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ABSTRACT

Safety in the workplace has an ever-growing audience; even so safety in the workplace in the oil and gas industry. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) enforces and regulates safety rules through federal-approved and state-approved programs that must be met by businesses. In this thesis, safety records from an undisclosed company in the oil and gas industry were used to study factors that potentially contribute to having an effect on the health of humans in areas where there have been oil spills. The safety records from the study included chemical spills, explosions and safety incidents over a 21-year period. The objective of this research was to develop the most feasible model to help in identifying the significant independent factors such as nature of spill, delay time, incident type, population, yearly effect and seasonal effect in delayed incident reporting. In this study, the various models were developed based on the previous spills which can be used to predict potential health effects of future spills and effectively manage the effects or eliminate them. A dependent variable (deaths per state) was regressed against the significant independent factors which were converted from qualitative to quantitative data points using analytical hierarchy process (AHP) technique. Additional transformational analyses were performed using the square root, cube, square, inverse and natural logarithm of the dependent variable. From the transformational analyses, the most feasible model was the cube transformation model of the dependent variable which had the highest R-squared value while still maintaining its normality. The cube transformation of the dependent variable had an F-value of 985.13 and R-square value of 79.6% compared to the base model which had an F-value of 375.14 and R-square value of 51.9%. The cube model used the independent factors to predict the potential health effects from the dependent variables and the significant factors that proved to be helpful in reducing the negative effects of the incidents were

the delayed reporting and the nature of the chemical spilled. However, with the data set lacking some critical information pertaining to the corresponding injuries and economical cost per incident, adequate analyses on the direct impact of each incident was limited.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

Occupational health and safety is always a vital component of many if not all engineering processes and it encompasses a broad array of factors based on decisions made. Successes of engineering processes are mainly determined mostly by the efficiency and the ability to be pragmatic at the same time. Without safety the previously mentioned assessment factors would be meaningless. Decisions made every day will result in the increase or decrease of efficiency and overall safety in an organization. Certain areas or decisions are deemed more critical than others based on different demographics such as the level of education of the decision maker, experience, age and many other factors. This in turn plays a huge role in determining the incident rate in an engineering process. Occupational health and safety should always be the primary concern for organizations and society in general. Data obtained from the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics (USBLS) shows that among the employers in the private industry in the United States there were 3,277,700 total recordable cases of non-fatal injuries and illnesses in 2009 of which 965,000 were cases involving days away from work (USBLS, 2009). Also in that same year there were 4551 fatal work injuries recorded (USBLS, 2009). Even though these numbers may have slightly reduced from the previous year, there is still the need to maintain the steady decline or improve on the much achieved decrease in numbers. One reason for this is the fact that occupational injuries and illnesses constitute a very legitimate source of decrease in profits for organizations due to the high costs that are incurred. A study done on the costs associated with occupational injuries and illnesses suggest that the financial costs associated with those injuries in the United States are over a billion dollars (Leigh et al., 2000). This cost range is however

probably conservative and does not include future earnings or productivity from the workers being killed or permanently injured; also it does not account for the economic impact on the families and dependents of those workers affected by injuries or fatalities. This in turn only calls for increased research in identifying ways in which incident rates can be reduced.

A lot of incidents that occur in the workplace, about nine out of ten events, can be predicted (Grimaldi, 1980). This statement sheds light on the fact that there exists information and knowledge to stop most incidents from occurring, but the fact that this is not the case is evident in the yearly totals; hence, the need for legislation and enforcement of that legislation. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is the body in charge of enforcing safe and healthful working conditions for working men and women in the United States. OSHA does this also by providing training, outreach, education and assistance through the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970.

OBJECTIVES OF STUDY

This research highlights the factors that potentially play a role in increased negative health effects alongside the delay of incident reporting and explores how significant they are in the oil and gas company under review. These incidents mostly stem from bad or poor decision-making and result in days away from work, job transfers and even fatalities. The environment is also at the peril of the oil and gas industry due to the nature of the activities carried out at every job site; from drilling of wells to closing or abandonment of the wells, environmental hazards happen at every stage of the entire process. The objective of this research proposal is to develop a model which will look into and predict the potential effects of delayed accident reporting and analyze the significance of each factor in the model. This would enable the implementation of

certain safety and health management programs to suit the specific need of reducing and possibly eliminating delay time in reporting observed incidents in the workplace, which could decrease consequences and injuries in the oil and gas industry. By evaluating the various incidents that have occurred over the years based on the causes of incidents and risks involved with the operation as well as presenting an assessment and possible prevention techniques, a model is developed using decision-making techniques, that would help to achieve this objective.

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED

In 2010, there was a huge oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico which flowed for 3 months. It has been deemed the largest incidental marine oil spill in the history of the petroleum industry (Jervis and Levin 2010). Eleven men were killed in the explosion and several others injured. This explosion resulted from the failure of a pressure-controlled system operated by BP which was known as the Macondo Prospect. The effects of this explosion are still felt to this day from the damage of marine and wildlife habitats to the fishing and tourism industries in the area. There have been reports of dissolved oil under water which is not visible at the surface (Gillis 2010) and a kill zone surrounding the blown well (Gutman and Netter 2011). These features could have tremendous exponential effects over the years not only to the residents of the affected area but to most people who come in contact with the food and tourism in the area.

The current situation in the Niger Delta is similar to the Lower Mississippi region in that a lot of oil spills take place yearly, but due to the lack of exposure of the country internationally, these events for the most part go unreported (Vidal 2010). Oil spills are a result of poor decisions made in different contexts. The most prominent reason for oil spills is usually associated with the oil and gas companies; when they neglect certain maintenance or overhaul of equipment. There

are other factors like pipeline vandalism by the locals and militant groups in the area; unintentional impacts such as that from excavations also play a role in oil spill incidents. A lot of media coverage occurs when catastrophic events happen, but what is lost in all the noise are the injuries and/or fatalities that occurred along with the event and also the ripple effects of these events on humans and the environment. Figure 1.1 shows the trend of the number of fatal work injuries in the United States (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics n.d.).

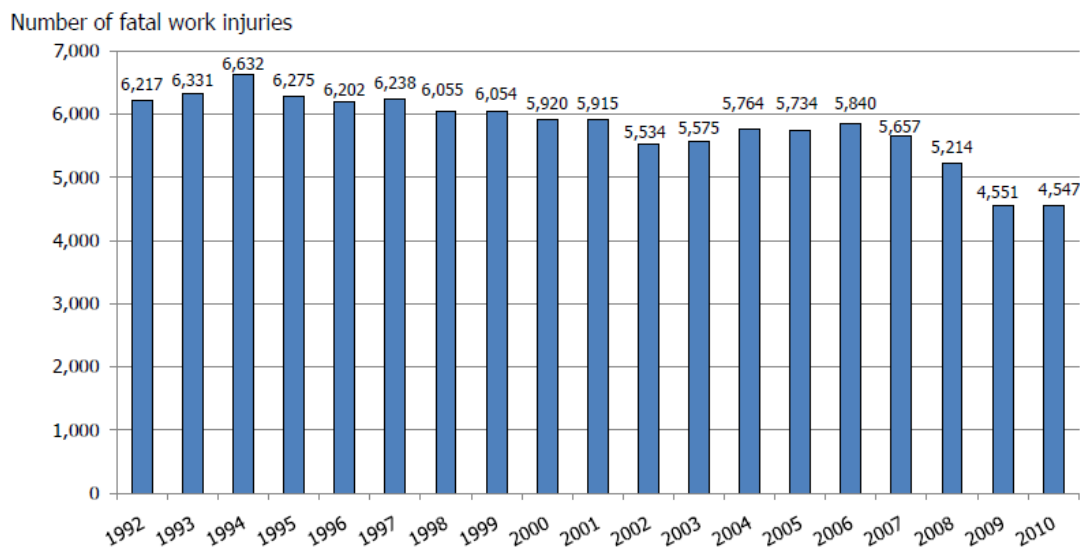


FIGURE 1.1: NUMBER OF FATAL WORK INJURIES 1992 – 2010

*Data from 2001 exclude fatal work injuries resulting from September 11 terrorist attacks

From Figure 1.1, it can be seen that there is a gradual decline in the total number of fatalities over the years. However, that number stays about the same in 2009 and 2010. Is this an arbitrary deviation from the trend or does this mean that the safety measures that have been taken in the workplace have plateaued? That cannot be a conclusion from Figure 1.1 but it must be clear that to continue the decline in workplace injuries and fatalities, more safety measures and efficient ways of implementing them must be taken into account. A suitable prediction model

becomes imperative in an attempt to continue the downward slope of fatal injuries and mitigate the human and environmental effects of these spilled chemicals.

ASSOCIATED RISKS AND HAZARDS IN THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY

In every work setting there are a number of risks that will be associated with activities being performed; and the oil and gas industry is no stranger to these risks. Exposure to risk can be referred to as the possibility of loss or injury; someone or something that creates a suggested hazard (Merriam-Webster). Risk has connotations in different aspects of society such as the stock market's volatility, public health and safety management. All these connotations are similar and usually translate to potentially negative events. In the oil and gas industry the risks that are observed are direct results of hazards in the workplace. A hazard is any event or set of events that have a harmful outcome. Risk of an event can be derived from a hazard by coupling the probability of the event happening with the extent or severity of the harm (British Medical Association, 1987). Risk expresses the likelihood or probability that the harm from a particular hazard will be realized. This is shown in equation 1.1.

$$Risk = Probability \times Severity \dots\dots\dots (1.1)$$

In the oil and gas industry, risk encompasses the likelihood of loss which is not limited to injury to workers and property damage but also includes damages done to the environment. Despite the knowledge of risk and its probability of occurrence, it is very difficult to eliminate it and on most accounts impossible to eliminate it. This raises a question of how risk eventually turns into an incident. There have been various studies looking into this process with one of the

more famous basic concepts being the domino theory. The domino theory was developed in the 1930's from research in accident causation theory in which the researcher suggested that one unsafe act or risk leads to another, then to another and so on. This goes on until an incident finally occurs (Heinrich, 1959). More complex theories have been proposed to proffer a solution as to the cause of incidents in the workplace. The structure of accidents model is one of the more complex models shown in Figure 1.2 (Encyclopedia of Occupational Health and Safety n.d.). The structure of accidents model first identifies the immediate cause of accidents, like unsafe acts and conditions. In addition to that it later identifies contributing causes which may not pose any threat alone but add and contribute to the scenario resulting in accidents.

