

# The detection evidence record

A P–F interval is a claim about one failure mode, one functional boundary, one measurement method, one operating context and one decision process. Six fields hold the claim; four questions test it. A number carried in from another site fills none of them.

**RECORD** Six fields, filled before an interval is discussed

- 01 Function and failure mode.** Required function, performance boundary, failure mechanism, consequence context. Written per mode, so an asset-level interval cannot hide unlike modes.
- 02 Measurement contract.** Technique, sensor or sample location, operating state, acquisition settings, data-quality checks — what “detectable” means in practice here.
- 03 Detection criterion.** Baseline, criterion, persistence or confirmation rule, and whether an analyst or a system decides.
- 04 Warning evidence.** Relevant field or test observations, population and conditions, spread, censoring, missing data, and the limits on transfer.
- 05 Response path.** Alert review, diagnosis, decision authority, parts, access, isolation, work window, execution — how much of the warning is consumed after detection.
- 06 Governance.** Consequence class, applicable law and regulation, OEM or controlled-procedure requirements, owner, approvers, review triggers.

**ASK** Four questions kept separate, so missing information stays visible

- **What warning evidence exists?**  
Population and conditions, exposure basis, observed spread, censored or missing observations, transfer limits, and the reasons the evidence may no longer apply. A mean, one anecdote or a borrowed asset-class number is not a defensible lower bound.
- **When can a valid measurement actually occur?**  
Operating-state opportunity, access, missed or invalid readings, analysis, confirmation, escalation — and failure of the monitoring system itself.
- **What does the response path demand?**  
Diagnosis, decision authority, parts, access, permits and isolation, work-window alignment, repair and return-to-service controls, reviewed under credible adverse conditions rather than the best case.
- **What uncertainty and consequence controls apply?**  
Mandated and OEM tasks, protective functions, safe-state and shutdown rules, independent safeguards, change control, decision authority, and the site-approved basis for any added conservatism.

## THE BOUNDARY THIS CARD CARRIES

If the warning evidence, measurement performance, response path or approval basis is insufficient, the result is **NOT DEMONSTRATED** — and a plausible-looking timeline is not permission to change an interval. This card sets no interval, threshold or fraction, and authorises no lubrication, inspection, proof-test or protective-function change.