

# CABIN WATER SPRAY

## AN INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

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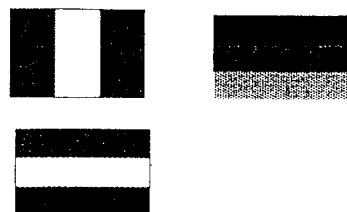
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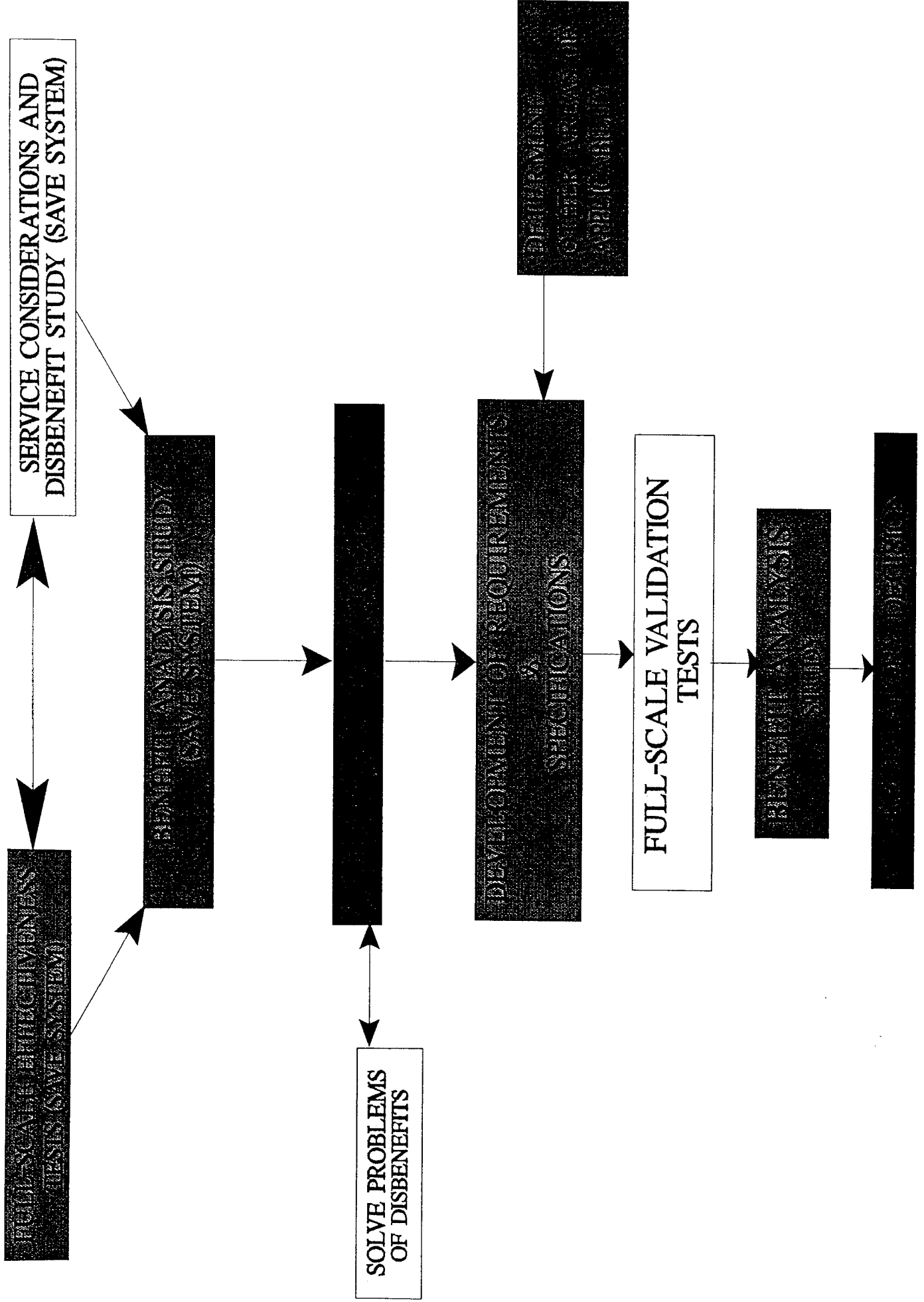
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# PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- Determine Feasibility and Benefits
- Optimize Concept
- Develop Requirements and Specifications
- Provide Information for Regulatory Decision