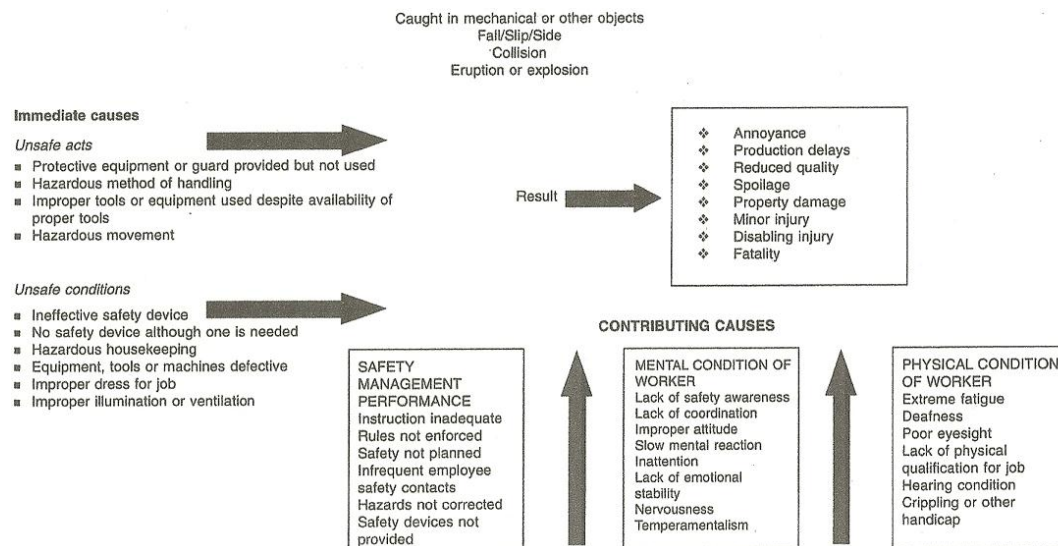


FIGURE 1.2: STRUCTURE OF ACCIDENTS MODEL

PHYSICAL EFFECTS OF HAZARDS

These are the effects of hazards physically when they come to fruition. These include traumatic injuries which can be further classified as fatal or non-fatal injuries. Fatal injuries as the name suggests result in death and are mostly caused by explosions, fires, electrocution and falling objects. Some other causes include overexertion, suffocation/inhalation, drowning and faulty/lack of expertise while using machinery. A lot of safety measures have been taken in recent years to reduce the amount of fatalities in the oil and gas industry and kudos should be given to the various technological advancements which have brought about a decline in the number of fatalities in this industry over the years. Extraction of minerals in the oil and gas industry involves the use of heavy and gigantic equipment for the various processes involved; and these processes are often accompanied by noise which is detrimental to the health of workers with respect to partial and complete hearing losses.

PSYCHOSOCIAL EFFECTS

Psychophysical impairments which are difficult to measure are developed from the use of illicit drugs and alcohol in the oil and gas industry due to many issues encountered by the workers. However, there has been an improvement in drug and alcohol policies in the industry. Aside from this problem, another psychosocial hazard involves the placement of expatriates in remote locations which may or may not be favorable to their psychological balance. The effect of similar hazards is dangerous to the general well-being of workers placed in charge of heavy equipment on site. Different levels of post-traumatic stress disorders, legal actions, fear of injury and guilt of injury to others are significant hazards that need to be looked into with great caution.

CHEMICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF HAZARDS

Various exposures to chemicals hazards through air, water, food or soil have different adverse effects on humans and the environment. These effects range from cancer to lung disease in humans, and global warming to acid rain on the environment. Some of the effects are direct while some are suggestive at best. Simple effects of chemical hazards can be traced and limited; however, there are effects which take decades to come to fruition and still may not be conclusive when diagnosed due to the weakening of the ability of the body to fight certain illnesses. The potential effects of hazards based on the activities are shown in Figure 1.3.

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Potential effects</i>
<i>Evaluation</i>	
Seismic surveying	Noise effects on fishes and mammals
<i>Exploration</i>	
Rig fabrication	Dredging and filling of coastal habitats (mostly overseas)
Rig emplacement	Seabed disturbance due to anchoring
Drilling	Discharge of drilling fluids and cuttings; risk of blowouts
Routine rig operations	Deck drainage and sanitary wastes
Rig servicing	Discharges from support vessels and coastal port development
<i>Development and production</i>	
Platform fabrication	Land use conflicts and increased channelization in heavily developed areas
Platform installation	Coastal navigation channels, seabed disturbance resulting from placement and subsequent presence of platform
Drilling	Larger and more heavily concentrated discharges of drilling fluids and cuttings; risk of blowouts
Completion	Increased risk of oil spills
Platform servicing	Dredges and coastal port development; discharges from vessels
Separation of oil and gas from water	Chronic discharges of petroleum and other pollutants
Fabrication of storage facilities and pipelines	Coastal use conflicts
Offshore emplacement of storage and pipelines	Seabed disturbances; effects of structures
Transfer to tankers and barges	Increased risk of oil spills; acute and chronic inputs of petroleum
Construction of onshore facilities for transportation and storage	Coastal use conflicts; alterations of wetlands in pipeline corridors
Pipeline operations	Oil spills; chronic leaks
<i>Refining</i>	
Construction and expansion	Coastal use conflicts
Operations	Increased pollutant loading; depends on regional demands, imports, etc.

FIGURE 1.3: POTENTIAL EFFECTS OF HAZARDS

NEED FOR ORGANIZATION-SPECIFIC ASSESSMENT AND PREDICTION MODELS

The goal of business is simple; to make profit. However, when profit margins get high there is room for error and others to profit from those errors. This gets even more complex when it involves forecasting market trends, keeping and attracting new customers, maintaining productive assets, and the list goes on. In all these processes of business, there will be mishaps due to the intricate nature and one of the mishaps happens to be accidents. Accidents could range from minor incidents to serious injury and sometimes fatalities all which inevitably will cost money and put a dent in the profit margins. When incidents occur an investigation takes place which ultimately affects the productivity and efficiency of the business being investigated. The overlooked solution to this issue is safety; however, how can the modern era of risk-taking and aggressive entrepreneurship balance the act of safety management and profit?

Having an idea of what lies ahead makes it easier to handle the situation when it arises; in modern tongues this is known as prediction. Also knowing what to look for plays an important role in finding what the detractors are that lie ahead; this is also known as assessing the significance of a situation. An organization that will adopt or follow these two steps will be in much better shape to equip themselves to handle safety hazards. In safety analysis, the factors responsible for a near-miss incident, like someone avoiding tripping over a cable in a plant, are no different from the factors responsible for an oil rig blowing up offshore. Identifying a combination of factors that lead to an incident will provide adequate information in predicting the outcome of an observation, which in turn provides room for avoidance. An example of factors that can lead to an incident can be seen in the Clapham Junction disaster in which there was a collision of trains that left thirty-five people dead, five hundred more injured and sixty-nine seriously injured. The incident resulted from the failure to remove a wire during alterations

to the existing signaling system. This wire made contact with the new wire in place enabling the flow of current into the old circuit, which prevented the signal from turning red (Hartley 2001). The immediate cause of the incident was the uncut wire, and evidently so. However, how does an experienced electrician do such a poor job that goes unnoticed? This question gives a larger picture to the combination of factors that resulted in the incident coming to fruition. There was failure by the management to acknowledge what goes into the job and communicate that to the electrician or the person in charge of the electrician. There was no established safety system checklist procedure to follow and there was a failure to do a routine audit on the work done to assess the performance and quality of the job. Had all these tasks been adequately performed, the incident would have been averted. The same holds through in the oil and gas industry for prevention of incidents. Finding factors that are most important in the trend of incidents will shed light on schemes to incorporate into the safety management procedures. This will ensure the efficiency and productivity of the organization stays at a high level and profit margins are maintained.

CHAPTER 2

BACKGROUND

SAFETY MANAGEMENT

Safety management interest is a concept that generally can be perceived to be very old and very new at the same time. The inception of manufacturing and mining legislation in the early 19th century brought about an obligation on management in companies to be responsible for their workers' safety. Simple rules and regulations were set up in the early days of safety management which were geared towards land management with respect to the people living around the manufacturing companies. These regulations protected the people from nuisances such as noise, stench and water pollution. The simple rules and regulations changed with time to encompass the activities on the company premises which could potentially yield accidents. Most of the early policies on safety management focused on technical issues in the workplace and failed to impose organizational or managerial requirements for industrial safety. This led to the addition of human factors to the scope of safety management and has led to many studies of workplace and procedures, and the management of primary work groups. One of such studies showed that a combination of two group routines, one group being a review group and the other an accident investigation group led to better accident statistics from heightened accident prevention activities at a company (Carter and Menckel 1990). This type of study paved the way for incorporation of feedback communication in safety information systems which was reported to have facilitated greater individual acceptance of responsibility with respect to safety (Kjellen and Baneryd 1983).

DECISION-MAKING

Decisions can be said to be the resultant action taken from much or less deliberation of the action taker. Decisions made can be easily classified based on the outcome of the resultant action; which are mostly good or bad. On a broader note, decision makers are faced with the task of optimizing their decisions to suit the required outcome and face a wide array of factors that influence the decisions to be made; hence there is need to understand the various heuristics that are involved in each decision to be made and how the biases can be eliminated to make a well informed decision. Qualitative research has been done that examines different factors that influence high-level decision-making such as environmental antecedents, organizational antecedents, decision-specific antecedents and individual managerial characteristics (Simons and Thompson 1998).

The process of decision-making is pertinent to understanding the outcomes of decisions and can be subdivided into different tasks; information acquisition, evaluation, action and feedback/learning (Einhorn and Hogarth 1981). These processes are understood to interact with each other and their interaction is very important in the process of decision-making. There are two major types of decisions; rational decisions and intuitive decisions. Making decisions in such a way that the outcomes convey the preferences, idioms and traits of a person or people making a joint decision is referred to as a rational decision. These decisions are based on the acquired and influenced nature of the people or people making the decisions from societal experiences, norms and expectations and also economic prevalence surrounding the decisions to be made. The alternatives that constitute the criterion of preference are limited to the decision makers' desires; hence yielding a rational or preferential structure for decision-making. In essence, decisions made based on pre-conceived notions from past experiences and critical assessment are known

as rational decisions, and the outcome of the decision confirms the decision maker's preference (Raiffa, 1968). Decisions made on impulses which rarely involve any type of analysis or deliberations are often referred to as intuitive decisions. These decisions although spontaneous, are based on holistic thinking and provide immediate insight to decision-making. An example of an intuitive decision can be derived from a quarterback in a football game responding to a game situation by eluding an oncoming opponent's tackle and fitting a pass into a narrow window between defenders for the game-winning touchdown in what looks like seconds. The two mentioned types of decisions are different but not opposite of each other; there is still a certain amount of development that needs to take place in intuitive decision-making to be able to carry out the decision while rational decisions are based on quantitative and qualitative analysis but also are influenced by pre-conceived notions.

STRATEGIC DECISION-MAKING PROCESS

Competition and failure to succeed are motivating factors in the day-to-day activities in any business organization. And the ability to make rapid choices plays a role in the direction of an organization in a dynamically changing environment. Strategic decisions critically influence the success or lack thereof within an organization. An external constraint imposed on an organization due to the environment in which it exists has an effect on the internal activities that organization will decide to go ahead with, hence fitting the conditions under which the organization can operate. The decision to fit the external constraints may involve a choice from some alternatives. This choice is critical in achieving a set goal and can be made from experience, intuition, judgment or from a number of complex analyses. Making this decision strategically involves fitting the activities of the organization to external constraints by choosing

the best possible or available alternative. During the strategic decision-making process, one of the major problems is uncertainty which arises from derisory knowledge (Bhushan and Rai 2004). To overcome this problem, a model to forecast or predict future scenarios and a technique or methodology to choose between alternatives will be optimal.

MULTI-CRITERIA DECISION MAKING

There are four dominant words often used in multi-criteria decision-making; attributes, criteria, goals and objectives. Different literature and contexts have various explanations for the meanings of these words. In the context of this research, attributes refer to the different qualities used to rank an alternative; criteria refers to the collection of attributes an alternative possesses; goals are a priori values that a decision maker aims to achieve (Simon 1964) and objectives are the inputs of a desired outcome. Multi-criteria decision-making usually refers to making decisions in the presence of different (usually more than two) criteria. These criteria are often conflicting in nature and pose a very arduous task of selecting or ranking between each of them. Multi-criteria decision-making problems come in different forms and sizes and are faced on a day-to-day basis. For example, buying a car or a house may involve deciding amongst price, style, location, gas mileage, school district, color and/or some other criteria. In engineering, the multi-criteria decision-making problems are usually on a much larger scale and involve much complexity in their approach. An example will be deciding what material to use for metal pipes in a highly corrosive manufacturing plant due to the season of the year, profitability, type of product and many more factors. Although multi-criteria decision-making has a wide spread and can be seen to have been existent as far back as three centuries ago with Benjamin Franklin using a paper scheme for his decisions (Koksalan, Wallenius and Zionts 2011) its history as a

discipline is relatively short and can be traced back thirty years (Xu and Yang 2001). This recent development of multi-criteria decision-making as a discipline can be attributed to the advent of technology which has made it possible for systematic analysis of large volumes of data, which is also a result of technology.

