



# Study on the Risk Factors of the Dual Prevention Mechanism in Port Area

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**Abstract.** In recent years, following the enactment of the new Safety Production Law, the port industry has progressively implemented the dual prevention mechanism, which encompasses graded safety risk control and hidden danger investigation and treatment. This initiative has generated a substantial volume of data concerning risks and hidden hazards. Currently, there is a notable lack of systematic analysis within both practical applications and research pertaining to the data. By examining the risk factors associated with port operations identified through risk assessments, this study facilitates a quantitative evaluation of these safety risks. Such an approach effectively aids in formulating targeted risk control measures, thereby enhancing both the capacity for managing operational risks in ports and advancing the construction level of the dual prevention mechanism, ultimately achieving the objective of preventing and resolving major security risks in the very beginning.

**Keywords:** Risk Factors, Dual Prevention Mechanism, Port Area

## 1 Introduction

China's port development has achieved remarkable progress, establishing the country as a global leader in port operations and playing a crucial role in supporting the national economy and foreign trade. In recent years, following the enactment of the new Safety Production Law, requirements for construction of the dual prevention mechanism have been progressively implemented. In 2016, the Office of The State Council issued guidelines aimed at preventing major accidents [1], prompting localities to comprehensively develop their own dual prevention mechanisms with distinctive characteristics [2-5]. Implementing this dual prevention mechanism, which is focused on multi level safety risk control and hidden danger investigation in the port industry, is vital for preventing major accidents in port area. The dual prevention approach emphasizes two critical aspects: risk identification and hidden danger screening. Risk identification involves discovering, confirming, and describing potential risks. Risk events are defined as accidents or hazardous scenarios arising from deficiencies related to personnel, facilities and equipment (including goods or materials), environmental factors, or management factors. Effective risk identification within port safety production requires delineating risk scopes, segmenting operational units, identifying risk events based on actual safety

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management conditions, and analyzing contributing factors from personnel issues, facility reliability, environmental influences and management compliance.

A substantial amount of data concerning risks and hidden dangers has emerged from developing this dual prevention mechanism. Currently, there is a notable lack of systematic analysis within both practical applications and research pertaining to the data. By examining the risk factors associated with port operations identified through risk assessments, this study facilitates a quantitative evaluation of these safety risks. Such an approach effectively aids in formulating targeted risk control measures, thereby enhancing both the capacity for managing operational risks in ports and advancing the construction level of the dual prevention mechanism, ultimately achieving the objective of preventing and resolving major security risks in the very beginning.

## **2 Research Methods**

The research presented in this paper necessitates the transformation of multiple indicators into a singular metric that accurately reflects the overall situation for evaluation purposes. Thus, a comprehensive evaluation method has been selected. Initially, various evaluation indicators are extracted from existing data of constructing dual control and prevention mechanisms across various enterprises and subsequently weighted according to their significance. The resulting evaluation is not merely a statistical index with specific meaning but rather a ranking of the 'comprehensive status' of participating units based on index or score values. Numerous comprehensive evaluation methods have been proposed both domestically and internationally, depending on different weight assignment techniques and model structures. Given that the Analytic Hierarchy Process (AHP) facilitates more straightforward quantitative and qualitative analyses of complex and ambiguous issues as proposed by American operations research scientist Professor A.L. Saaty at the University of Pittsburgh during the 1970s [7-9], this study employs AHP to construct an evaluative index model, assign weights to its indicators, and ultimately synthesize multiple indicators into a single metric for the evaluation system.

## **3 Port Operation Risk Factors Analysis**

### **3.1 Risk Factor Index System**

Risk factors refer to the potential causes or conditions that promote the occurrence of all kinds of emergencies, or increase the possibility of their occurrence, or expand the extent of their losses, or increase their adverse social impact. Risk factors generally include the following four aspects [6]:

(1) Human Factors: employee safety awareness, safety and emergency skills, safety behavior or status;

(2) Facility/Equipment/Material Factors: reliability of operational machinery, integrity of storage systems and loading/unloading processes, inherent dangers associated with goods/materials;

(3) Environmental Factors: the safety of port operating conditions and the impact of natural environment on port operations;

(4) Management Factors: compliance and completeness of safety management organization, management system and operating procedures.