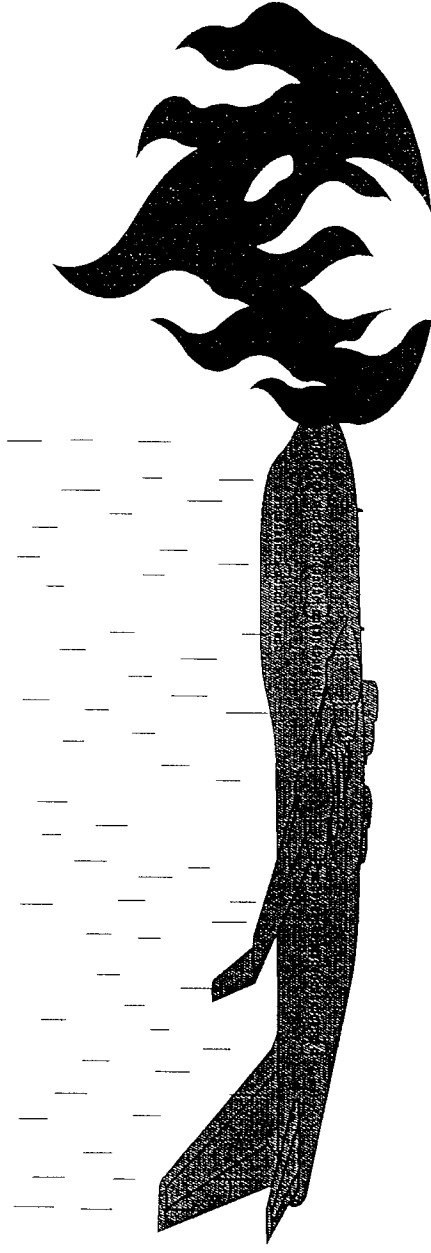
# ONBOARD WATER SPRAY PROGRAM



# FULL SCALE EFFECTIVENESS TESTS

## PURPOSE:

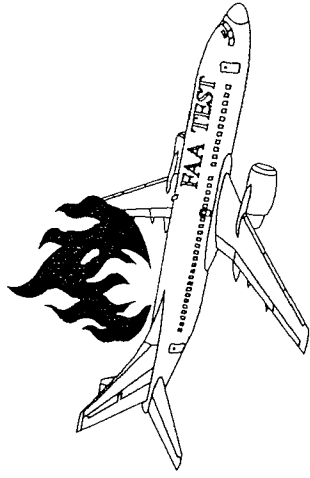
Determine additional escape time, using the "SAVE" system under controlled full-scale conditions, for several postcrash fire scenarios.



# FULL SCALE EFFECTIVENESS TESTS

## NARROW BODY AIRCRAFT

Scenario	Result	Survivable Time
		Without Water / With Water
ZERO WIND	300 Sec. / >500Sec.	
MODERATE WIND	195 Sec. / 410 Sec.	
HIGH WIND	/ 60 Sec.	
BURNTHROUGH	140 Sec. / 272 Sec.	



# FULL SCALE EFFECTIVENESS TESTS

## WIDE BODY AIRCRAFT

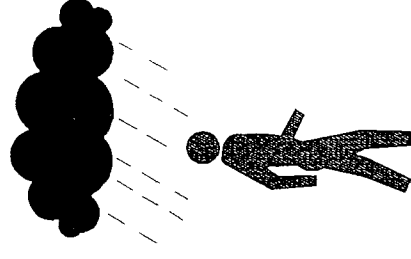
Scenario	Result	
	Survivable Time Without Water	With Water
MODERATE WIND	210 Sec.	>330 Sec.
OXYGEN ENRICHED	155 Sec.	330 Sec.
FIRE BALL	Large Improvement	



# SERVICE CONSIDERATIONS AND DISBENEFITS STUDY (SAVE SYSTEM)

Determine Problems Associated With:

- An Inadvertent Discharge Inflight.
- An Inadvertent Discharge On The Ground.
- A Discharge During An Evacuation.