ANALYTICAL HIERARCHY PROCESS

Making organized decisions can be very subjective due to the nature of assigning priorities to the process. One of the methods of assigning priorities is known as the Analytical Hierarchy Process (AHP). Decisions possess intangibles that make coming to a conclusion almost impossible without trading off some of these intangibles. Trading off intangibles require creating a systematic process (Figuera, Greco and Ehrgott 2005) in which they can be placed side by side, and this system may serve as an objective for the decision maker. The AHP method of decision-making was postulated by a renowned researcher and can be decomposed to the steps outlined (Saaty 2008)

1. Define the problem and determine the kind of knowledge sought.
2. Structure the decision hierarchy from the top with the goal of the decision, then the objectives from a broad perspective, through the intermediate levels (criteria on which subsequent elements depend) to the lowest level (which usually is a set of the alternatives).
3. Construct a set of pairwise comparison matrices. Each element in an upper level is used to compare the elements in the level immediately below with respect to it.

4. Use the priorities obtained from the comparisons to weigh the priorities in the level immediately below. Do this for every element. Then for each element in the level below add its weighed values and obtain its overall or global priority. Continue this process of weighing and adding until the final priorities of the alternatives in the bottom-most level are obtained.

PAIRWISE COMPARISON

Pairwise comparisons are used in the Analytical Hierarchy Process (AHP) to compare attributes of alternatives. It aids in the elimination of the trading off process when decision makers are faced with highly complex issues. Comparing attributes develops weights that can be associated with each attribute based on preference at each level of hierarchy. This helps to eliminate inconsistency and shed light on the reasons behind a preference.

CHAPTER 3

LITERATURE REVIEW

DECISION-MAKING FACTORS AFFECTING INCIDENTS IN THE WORKPLACE

There has been a lot of research on factors affecting incidents in the workplace and a good number of these known factors depend on managerial practices. One of the important studies conducted in this area was a ten-study review which looked to establish a relationship between organizational factors and injury rates. For a factor to be considered to have a relationship with injury rate it had to be statistically significant in one direction in at least two thirds of the studies in which it was examined, and not found to be significant in the opposite direction in any other study. Variables were categorized into joint health and safety committee, management style and culture, organizational philosophy on OHS, post-injury factors, work force characteristics, and other factors (Shannon, Mayr and Haines 1997). Seventeen factors were identified that met the criteria of which was; the amount of training the joint health and safety committee received, good relations between management and workers, monitoring of unsafe work behaviors, low turnover of staff, and safety controls on machinery (Shannon, Mayr and Haines 1997). Another study identified two organizational factors that contribute to reducing the level of occupational risk: the implementation of quality management tools and the fostering of worker empowerment. It was suggested in the literature that intensive occupational risk prevention is of prime importance to reduce occupational accidents (Arocena, Nunez and Villanueva 2007). Of the literature that examined human behavioral factors it was generally seen to be an effective factor in reducing injury rates in the workplace when it was coupled with a structured safety program and most times resulted in a substantial reduction of accidents and sizable estimated financial savings (Reber, Wallin and Chhoker 2008). The examination of

behavioral factors and the positive correlation to reduced injury rates raises an important concept in safety management of worker inclusion and participation. A study reports that an active top-management practice in occupational health and safety that includes workers in their decision-making were significantly associated with lower injury rates (Butler and Park 2005). It is important to note that joint structured safety programs helped reduce injury rates and was reiterated in most studies (Havlovic and McShane 2000).

FACTORS INFLUENCING DELAYED INCIDENT REPORTING

Incident reporting is crucial in today's world of business, and the oil and gas industry is no exception to this trend. The prime and most visible reason for incident reporting is the ability of reported incidents to help in identifying the causes of the incidents. This reason also lays a foundation for preventing future incidents from happening by pointing out certain indicators which will show areas where help is needed to avert incidents. Also incidents reported create a framework for quantitative analysis and a higher frequency of incidents put together creates an even more critical database for accurate breakdowns and analysis into the nature of incidents. Incident reporting acts as a reminder of hazards that can happen when certain measures are not taken, and this serves as a safety deterrent. With all of this potential usefulness of accurate and timely incident reporting, incidents in organizations are still reported late and sometimes not reported. Some factors responsible for delayed reports are natural factors, the type of incident, the population of the location of the incident, human error and some others. The factors that will be focused on here are based on the data provided by the organization.

PERIODIC (YEAR) EFFECT

Organizations that have a safety management program in place aim for better safety numbers from year to year. However if the safety numbers do not improve from the inception of the safety management program or after a bad safety period, then there needs to be an evaluation of the program. This factor will help to portray the effect of a particular timeframe on the dependent variable.

NATURAL FACTORS

There is increasing knowledge about the effect of natural hazards in the oil and gas industry. The threat of natural hazards impacting chemical facilities and infrastructure has become more of a focus due to the negative change of climate in this industrial age. Incidents triggered by natural hazards such as earthquakes, hurricanes, floods and lightning strikes are extremely dangerous and may lead to environmental pollution, economic effects, serious injuries and fatalities. It has been noted that about five percent of all recorded chemical incidents reported are a result of natural events (Campedel 2008).

POPULATION OF LOCATION

When an incident occurs in a densely populated location, there is a higher risk value associated with that type of occurrence. Also there is a much higher probability that the incident will be reported and adequate measures will be taken to curtail the effects. Likewise in a remote location, when an incident occurs it can go unnoticed depending on the magnitude of the incident, and this could increase the risk value of the incident due to the delay. Remote areas tend to be under-manned and under-equipped to handle certain incidents, and the time it would

take to assemble the man-power and equipment to get there can also contribute to increasing the risk value of the incident. This factor aims to find the effect of the population size on the dependent variable.

CURRENT SAFETY MANAGEMENT ADOPTION STRATEGIES IN THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY

In recent years, there have been a few high-profile incidents resulting in a lot of damage and in some cases fatal injuries. This has been met by a gradual shift in the overall approach to safety management in organizations, especially in the oil and gas industry. This shift from obvious factors that can be seen as organizational weaknesses have generated a lot of buzz due to the eye-opening issues that have come forward. Although it is almost impossible to associate individual incidents to organizational failures, the use of technology and analytic processes give a broader picture and enable hindsight to be very effective in a deterministic way (Reason 1997). A review of studies done that examined forty-eight different variables representing management practices revealed that the practices associated with performance of the organizations under review are important (Shannon, Mayr and Haines 1997). Some of the practices included joint health and safety committees in which longer tenure for the committee members resulted in better performances of the workers; and managerial style and culture where a direct communication with employees about the organization's goals and a good relationship between management and the workers also produced better performances. Incorporating the findings in the study above with safety practices that have worked in the past (DePasquale and Geller 1999) have brought about distinct themes of strategies in today's safety management approach. Genuine and continuous commitment to safety by management including high-profile safety

meetings, periodization of safety initiatives and work environments which include safety contracts are evident in organizations more than ever. Adequate communication between management, supervisors and workers about safety issues are becoming regular, and employee involvement in safety initiatives is gaining ground through empowerment and delegation of tasks (Mearns, Whitaker and Flin 2003).

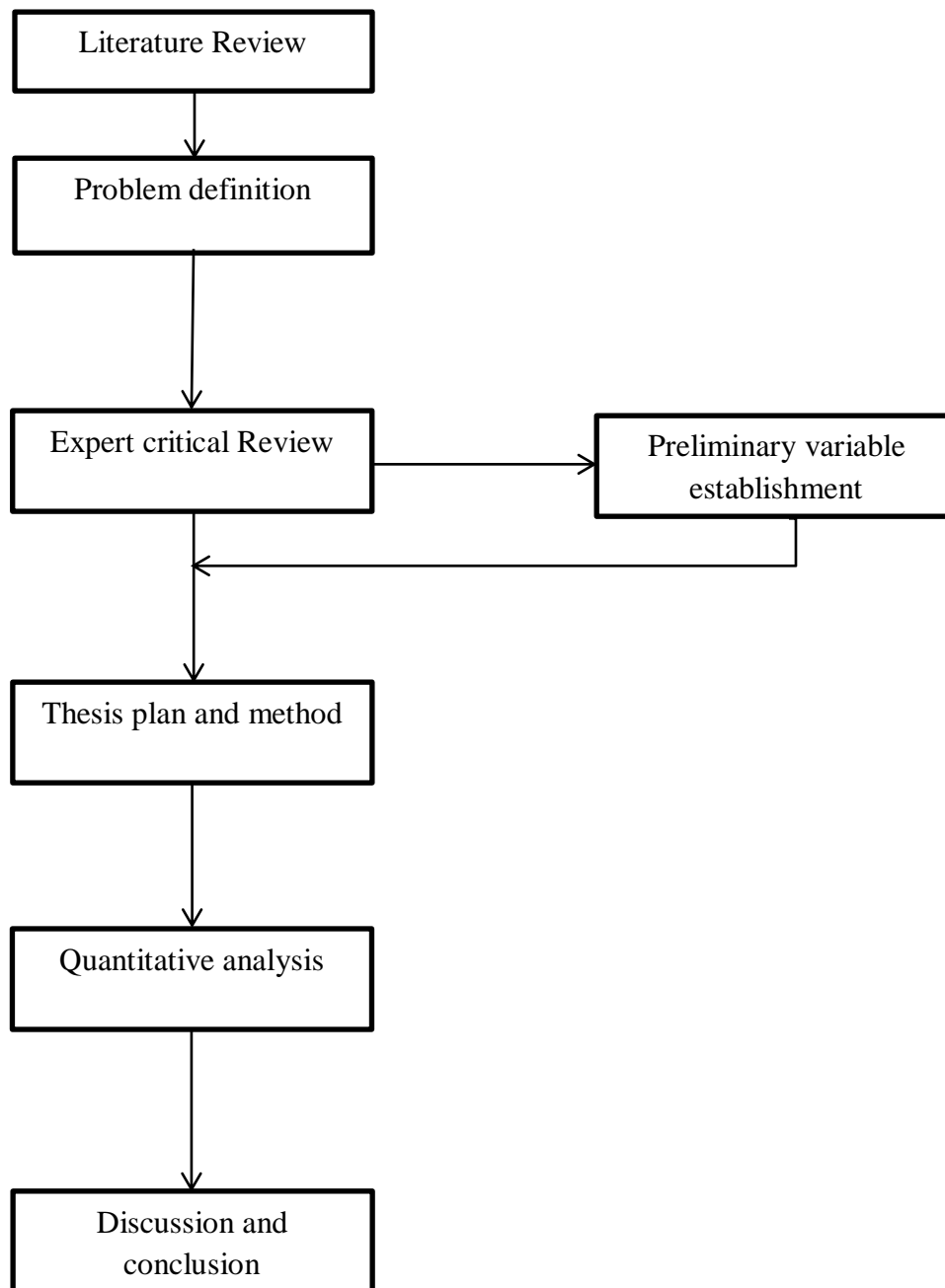
CHAPTER 4

METHODOLOGY AND RESEARCH DESIGN

DATA SOURCE AND ANALYSIS TECHNIQUE

The data used in this analysis is based on the records kept by the environmental health and safety group in the company where these incidents occurred. The data was taken in the United States only and was reported based on the company's standards which are compliant with OSHA and NIOSH standards in the United States. The incident data was collected over a period of 21 years (1990 – 2010). Each of the years in the data set was sorted using the Excel spreadsheet and considered separately. Some of the categories of data obtained from the reports include: date of incident, date incident was reported, description of incident, nearest city to incident, material spilled and medium affected. This approach to safety management identifies significant factors that are responsible for increasing the potential health effects of delayed incidents and focuses on the severity of each incident in assessing the significant relationships using a detailed model and analysis tools.