In conjunction with data gathered regarding current dual prevention mechanism implementations, the risk factor index system from four aspects has been established as in Table 1.

**Table 1.** Risk Factor Index System

| Primary indicator                      | Secondary indicator  |
|--|--|
| X1 Human factor                        | <p>X<sub>11</sub> Risk-taking psychology<br/> X<sub>12</sub> Physical overload exceeded<br/> X<sub>13</sub> Personnel certificate is invalid or uncertified<br/> X<sub>14</sub> Illegal operation or operation error<br/> X<sub>15</sub> command failure<br/> X<sub>16</sub> Improper custody<br/> X<sub>17</sub> Engaged in contraindicated work (workers with contraindicated diseases, such as red-green color blindness)<br/> X<sub>18</sub> Other behavioral risks and harmful factors (drinking on the job, smoking/cell phone use during the work process, obstructing work behavior, inattention)</p>  |
| X2 Facility/Equipment/Material Factors | <p>X<sub>21</sub> Inadequate Emergency supplies<br/> X<sub>22</sub> Defects in equipment, facilities, tools, accessories<br/> X<sub>23</sub> Protection device and facility defect<br/> X<sub>24</sub> The presence of the first type of hazard in the working area (including energy, noise, high and low temperature substances, combustible and inflammable substances, etc.)<br/> X<sub>25</sub> Logo defects, including unclear and non-standard logo<br/> X<sub>26</sub> Insufficient safety protection distance<br/> X<sub>27</sub> Improper personal protection is<br/> X<sub>28</sub> Unclear signal</p>  |
| X3 Environmental Factors               | <p>X<sub>31</sub> The work place is cluttered and there are obstacles that affect the sight of personnel.<br/> X<sub>32</sub> The space of the workplace is narrow and the movement of the operator is limited<br/> X<sub>33</sub> Harsh climate and environment (wind, lightning, fog, etc.)<br/> X<sub>34</sub> Sudden bad weather (sudden gusts, thunderstorms, severe convection, typhoons)<br/> X<sub>35</sub> Uneven and slippery ground in the workplace<br/> X<sub>36</sub> Workplace temperature discomfort (outdoor/indoor temperature is too high or too low)<br/> X<sub>37</sub> Insufficient lighting in the workplace<br/> X<sub>38</sub> Poor ventilation on site</p> |

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|-----------------------|--|
| X4 Management Factors | X <sub>41</sub> Insufficient security investment<br>X <sub>42</sub> Insufficient management rules and regulations<br>X <sub>43</sub> Insufficient safety education and training<br>X <sub>44</sub> Faultiness operation management<br>X <sub>45</sub> Lack of risk assessment and prevention in operations<br>X <sub>46</sub> Inadequate emergency response capacity<br>X <sub>47</sub> Lack of regular inspection and maintenance of mechanical equipment<br>X <sub>48</sub> Lack of occupational health management |
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### 3.2 The Weight Value of the Evaluation Index

The AHP method is employed to evaluate indicators. In conjunction with relevant experts and research data, enterprise indicators were assessed and scored using a 1-9 scale method. This led to the establishment of a judgment matrix for evaluation indicators across all levels, from which the weight value of each indicator was ultimately derived based on the AHP calculation process. Specifically, Table 2 presents the judgment matrix and results for primary indicators. The secondary indicator was calculated, and the results all passed the consistency test (the operation method was the same as that in Table 2). Finally, the weight of the evaluation index was summarized, as shown in Table 3.