# DISBENEFIT STUDY

(Authorities)

Weight 

Cost  

Possible Evacuation Delays

Hypothermia 

Inhalation of Small Water Particles

Inhalation of Hot, Moist Air





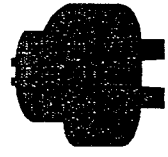
# DISBENEFIT STUDY (AIRBUS)



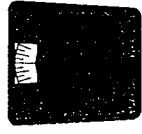
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- No Airbus Aircraft Could Tolerate an In-flight Activation



- Costly

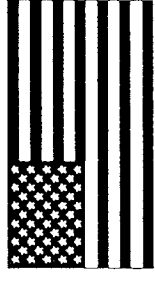


- Heavy

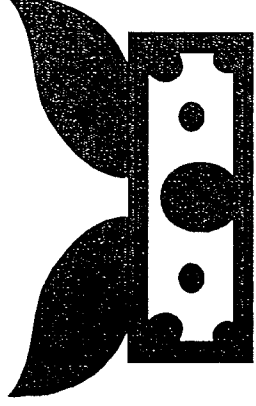
# DISBENEFIT STUDY

(Boeing)

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- Carpet and Seats would Absorb Most Water
- Common Cause Fault
- Human Factors Problems
- COST
- Weight



# BENEFIT ANALYSIS STUDY

CAA (lead) - FAA - TRANSPORT CANADA

● Accident Base: 95 Fire Accidents

Past 26 Years

Accidents Updated to Present  
Fire Standards

● 14 Lives Per Year World Wide

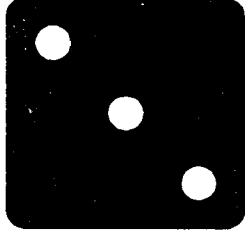
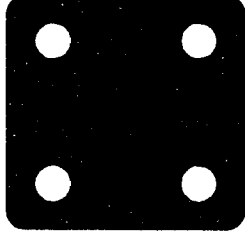
● 6 Lives Per Year JAA, FAA, TC

● 5 Lives Per Year FAA

# RISK ANALYSIS

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- Development Ongoing at NIST
- Look to the Future
- Develop Probabilities
- Broad Capabilities



# OPTIMIZATION OF SYSTEM

- Determine How The System Works
- Reduce Weight
- Minimize Disbenefits
- Maintain Effectiveness



# OPTIMIZATION OF SYSTEM

- Zoned System Developed

- Water Reduced

Narrow Body      72 to 8 Gallons

Wide Body      210 to 21 Gallons

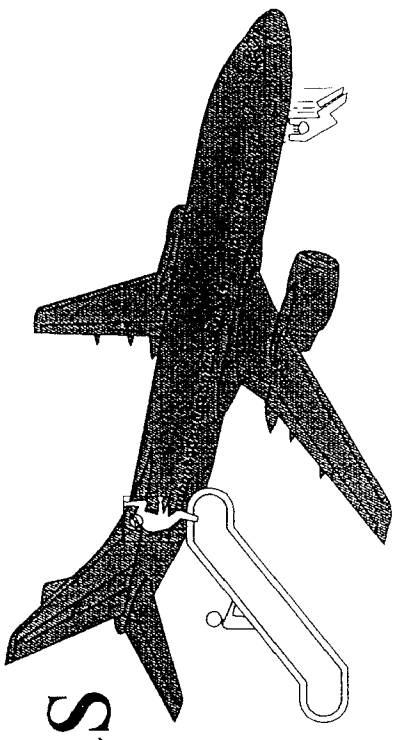
- Effectiveness Maintained

# IN-FLIGHT DISCHARGE

- Zoned System Minimizes Quantity of Water
- Manual Arming / Automatic Activation Minimizes Chance
- Manual Shut Off