For this research, the various incident causes recognized by the description of the incident given in the data were identified to be; earthquake, equipment failure, explosion, flood, hurricane, natural phenomenon, operator error, over pressuring and transport accident. The data obtained from the company will be grouped into dependent and independent factors as mentioned above. Figure 4.1 gives an overview of the research including the establishment of variables to be used for analysis.

EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN PROCEDURE**FIGURE 4.1: OVERVIEW OF RESEARCH APPROACH**

THE DEPENDENT VARIABLE

The dependent variable for this research will be the number of deaths recorded in each state by the census bureau of the United States of America. The nature of the chemicals spilled tend to be highly hazardous and a variable that modeled health effects that best fit this criteria is the number of deaths.

FACTOR A: NATURE OF SPILL

In any complex system, especially the systems operated by humans, incidents that occur can be attributed to a number of factors. One of the most common factors that affects the reporting of incidents in the oil and gas industry is the nature of the incident. Based on the data obtained, the various incidents were grouped and weighted as shown in Table 4.5. The weights are assigned using AHP and begin with an objective which will be picking the worst-case scenario in this situation. The relevant criteria for obtaining this objective are effect on the environment and effect on humans. Figure 4.2 shows the different hierarchies in the AHP process.

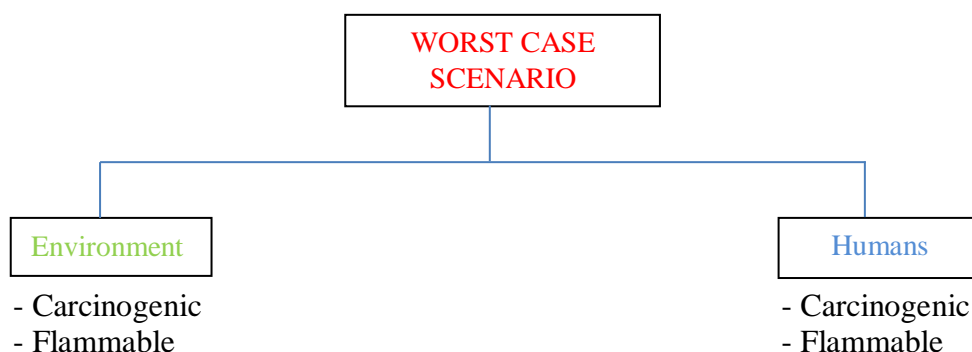


FIGURE 4.2: ANALYTICAL HIERARCHY PROCESS OVERVIEW

Ranking the criteria based on relevance will be expedient in achieving the desired objective; however, the basis for the rankings is determined by judgment. A systematic and reliable judgment method that was used in this situation is Pairwise comparison. Using the scale in Table 4.1, the relevance of the criteria was ranked.

TABLE 4.1: ALTERNATIVE RANKS

RANK	RELEVANCE
1	EQUAL
3	MODERATE
5	STRONG
7	VERY STRONG
9	EXTREME

Table 4.2 shows the relative importance of one criterion over the other.

TABLE 4.2: RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF ONE CRITERION OVER ANOTHER

	Environment	Humans
Environment	1/1	1/2
Humans	2/1	1/1

From Table 4.2, a matrix is then formulated based on the pairwise comparisons between criteria. The values in the matrix are from pairwise comparisons between criteria. For example, a pairwise comparison of “effect on environment” with “effect on environment” is an equal comparison; hence the value 1/1 is given to the entry in the matrix. Then, a pairwise comparison of “effect on the humans” with “effect on environment” is given a value of 2/1 because “effect

on humans is subjectively preferred twice to “effect on environment” for the worst-case scenario.

The resultant matrix is given:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.5 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

To obtain ranking priorities from this vector, there are several methods that can be used. However the preferred and one of the best approaches is the Eigenvector solution (T. Saaty 1990). The steps in finding the eigenvector are given:

1. Square the matrix
2. Sum up the rows of the new matrix
3. Normalize each value

The square of the matrix will give

$$A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Summing the rows up will give

$$A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{matrix} 3 \\ 6 \end{matrix}$$

Normalizing the values is achieved by dividing the sums by the total of the sums. The sum of the values of the rows is 9. Therefore,

$$A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0.33 \\ 6 & 0.67 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \text{The second most important criterion} \\ \text{The most important criterion} \end{matrix}$$

Next the pairwise comparisons are performed for each of the observed situations to rank each of the situations in order of the worst for this analysis based on the criteria identified and ranked. The ranks applied to this comparison are from Table 4.1.

TABLE 4.3: PAIRWISE COMPARISON IN TERMS OF EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT

EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT	CARCINOGENIC	FLAMMABLE
CARCINOGENIC	1/1	1/4
FLAMMABLE	4/1	1/1

$$E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.25 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0.5 \\ 8 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Summing up the rows

$$E^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0.5 \\ 8 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{matrix} 2.5 \\ 10 \end{matrix}$$

Normalizing

$$E^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0.5 \\ 8 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{matrix} 2.5 & \\ & 10 \end{matrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0.2 \\ 0.8 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} 2nd \\ 1st \end{matrix}$$

The same approach is carried out in terms of effect on humans and one more set of eigenvectors are produced from the iteration.

TABLE 4.4: PAIRWISE COMPARISON IN TERMS OF EFFECT ON THE HUMANS

EFFECT ON HUMANS	CARCINOGENIC	FLAMMABLE
CARCINOGENIC	1/1	2/1
FLAMMABLE	1/2	1/1

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0.5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$H^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Summing up the rows

$$H^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{matrix} 6 \\ 3 \end{matrix}$$

Normalizing

$$H^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{matrix} 6 \\ 3 \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.67 \\ 0.33 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} 1st \\ 2nd \end{matrix}$$

The individual eigenvectors are then put together to form a matrix of eigenvectors. The eigenvector solution is then calculated by multiplying the matrix of the eigenvectors of the alternatives with the eigenvector of the selection criteria.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0.2 & 0.67 \\ 0.8 & 0.33 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} 0.33 \\ 0.67 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.515 \\ 0.485 \end{bmatrix}$$

To make sure the solution for the weights is accurate; the sum of the weights must be approximately equal 1. ($0.515 + 0.485 = 1$). Table 4.5 shows the weights that will be assigned to the alternatives that give the worst-case scenario for factor A.

TABLE 4.5: WEIGHTS ASSIGNED TO THE DIFFERENT CLASSES OF FACTOR A

TYPE OF CHEMICAL SPILLED	WEIGHT LEVEL
CARCINOGENIC	0.515
FLAMMABLE	0.485

FACTOR B: INCIDENT TYPE

There are different types of incidents that occur in the oil and gas industry. In the case of spills, these incidents can also be classified into different types. The various types of occurrences bring about different responses in reporting, stemming from overlooking a supposed minor incident to not having knowledge of the occurrence. This factor will classify some observed incident types and assign weights to them in an attempt to analyze the significance it exhibits on the dependent factor.

Following a similar procedure, Table 4.6 shows the pairwise comparison based on the ranks in Table 4.1 of one two alternatives at a time. One example is the pairwise comparison of “mobile” and “fixed”. The given value is 2/1 which means a mobile incident is preferred twice as much to a fixed incident to produce a worst-case scenario.

TABLE 4.6: PAIRWISE COMPARISON FOR THE VARIOUS INCIDENT TYPES

INCIDENT TYPES	FIXED	MOBILE	CONTINUOUS	STORAGE TANK/ VESSEL	OTHER
FIXED	1/1	1/2	1/4	2/1	4/1
MOBILE	2/1	1/1	1/2	4/1	8/1
CONTINUOUS	4/1	2/1	1/1	8/1	9/1
STORAGE TANK/ VESSEL	1/2	1/4	1/8	1/1	2/1
OTHER	1/4	1/8	1/9	1/2	1/1

Following the steps that were given earlier for factor A, the AHP process is carried out as follows:

First the matrix,

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.5 & 0.25 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 0.5 & 4 & 8 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 & 8 & 9 \\ 0.5 & 0.25 & 0.125 & 1 & 2 \\ 0.25 & 0.125 & 0.11 & 0.5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Squaring the matrix will give,

$$B^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2.5 & 1.44 & 10 & 18.25 \\ 10 & 5 & 2.88 & 20 & 36.5 \\ 18.25 & 9.125 & 4.99 & 36.5 & 66 \\ 2.5 & 1.25 & 0.72 & 5 & 9.125 \\ 1.44 & 0.72 & 0.4075 & 2.88 & 4.99 \end{bmatrix}$$

Summing the rows will give,

$$B^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2.5 & 1.44 & 10 & 18.25 \\ 10 & 5 & 2.88 & 20 & 36.5 \\ 18.25 & 9.125 & 4.99 & 36.5 & 66 \\ 2.5 & 1.25 & 0.72 & 5 & 9.125 \\ 1.44 & 0.72 & 0.4075 & 2.88 & 4.99 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} = 37.19 \\ = 74.38 \\ = 134.865 \\ = 18.595 \\ = 10.4375 \end{matrix}$$

Normalizing each eigenvalue will give,

$$B^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2.5 & 1.44 & 10 & 18.25 \\ 10 & 5 & 2.88 & 20 & 36.5 \\ 18.25 & 9.125 & 4.99 & 36.5 & 66 \\ 2.5 & 1.25 & 0.72 & 5 & 9.125 \\ 1.44 & 0.72 & 0.4075 & 2.88 & 4.99 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} = 37.19 \\ = 74.38 \\ = 134.865 \\ = 18.595 \\ = 10.4375 \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.1350 \\ 0.2700 \\ 0.4895 \\ 0.0675 \\ 0.0378 \end{bmatrix}$$

Table 4.7 shows the weights that will be assigned to the alternatives that give the worst-case scenario for factor B.

TABLE 4.7: WEIGHTS ASSIGNED TO THE DIFFERENT CLASSES OF FACTOR B

CATEGORY	WEIGHT LEVEL
FIXED	0.1350
MOBILE	0.2700
CONTINUOUS	0.4895
STORAGE TANK/ VESSEL	0.0675
OTHER	0.0378

FACTOR C: POPULATION

Incidents that were reported in the data set occurred at different locations and an accurate measure of the health effects is needed. The number of people any spilled chemical affects is dependent on the number of people in contact with the spilled chemical. The number of people living in the county of the oil spill was used to model this factor.

FACTOR D: DELAY TIME

The time of exposure to a chemical is crucial in determining or modeling the health effects attributed to that particular chemical. Some chemicals are more hazardous than others and this can be noted by the recommended exposure limit (REL) regulated by OSHA and NIOSH in the form of ceiling concentrations, short-term exposures (ST) and time-weighted averages (TWA) (Department of Health and Human Services 2007).

FACTOR E: YEAR EFFECT

This factor will be modeled based on the assumption that a safety program has been in place at the organization from which the data was collected and weights were assigned based on the fact that the earliest timeframe should have the largest weight on the dependent variable. However to best implement this variable, a dummy variable system or method will be used to be able to assess the health effects of each timeframe on the dependent variable. Table 4.8 shows the way the dummy variable will be modeled.