**Table 2.** Judgment matrix and calculation result of primary index

| Primary indicator | X <sub>1</sub> | X <sub>2</sub> | X <sub>3</sub> | X <sub>4</sub> | X <sub>5</sub> | Weights | $\lambda_{max}$ | CI     | CR     | Consistency test |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------|-----------------|--------|--------|------------------|
| X <sub>1</sub>    | 1              | 2              | 3              | 1              | 1              | 0.3439  | 4.1020          | 0.0340 | 0.0378 | pass             |
| X <sub>2</sub>    | 1/2            | 1              | 3/2            | 1/2            | 1/2            | 0.1719  |                 |        |        |                  |
| X <sub>3</sub>    | 1/3            | 2/3            | 1              | 1/3            | 1/3            | 0.1146  |                 |        |        |                  |
| X <sub>4</sub>    | 1              | 2              | 4              | 1              | 1              | 0.3695  |                 |        |        |                  |

**Table 3.** Index Normalized weights

| Primary indicator | Primary indicator weight | Secondary indicator | Secondary indicator weight | Normalized weights |
|-------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| X1 Human factor   | 0.3439                   | X11                 | 0.0667                     | 0.0229             |
|                   |                          | X12                 | 0.2000                     | 0.0688             |
|                   |                          | X13                 | 0.1333                     | 0.0459             |
|                   |                          | X14                 | 0.2667                     | 0.0917             |
|                   |                          | X15                 | 0.0667                     | 0.0229             |

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|--|--------|-----|--------|--------|
|  |        | X16 | 0.0667 | 0.0229 |
|  |        | X17 | 0.0667 | 0.0229 |
|  |        | X18 | 0.1333 | 0.0459 |
| X2 Facility/Equipment/Material Factors | 0.1719 | X21 | 0.0625 | 0.0107 |
|  |        | X22 | 0.1875 | 0.0322 |
|  |        | X23 | 0.1250 | 0.0215 |
|  |        | X24 | 0.3125 | 0.0537 |
|  |        | X25 | 0.1250 | 0.0215 |
|  |        | X26 | 0.1250 | 0.0215 |
|  |        | X27 | 0.0625 | 0.0107 |
|  |        | X28 | 0.0625 | 0.0107 |
| X3 Environmental Factors               | 0.1146 | X31 | 0.0833 | 0.0096 |
|  |        | X32 | 0.0833 | 0.0096 |
|  |        | X33 | 0.1667 | 0.0191 |
|  |        | X34 | 0.3333 | 0.0382 |
|  |        | X35 | 0.0833 | 0.0096 |
|  |        | X36 | 0.0833 | 0.0096 |
|  |        | X37 | 0.0833 | 0.0096 |
|  |        | X38 | 0.0833 | 0.0096 |
| X4 Management Factors                  | 0.3695 | X41 | 0.0769 | 0.0284 |
|  |        | X42 | 0.2308 | 0.0853 |
|  |        | X43 | 0.2308 | 0.0853 |
|  |        | X44 | 0.1538 | 0.0568 |
|  |        | X45 | 0.0769 | 0.0284 |
|  |        | X46 | 0.0769 | 0.0284 |
|  |        | X47 | 0.0769 | 0.0284 |
|  |        | X48 | 0.0769 | 0.0284 |

### 3.3 Evaluation Results and Analysis

According to the Table 3, the significance of various indicators has been systematically ranked and analyzed. The top 6 risk factors are: X14 Illegal operation or operation error, X42 Insufficient management rules and regulations, X43 Insufficient safety education and training, X12 Physical overload exceeded, X44 Faultiness operation management, X24 The presence of the first type of hazard in the working area (including energy, noise, high and low temperature substances, combustible and inflammable substances, etc.). Based on the evaluation results and analysis, control measures should be taken from the following aspects: (1) Review and revise management rules and regulations; (2) Strengthen safety education and training of workers; (3) Reasonable arrangement of work to prevent physical overload exceeded; (4) Reinforce operation management, (5) Strict control for the presence of the first type of hazard in the working area.

## 4 Conclusions

The research can be used to improve the level of safety management in port operation safety, put forward the corresponding basis for the continuous monitoring, assessment and early warning of risk factors, and provide more support for the construction of dual prevention mechanism. Future research will focus on the relationship between risk and hazard data in the dual prevention mechanism, providing a basis for reducing the probability of port safety accidents in the dual prevention mechanism construction.

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