# EVACUATION IN WATER SPRAY

## CAA Sponsored Tests



## CONCLUSIONS:

- Water Spray Had No Effect Upon Evacuation Rate.
- Visibility Not Affected
- No Problems From Wet Surfaces



# HYPOTHERMIA

- Zoned System Minimizes Threat
- Evacuation Tests Show Limited Wetting of Passengers
- CAMI Presently Studying

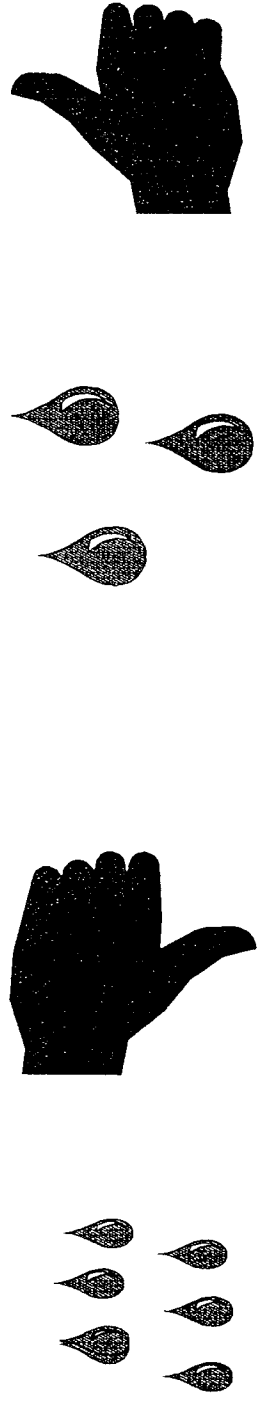


# INHALATION OF SMALL DROPLETS

Studies by FAA & CAA

Droplets Larger Than 30 Microns, OK

Water Spray Tested is Larger.

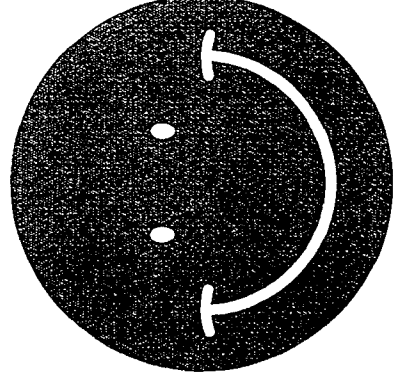


LESS THAN 30 MICRONS

GREATER THAN 30 MICRONS

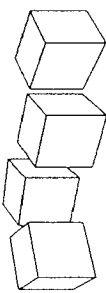

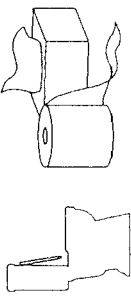
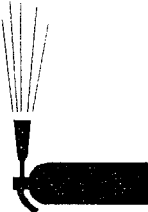
# INHALATION OF MOIST, HOT AIR

- Measured in Full-Scale Zoned Test
- Analyzed by FAA & CAA
- Found Not To Be A Problem



# DETERMINE OTHER USES

Halon Replacement For:

- Cargo Compartments 
- Engine Nacelle 
- Lavatory Trash 
- Hand Held Extinguisher 

# DEVELOPMENT OF REQUIREMENTS & SPECIFICATIONS

- Developed to Cost System
- Have Not Developed Performance Test Requirements

# COST STUDY

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- AIM Aviation
- Costing For:

- Regional - Narrow Body - Wide Body
- Retrofit - New Manufacture - New Design
- Various System Configurations

# COST STUDY

For New Design:

Per Aircraft

- Narrow Body      83K Initial      13K per year
- Wide Body      214K Initial      22K per year

# WORK IN PROGRESS

- Risk Analysis
- Hypothermia Study
- Full Scale Tests  
of Regional Aircraft
- Boeing Cost Study?



# PLANNED WORK

- Alternate Uses
- Part of Halon Replacement Program

# PROGRAM FUTURE OPTIONS

1.



2. Continue Optimization

- Reduce Costs?
- Other Uses.

3. Regulate

- Type of Regulation
- Develop Requirements
- Performance Test
- Flight Test