TABLE 4.8: DUMMY VARAIBLES PER TIMEFRAME

	DUMMY VARIABLES				
YEARS	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5
1990 – 1994	1	0	0	0	0
1995 – 1998	0	1	0	0	0
1999 – 2002	0	0	1	0	0
2003 – 2006	0	0	0	1	0
2007 - 2010	0	0	0	0	1

FACTOR F: NATURAL FACTORS

Natural hazards have become a primary focus due to the effect of technological advances on the climate. There have been a number of high profiled incidents resulting from natural hazards over the last ten years including hurricanes, tsunamis, earthquakes and floods. The oil and gas industry is no stranger to natural hazards and its effects. This also has an effect on the timely reporting of the occurrence. Incidents that happen at specific times of the year may create a problem for the requirements of reporting to be put together. This factor aims to represent natural occurrences and assess the significance it has on the dependent variable. A dummy variable method is also used for this factor.

TABLE 4.9: DUMMY VARAIBLES PER SEASON

	DUMMY VARIABLES				
SEASON	NF1	NF2	NF3	NF4	NF5
SUMMER	1	0	0	0	0
WINTER	0	1	0	0	0
SPRING	0	0	1	0	0
FALL	0	0	0	1	0
ACROSS SEASONS	0	0	0	0	1

CHAPTER 5

ANALYSIS AND RESULTS

REGRESSION ANALYSIS

The Minitab 16 Statistical Software was used for the statistical analysis of the sorted data. Regression analysis is frequently used as an analytical method for finding relationships between variables. Mostly there are two types of variables involved in regression analysis; they are a dependent variable and independent variables. Regression analysis was carried out on the sorted data based on a confidence level of 95%. The effect of each of the factors on this analysis corresponds to $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5 \dots x_i$. The variables “ $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5 \dots x_i$ ” are considered as the independent variables. The dependent variable is the number of deaths in each of the states the incidents took place over the 21-year period and is denoted as (X') . The mathematical representation for the interactive relationship between the independent and dependent variables is given in equation 5.1 as:

$$X' = \beta_0 + \beta_1 * x_1 + \beta_2 * x_2 + \beta_3 * x_3 + \beta_4 * x_4 + \beta_5 * x_5 + \beta_6 * x_1^2 + \beta_7 * x_2^2 + \beta_i * x_i + \beta_j * x_i^2 + E \dots \dots \dots (5.1)$$

$\beta_0 - \beta_5$ are all regression coefficients and \mathcal{E} denotes the various errors which may be due to uncontrollable and nuisance factors including but not limited to human error and sabotage. This analysis aimed at describing how each of the various factors varies with the other and how multiple factors play roles in increasing the potential health effects of oil spills (All analyses and methodologies used are shown in the appendices).

The first step in analyzing the data provided was to sort the data based on the certain parameters that are useful in this research. There were a lot of chemicals spilled (a total of 194) but some of these chemicals only occurred once in the data set. To better have a good and accurate model, the data was filtered for the chemicals that were spilled ten or more times. This reduced the data set from 3124 data points to 2793 data points. There was a total change of 10.5% within the data set.

Stepwise regression was run to determine the significant variables in the data from which population (POP), year four (Y4), nature of spill (CAR), natural factor three or spring (NF3), delay time (DL), natural factor one or summer (NF1), population square (POP²) and year 3 (Y3) were found to be significant. Table 5.1 shows the coefficients and standard errors of the coefficients of the significant variables derived from the Minitab output.

TABLE 5.1: REGRESSION COEFFICIENT STATISTICS

PREDICTOR	COEF	SE COEF	T	P
CONSTANT	-223135	24693	-9.04	0.000
POP	0.024869	0.003095	8.04	0.000
Y4	46181	2314	19.95	0.000
CAR ²	1154996	103146	11.20	0.000
NF3	21842	2273	9.61	0.000
DL	-76.69	10.01	-7.66	0.000
NF1	10382	2546	4.08	0.000
POP ²	-0.00000000	0.00000000	-3.10	0.002
Y3	-6317	2571	-2.46	0.014

Pearson correlation was performed for the filtered data points for all the variables. This was to decipher if there were relationships within the variables and Table 5.2 shows the results

TABLE 5.2: CORRELATION MATRIX FOR MODEL

	X	POP	Y4	CAR^2	NF3	DL	NF1	POP^2
POP	0.589							
Y4	0.403	0.110						
CAR^2	0.127	-0.083	0.071					
NF3	0.126	-0.049	0.079	0.006				
DL	-0.090	-0.032	0.156	-0.039	-0.107			
NF1	0.037	0.045	-0.050	0.002	-0.295	-0.087		
POP^2	0.585	0.993	0.110	-0.073	-0.040	-0.049	0.037	
Y3	-0.220	-0.015	-0.535	-0.036	-0.034	-0.075	0.031	-0.010

Equation 5.2 shows the prediction model for the associated health effects by way of the number of deaths based on the significant variables mentioned earlier.

$$\begin{aligned}
 X = & -223135 + (0.0249)POP + (46181)Y4 + (1154996)CAR^2 + \\
 & (21842)NF3 - (76.7)DL + \\
 & (10382)NF1 - (0.000000)POP^2 - (6317)Y3 \dots\dots\dots(5.2)
 \end{aligned}$$

The Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) of the model is given in Table 5.3.

TABLE 5.3: ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE FOR THE REGRESSION MODEL

SOURCE	DF	SS	MS	F	P
REGRESSION	8	7.51851E+12	9.39814E+11	375.14	0.000
RESIDUAL ERROR	2783	6.97209E+12	2505241605		
TOTAL	2791	1.44906E+13			

The sequential sum of squares was derived from the Minitab output and are shown in Table 5.4.

TABLE 5.4: SEQUENTIAL SUM OF SQUARES FOR THE REGRESSION MODEL

SOURCE	DF	SEQ SS
POP	1	5.03356E+12
Y4	1	1.68212E+12
CAR^2	1	3.25127E+11
NF3	1	2.33675E+11
DL	1	1.56336E+11
NF1	1	45731374434
POP^2	1	26838489011
Y3	1	15119961051

The R^2 value of the regression model was 51.9% and the adjusted R^2 value, which is expected to be less, was 51.7%. This means that 51.9% of the variations in X' can be explained by the model given in equation (5.2). The normal probability plot in the top right of Figure 5.1 shows the normality of the residuals. The left top graph shows the residuals versus the fitted

values which is not funnel shaped, curved or skewed. The histogram in the bottom left corner shows a bell-shaped curve of the distribution of the residuals while the bottom right graph of versus order shows how well the residuals are spread.

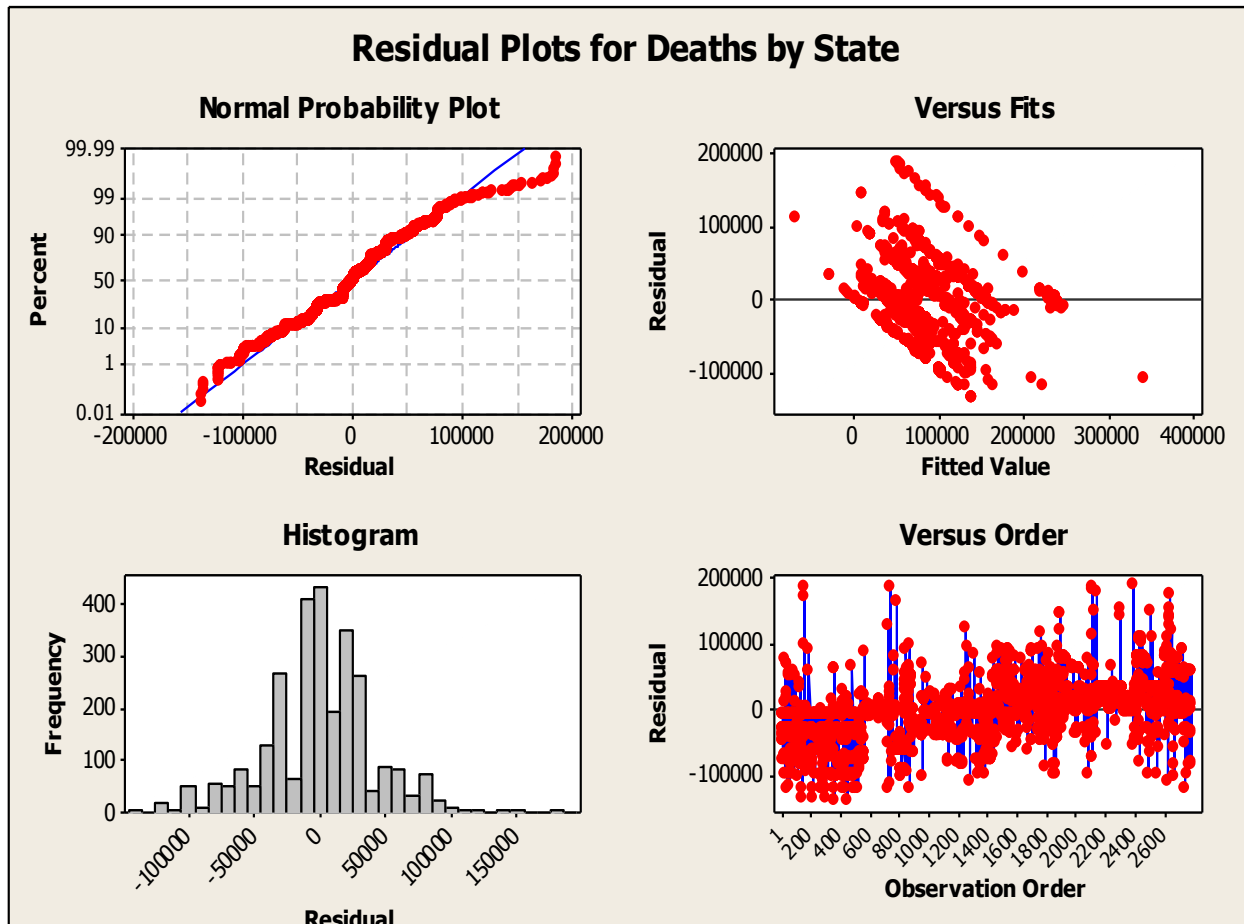


FIGURE 5.1: RESIDUAL PLOTS FOR THE MODEL

TRANSFORMATIONS

Most quantitative analyses require tools that can help in giving a clearer picture of relationships between variables. Data transformations are commonly used for many other functions in quantitative analysis. One use of data transformations is for solving the issue of non-homogenous variances. This transformational analysis will focus on commonly used data transformations in statistics: square root, inverse, square, natural log and cube of the dependent variable which will aim to improve upon the normality of the variable. These transformations are usually referred to as variance-stabilizing transformations because they reduce and sometimes eliminate uneven variances and also normalize distributions. The characteristics of the various transformed models were compared to the original model to determine the best result based on the analysis of variance, R^2 value and the normal plots of residuals.

SQUARE ROOT TRANSFORMATION

The square root transformation of the dependent variable can be expressed mathematically as shown in equation (5.3).

$$X' = \sqrt{X} \dots \dots \dots (5.3)$$

Stepwise regression was run to determine the significant variables in the data from which population (POP), year four (Y4), nature of spill squared (CAR^2), natural factor three or spring (NF3), year 3 (Y3), population square (POP^2), natural factor one or summer (NF1) and delay

time (DL) were found to be significant. Table 5.5 shows the coefficients and standard errors of the coefficients of the significant variables derived from the Minitab output.

TABLE 5.5: REGRESSION COEFFICIENT STATISTICS

PREDICTOR	COEF	SE COEF	T	P
CONSTANT	411.09	51.55	-7.98	0.000
POP	0.00006938	0.00000646	10.74	0.000
Y4	80.981	4.831	16.76	0.000
CAR^2	2563.9	215.3	11.91	0.000
NF3	48.087	4.744	10.14	0.000
Y3	-36.686	5.367	-6.84	0.000
POP^2	-0.00000000	0.00000000	-7.17	0.000
NF1	28.355	5.314	5.34	0.000
DL	-0.10703	0.02090	-5.12	0.000

The correlation matrix for this model is shown in Table 5.6 to find the relationships between variables.

