

Seven fields, five rungs

The consumer is a planner or technician who was not watching the screen and has eleven other things due. An alert is a complete utterance or it is noise with a timestamp — and the finding behind it stands on exactly one rung.

RECORD Seven fields, on one screen

- 01 Identity.** Asset and maintainable item, by hierarchy address.
- 02 Finding.** Which feature moved, against which basis, in which operating state.
- 03 Meaning.** The suspected failure mode, named from the library. A candidate that cannot fill this field is a threshold event for an analyst's queue, not a dispatch.
- 04 Severity.** The triage band, from consequence and urgency.
- 05 Confidence.** How sure, in calibrated words.
- 06 Time.** The window and act-by date, however coarse.
- 07 Action and owner.** The recommended next step and the named role it routes to. A message with no owner is a dashboard nobody owns, refused at birth.

ASK Which rung does this finding stand on?

- 01 Anomaly**
A feature moved against its declared basis, in a valid operating state. Supports a look: triage, a tightened watch, a request for a second measurement.
- 02 Suspected failure mode**
The evidence fits a named mode from the library, rivals still open. Supports an investigation with a stated question and an evidence list.
- 03 Confirmed defect**
Corroborated by an independent witness or direct inspection, with the expected as-found written down. Supports a work recommendation.
- 04 Work recommendation**
A proposed scope, resources and act-by date drawn from the site's own action library. Supports planning, scheduling and procurement review.
- 05 Authorised operating decision**
Run, restrict, stop, restart, return to service. Not on this card, and not in the monitoring system.

THE BOUNDARY THIS CARD CARRIES

A monitoring system can climb to the fourth rung on its own evidence. The fifth is not a stronger alert — it is a different kind of decision, made by the people who hold operating, process-safety and integrity authority and answer for the consequence. Every possible action leaves this card as an escalation question with its evidence requirement attached, never as an instruction to run, restrict or stop.