions from last session

- Industry data gathering challenges
- User groups:
 - ESIG (Energy Systems Integration Group
 - EPRI (Electric Power Research Institute)
 - o AWEA → Clean Power



Part II: Impacts of Wind Turbine Fires Agenda

Emergency Response Plan

- Identification
- Mitigation
- Preparedness
- Response
- Recovery

Regulations & Requirements

- Recommended Practices / Guidelines
 - NFPA 850 Recommended Practices
 - CFPA Guidelines following VdS
 - VdS 3523 Guidelines
 - DNV GL Turbine certification
- Regulations: Local / U.S. State / National / International examples
 - Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ's) Permitting based on risk
 - California and New Hampshire
 - Ontario and Germany
 - UK Safety Case



Preparedness

- Electrical isolation
- Access
- Landscaping
- Engage local fire services
 - o Water supply
- Develop a response plan



Response

- Remote locations present challenges
- Volunteer fire service is typical
- Risk of wildfire
- Drought prone/ forested areas
- Examples
 - Klickitat County, WA July 2019
 - 350 acres evacuations
 - o Nolan County, TX July 2020
 - 3,200 acres burned







Recovery

- Loss of production
- Costs

... and everything that goes along with it



Downtime: Loss of Production

- 1 year is common
 - Investigation / disputes
 - Crane delays
 - o Replacement delivery time
- Business interruption (BI) coverage?
 - How much time? What does it cover?
- Owner/operator staff time

Costs of a Fire

- Replacement
- Investigation
 - o Personnel costs
- Dismantling
 - o Cranes costs
- Environmental penalties and other liabilities



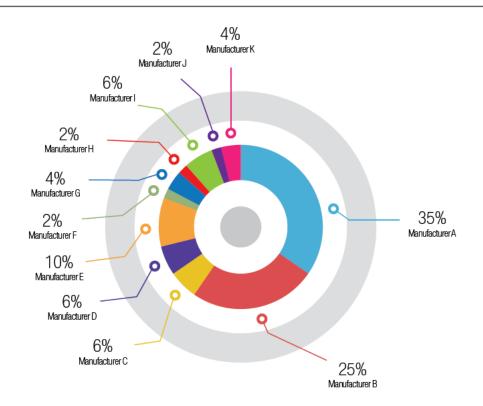


Handling the Aftermath

- Media, employees
 - o Public relations
- Investigations
 - o Managing the scene
 - o Chain of evidence
 - o Data
- Industrial hygiene / safety

Insurance Impacts

GCUBE FIRE CLAIMS BY MANUFACTURER 2008-2015





Questions & Answers?



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