TABLE 5.6: CORRELATION MATRIX FOR SQUARE ROOT MODEL

	\sqrt{X}	POP	Y4	CAR ²	NF3	Y3	POP ²	NF1
POP	0.469							
Y4	0.411	0.110						
CAR ²	0.155	-0.083	0.071					
NF3	0.138	-0.049	0.079	0.006				
Y3	-0.288	-0.015	-0.535	-0.036	-0.034			
POP ²	0.457	0.993	0.110	-0.073	-0.040	-0.010		
NF1	0.051	0.045	-0.050	0.002	-0.295	0.031	0.037	
DL	-0.052	0.032	0.156	-0.039	-0.107	-0.075	-0.049	-0.087

The equation (5.4) shows the prediction model for the square root of the associated health effects by way of number of deaths based on the significant variables mentioned earlier.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sqrt{X} = & 411 + (0.000069) * POP + (81.0) * Y4 + (2564) * CAR^2 + \\
 & (48.1) * NF3 - (36.7) * Y3 - (0.000000) * POP^2 + (28.4) * NF1 - \\
 & (0.107) * DL \dots\dots\dots (5.4)
 \end{aligned}$$

The Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) of the model is given in Table 5.7.

TABLE 5.7: ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE FOR THE REGRESSION MODEL

SOURCE	DF	SS	MS	F	P
REGRESSION	8	22823907	2852988	261.35	0.000
RESIDUAL ERROR	2783	30379845	10916		
TOTAL	2791	53203752			

The sequential sum of squares was derived from the Minitab output and are shown in Table 5.8

TABLE 5.8: SEQUENTIAL SUM OF SQUARES FOR THE REGRESSION MODEL

SOURCE	DF	SEQ SS
POP	1	11701408
Y4	1	6959837
CAR^2	1	1464224
NF3	1	916686
Y3	1	591853
POP^2	1	505429
NF1	1	398317
DL	1	286153

The R^2 value of the regression model was 42.9% and the adjusted R^2 value which is expected to be less was 42.7%. This means that 42.9% of the variations in \sqrt{X} can be explained by the model given in equation (5.4). The normal probability plot in the top right of Figure 5.2 shows the normality of the residuals. The left top graph shows the residuals versus the fitted

values which is not funnel shaped, curved or skewed. The histogram in the bottom left corner shows a bell-shaped curve of the distribution of the residuals with some outliers while the bottom right graph of versus order shows how well the residuals are spread.

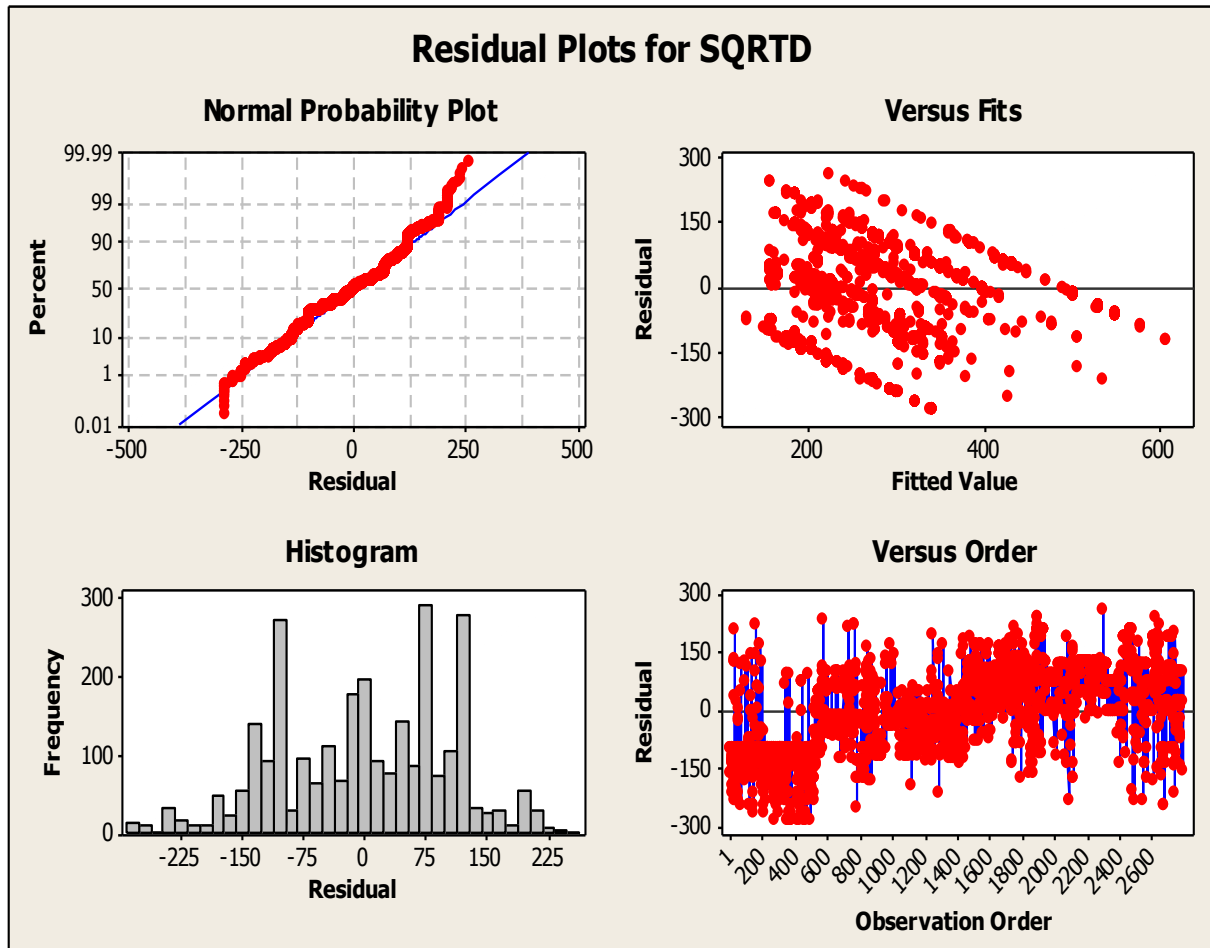


FIGURE 5.2: RESIDUAL PLOTS FOR THE SQUARE ROOT MODEL

INVERSE TRANSFORMATION

The inverse transformation of the dependent variable can be expressed mathematically as shown in equation (5.5).

$$X' = 1/X \dots\dots\dots (5.5)$$

Stepwise regression was run to determine the significant variables in the data from which year 3 (Y3), population (POP), population square (POP²), nature of spill squared (CAR²), year 4 (Y4), natural factor three or spring (NF3), natural factor one or summer (NF1), incident type square (TYPE²) and incident type (TYPE) were found to be significant. Table 5.9 shows the coefficients and standard errors of the coefficients of the significant variables derived from the Minitab output.

TABLE 5.9: REGRESSION COEFFICIENT STATISTICS

PREDICTOR	COEF	SE COEF	T	P
CONSTANT	0.00053902	0.00005619	9.59	0.000
Y3	0.00007339	0.00000560	13.10	0.000
POP	-0.00000000	0.00000000	-13.79	0.000
POP ²	0.00000000	0.00000000	12.60	0.000
CAR ²	-0.0023466	0.0002245	-10.45	0.000
Y4	-0.00004150	0.00000499	-8.32	0.000
NF3	-0.00004177	0.00000490	-8.53	0.000
NF1	-0.00003367	0.00000551	-6.11	0.000
TYPE ²	-0.0023864	0.0002448	-9.75	0.000
TYPE	0.0013634	0.0001460	9.34	0.000

The correlation matrix for this model is shown in Table 5.10 and gives the relationships between variables.

TABLE 5.10: CORRELATION MATRIX FOR INVERSE MODEL

	1/X	Y3	POP	POP^2	CAR^2	Y4	NF3	NF1	TYPE^2
Y3	0.356								
POP	-0.190	-0.015							
POP^2	-0.166	-0.010	0.993						
CAR^2	-0.159	-0.036	-0.083	-0.073					
Y4	-0.322	-0.535	0.110	0.110	0.071				
NF3	-0.115	-0.034	-0.049	-0.040	0.006	0.079			
NF1	-0.075	0.031	0.045	0.037	0.002	-0.050	-0.295		
TYPE^2	-0.041	0.031	-0.025	-0.032	-0.039	-0.072	0.011	0.044	
TYPE	-0.013	0.034	-0.035	-0.042	-0.042	-0.069	0.009	0.035	0.986

Equation (5.6) shows the prediction model for the inverse of the associated health effects by way of the number of deaths based on the significant variables mentioned earlier.

$$\begin{aligned}
 1/X = & 0.000539 + (0.000073) * Y3 - (0.000000) * POP + \\
 & (0.000000) * POP^2 - (0.00235) * CAR^2 - (0.000041) * Y4 - \\
 & (0.000042) * NF3 - (0.000034) * NF1 - (0.00239) * TYPE^2 + \\
 & (0.00136) * TYP \dots\dots\dots (5.6)
 \end{aligned}$$

The Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) of the model is given in Table 5.11.

TABLE 5.11: ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE FOR THE REGRESSION MODEL

SOURCE	DF	SS	MS	F	P
REGRESSION	9	1.35854E-05	1.50949E-06	127.11	0.000
RESIDUAL ERROR	2782	3.30365E-05	1.18751E-08		
TOTAL	2791	4.66219E-05			

The sequential sum of squares was derived from the Minitab output and are shown in Table 5.12.

TABLE 5.12: SEQUENTIAL SUM OF SQUARES FOR THE REGRESSION MODEL

SOURCE	DF	SEQ SS
Y3	1	5.91999E-06
POP	1	1.59554E-06
POP^2	1	1.45656E-06
CAR^2	1	1.48353E-06
Y4	1	7.93441E-07
NF3	1	6.31737E-07
NF1	1	5.43095E-07
TYPE^2	1	1.26449E-07
TYPE	1	1.03507E-06

The R^2 value of the regression model was 29.1% and the adjusted R^2 value, which is expected to be less, was 28.9%. This means that 29.1% of the variations in $1/X$ can be explained by the model given in the equation (5.6). The normal probability plot in the top right of Figure

5.3 shows the normality of the residuals, and in this case the dependent variable does not prove to be normal. The left top graph shows the residuals versus the fitted values which is not funnel shaped, curved or skewed. The histogram in the bottom left corner shows a bell-shaped curve of the distribution of the residuals that appears skewed while the bottom right graph of versus order shows how well the residuals are spread.

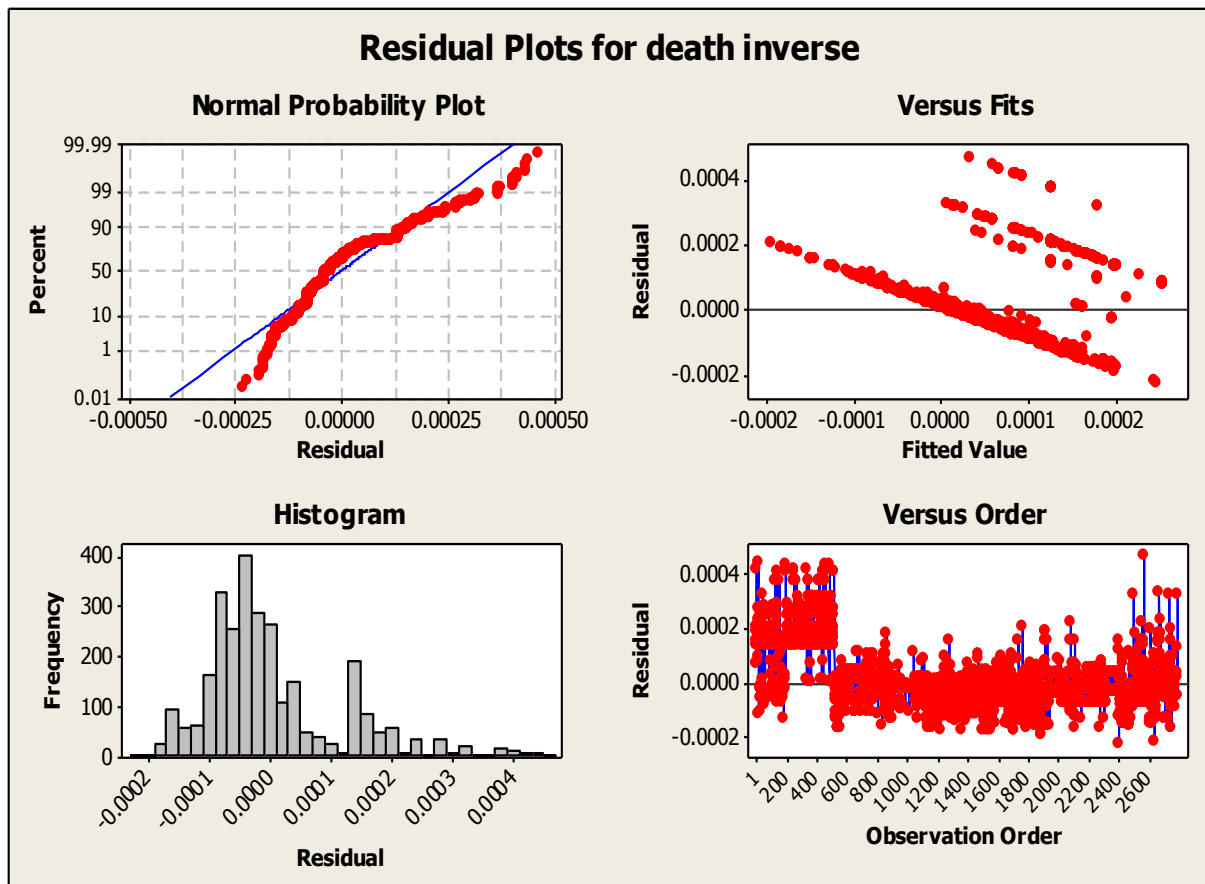


FIGURE 5.3: RESIDUAL PLOTS FOR THE INVERSE MODEL

SQUARE TRANSFORMATION

The square transformation of the dependent variable can be expressed mathematically as shown in equation (5.5);

$$X' = X^2 \dots\dots\dots (5.5)$$

Stepwise regression was run to determine the significant variables in the data from which population square (POP²), year 4 (Y4), delay time (DL), nature of spill (CAR), natural factor three or spring (NF3), population (POP), natural factor four or fall (NF4), year one (Y1), delay time square (DL²) and natural factor five of across seasons (NF5) were found to be significant. Table 5.13 shows the coefficients and standard errors of the coefficients of the significant variables derived from the Minitab output.

TABLE 5.13: REGRESSION COEFFICIENT STATISTICS

PREDICTOR	COEF	SE COEF	T	P
CONSTANT	-7.93839E+10	9188020292	-8.64	0.000
POP ²	0.00017329	0.00005668	3.06	0.002
Y4	8795700809	377992445	23.27	0.000
DL	-55598863	12072424	-4.61	0.000
CAR	1.75296E+11	18802592477	9.32	0.000
NF3	2723800926	419897223	6.49	0.000
POP	2770.9	561.0	4.94	0.000
NF4	-1261164266	439550190	-2.87	0.004
Y1	-1426178288	559068091	-2.55	0.011
DL ²	35458	10929	3.24	0.001
NF5	6982752560	2934656634	2.38	0.017

The correlation matrix for this model is shown in Table 5.14 and shows the relationships between variables.

TABLE 5.14: CORRELATION MATRIX FOR SQUARE MODEL

	X²	POP²	Y4	DL	CAR	NF3	POP	NF4	Y1	DL²
POP²	0.760									
Y4	0.355	0.110								
DL	-0.110	-0.049	0.156							
CAR	0.069	-0.073	0.071	-0.039						
NF3	0.087	-0.040	0.079	-0.107	0.006					
POP	0.757	0.993	0.110	-0.032	-0.083	-0.049				
NF4	-0.021	0.052	-0.049	-0.097	-0.026	-0.332	0.058			
Y1	-0.193	-0.109	-0.339	-0.053	-0.003	-0.013	-0.106	-0.008		
DL²	-0.093	-0.041	0.141	0.936	-0.042	-0.084	-0.027	-0.076	-0.048	
NF5	-0.105	-0.047	0.112	0.873	-0.005	-0.123	-0.032	-0.111	-0.037	0.684

Equation (5.6) shows the prediction model for the square of the associated health effects by way of number of deaths based on the significant variables mentioned earlier.

$$\begin{aligned}
 X2 = & (-7.94E + 10) + (0.000173)POP^2 + (8.80E09)Y4 - (55598863)DL + \\
 & (1.75E11)CAR + (2.72E09)NF3 + (2771)POP - (1.26E09)NF4 - \\
 & (1.43E09)Y1 + (35458)DL^2 + (6.98E09)NF5 \dots\dots\dots (5.6)
 \end{aligned}$$

The Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) of the model is given in Table 5.15.

TABLE 5.15: ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE FOR THE REGRESSION MODEL

SOURCE	DF	SS	MS	F	P
REGRESSION	10	5.04571E+23	5.04571E+22	610.75	0.000
RESIDUAL ERROR	2781	2.29754E+23	8.26156E+19		
TOTAL	2791	7.34324E+23			

The sequential sum of squares was derived from the Minitab output and are shown in Table 5.16.

TABLE 5.16: SEQUENTIAL SUM OF SQUARES FOR THE REGRESSION MODEL

SOURCE	DF	SEQ SS
POP^2	1	4.24221E+23
Y4	1	5.44531E+22
DL	1	1.03670E+22
CAR	1	6.81179E+21
NF3	1	4.90862E+21
POP	1	1.76479E+21
NF4	1	6.44387E+20
Y1	1	5.24491E+20
DL^2	1	4.07287E+20
NF5	1	4.67736E+20

The R^2 value of the regression model was 68.7% and the adjusted R^2 value, which is expected to be less, was 68.6%. This means that 68.7% of the variations in X^2 can be explained by the model given in equation (5.6). The normal probability plot in the top right of Figure 5.4 shows the normality of the residuals. The left top graph shows the residuals versus the fitted values which is not funnel shaped, curved or skewed. The histogram in the bottom left corner shows a bell-shaped curve of the distribution of the residuals that appears skewed while the bottom right graph of versus order shows how well the residuals are spread.

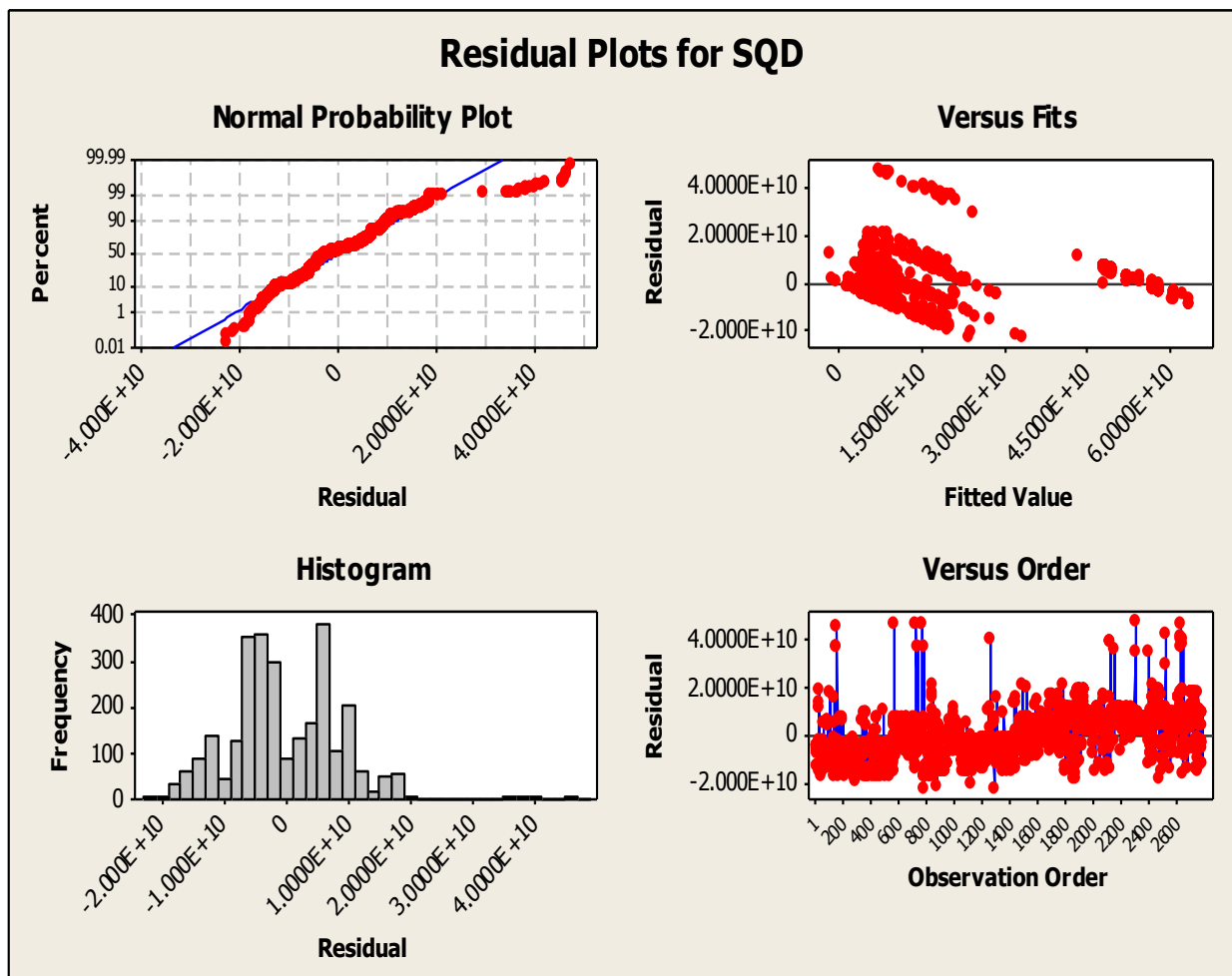


FIGURE 5.4: RESIDUAL PLOTS FOR THE SQUARED MODEL

NATURAL LOG TRANSFORMATION

The natural log transformation of the dependent variable can be expressed mathematically as shown in equation (5.7).

$$X' = \ln X \dots\dots\dots (5.7)$$

Stepwise regression was run to determine the significant variables in the data from which year 3 (Y3), population (POP), population square (POP²), nature of spill squared (CAR²), year 4 (Y4), natural factor three or spring (NF3), natural factor one or summer (NF1), incident type square (TYPE²) and incident type (TYPE) were found to be significant. Table 5.17 shows the coefficients and standard errors of the coefficients of the significant variables derived from the Minitab output.

TABLE 5.17: REGRESSION COEFFICIENT STATISTICS

PREDICTOR	COEF	SE COEF	T	P
CONSTANT	-2.838	1.206	-2.35	0.019
Y4	0.78392	0.06518	12.03	0.000
POP	0.00000097	0.00000007	13.22	0.000
Y3	-0.59596	0.07053	-8.45	0.000
CAR	29.174	2.436	11.98	0.000
POP^2	-0.00000000	0.00000000	-10.87	0.000
NF3	0.52389	0.05392	9.72	0.000
NF1	0.35083	0.06065	5.78	0.000
TYPE^2	22.750	2.657	8.56	0.000
TYPE	-13.137	1.585	-8.29	0.000
NF5	-0.2589	0.1194	-2.17	0.030
Y1	0.17655	0.08455	2.09	0.037

The correlation matrix for this model is shown in Table 5.18 to reveal the relationships between variables.

TABLE 5.18: CORRELATION MATRIX FOR NATURAL LOG MODEL

	ln X	Y4	POP	Y3	CAR	POP^2	NF3	NF1	TYPE^2	TYPE	NF5
Y4	0.388										
POP	0.334	0.110									
Y3	-0.347	-0.535	-0.015								
CAR	0.169	0.071	-0.083	-0.036							
POP^2	0.315	0.110	0.993	-0.010	-0.073						
NF3	0.135	0.079	-0.049	-0.034	0.006	-0.040					
NF1	0.067	-0.050	0.045	0.031	0.002	0.037	-0.295				
TYPE^2	0.015	-0.072	-0.025	0.031	-0.039	-0.032	0.011	0.044			
TYPE	-0.010	-0.069	-0.035	0.034	-0.042	-0.042	0.009	0.035	0.986		
NF5	-0.019	0.112	-0.032	-0.044	-0.005	-0.047	-0.123	-0.099	-0.054	-0.051	
Y1	-0.033	-0.339	-0.106	-0.221	-0.003	-0.109	-0.013	0.076	0.018	0.018	-0.037

Equation 5.8 shows the prediction model for the natural log of the associated health effects by way of the number of deaths based on the significant variables mentioned earlier.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \ln X = & -2.84 + (0.784)Y4 + (0.000001)POP - (0.596)Y3 + \\
 & (29.2)CAR - (0.000000)POP^2 + (0.524)NF3 + (0.351)NF1 + \\
 & (22.8)TYPE^2 - (13.1)TYPE - (0.259)NF5 + (0.177)Y1 \dots (5.8)
 \end{aligned}$$

The Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) of the model is given in Table 5.19.

TABLE 5.19: ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE FOR THE REGRESSION MODEL

SOURCE	DF	SS	MS	F	P
REGRESSION	11	2283.90	207.63	148.63	0.000
RESIDUAL ERROR	2780	3883.45	1.40		
TOTAL	2791	6167.35			

The sequential sum of squares was derived from the Minitab output and are shown in Table 5.20.

TABLE 5.20: SEQUENTIAL SUM OF SQUARES FOR THE REGRESSION MODEL

SOURCE	DF	SEQ SS
Y4	1	930.35
POP	1	531.15
Y3		199.96
CAR	1	179.22
POP^2	1	147.00
NF3	1	114.41
NF1	1	67.09
TYPE^2	1	8.09
TYPE	1	94.31
NF5	1	6.23
Y1	1	6.09

The R^2 value of the regression model was 37% and the adjusted R^2 value, which is expected to be less, was 36.8%. This means that 37% of the variations in $\ln X$ can be explained by the model given in equation (5.8). The normal probability plot in the top right of Figure 5.5 shows the normality of the residuals. The left top graph shows the residuals versus the fitted values which is not funnel shaped, curved or skewed. The histogram in the bottom left corner shows a bell-shaped curve of the distribution of the residuals that appears skewed while the bottom right graph of versus order shows how well the residuals are spread.

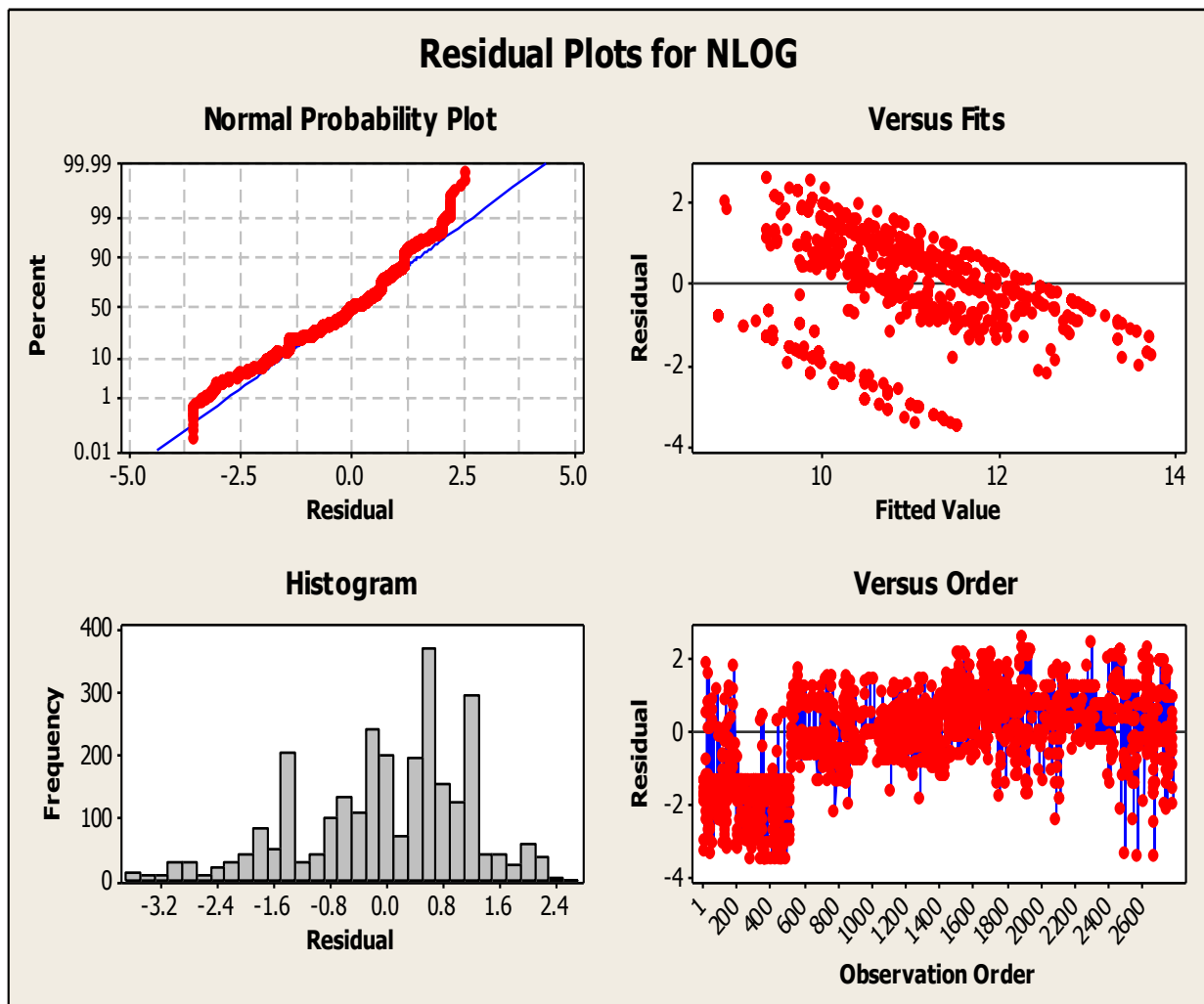


FIGURE 5.5: RESIDUAL PLOTS FOR THE NATURAL LOG MODEL

CUBE TRANSFORMATION

The cube transformation of the dependent variable can be expressed mathematically as shown in equation (5.9).

$$X' = X^3 \dots\dots\dots (5.9)$$

Stepwise regression was run to determine the significant variables in the data from which year 3 (Y3), population (POP), population square (POP²), nature of spill squared (CAR²), year 4 (Y4), natural factor three or spring (NF3), natural factor one or summer (NF1), incident type square (TYPE²) and incident type (TYPE) were found to be significant. Table 5.21 shows the coefficients and standard errors of the coefficients of the significant variables derived from the Minitab output.

TABLE 5.21: REGRESSION COEFFICIENT STATISTICS

PREDICTOR	COEF	SE COEF	T	P
CONSTANT	-1.20352E+16	1.69143E+15	-7.12	0.000
POP^2	78.80	10.45	7.54	0.000
Y4	1.83424E+15	8.89953E+13	20.61	0.000
DL	-9.52126E+12	2.22051E+12	-4.29	0.000
CAR	2.56399E+16	3.45785E+15	7.41	0.000
NF3	4.14705E+14	7.72497E+13	5.37	0.000
Y3	4.43070E+14	9.62009E+13	4.61	0.000
POP	378386637	103478598	3.66	0.000
NF4	-2.03896E+14	8.08632E+13	-2.52	0.012
DL^2	6055530581	2010020947	3.01	0.003
Y5	2.65404E+14	1.24020E+14	2.14	0.032
NF5	1.12417E+15	5.39927E+14	2.08	0.037

The correlation matrix for this model is shown in Table 5.22 and depict the relationships between variables.

TABLE 5.22: CORRELATION MATRIX FOR CUBIC MODEL

	X³	POP²	Y4	DL	CAR	NF3	Y3	POP	NF4	DL²	Y5
POP²	0.857										
Y4	0.298	0.110									
DL	-0.100	-0.049	0.156								
CAR	0.021	-0.073	0.071	-0.039							
NF3	0.048	-0.040	0.079	-0.107	0.006						
Y3	-0.091	-0.010	-0.535	-0.075	-0.036	-0.034					
POP	0.852	0.993	0.110	-0.032	-0.083	-0.049	-0.015				
NF4	0.003	0.052	-0.049	-0.097	-0.026	-0.332	0.028	0.058			
DL²	-0.084	-0.041	0.141	0.936	-0.042	-0.084	-0.074	-0.027	-0.076		
Y5	-0.049	0.017	-0.304	-0.059	-0.048	-0.062	-0.198	0.025	0.058	-0.047	
NF5	-0.096	-0.047	0.112	0.873	-0.005	-0.123	-0.044	-0.032	-0.111	0.684	-0.062

Equation (5.10) shows the prediction model for the cube of the associated health effects by way of the number of deaths based on the significant variables mentioned earlier.

$$\begin{aligned}
 X3 = & (-1.20E16) + (78.8)POP^2 + (1.83E15)Y4 - (9.52E12)DL + \\
 & (2.56E16)CAR + (4.15E14)NF3 + (4.43E14)Y3 + (3.78E08)POP - \\
 & (2.04E14)NF4 + (6.06E09)DL^2 + (2.65E14)Y5 + \\
 & (1.12E15)NF5.....(5.10)
 \end{aligned}$$

The Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) of the model is given in Table 5.23.

TABLE 5.23: ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE FOR THE REGRESSION MODEL

SOURCE	DF	SS	MS	F	P
REGRESSION	11	3.02805E+34	2.75277E+33	985.13	0.000
RESIDUAL ERROR	2780	7.76819E+33	2.79431E+30		
TOTAL	2791	3.80487E+34			

The sequential sum of squares was derived from the Minitab output and are shown in Table 5.24.

TABLE 5.24: SEQUENTIAL SUM OF SQUARES FOR THE REGRESSION MODEL

SOURCE	DF	SEQ SS
POP^2	1	2.79637E+34
Y4	1	1.59562E+33
DL	1	3.25533E+32
CAR	1	1.48079E+32
NF3	1	1.17340E+32
Y3	1	4.06772E+31
POP	1	3.48119E+31
NF4	1	1.62697E+31
DL^2	1	1.41904E+31
Y5	1	1.21153E+31
NF5	1	1.21134E+31

The R^2 value of the regression model was 79.6% and the adjusted R^2 value, which is expected to be less, was 79.5%. This means that 79.6% of the variations in X^3 can be explained by the model given in equation (5.10). The normal probability plot in the top right of Figure 5.6 shows the normality of the residuals. The left top graph shows the residuals versus the fitted values which is not funnel shaped, curved or skewed. The histogram in the bottom left corner shows a bell-shaped curve of the distribution of the residuals while the bottom right graph of versus order shows how well the residuals are spread.

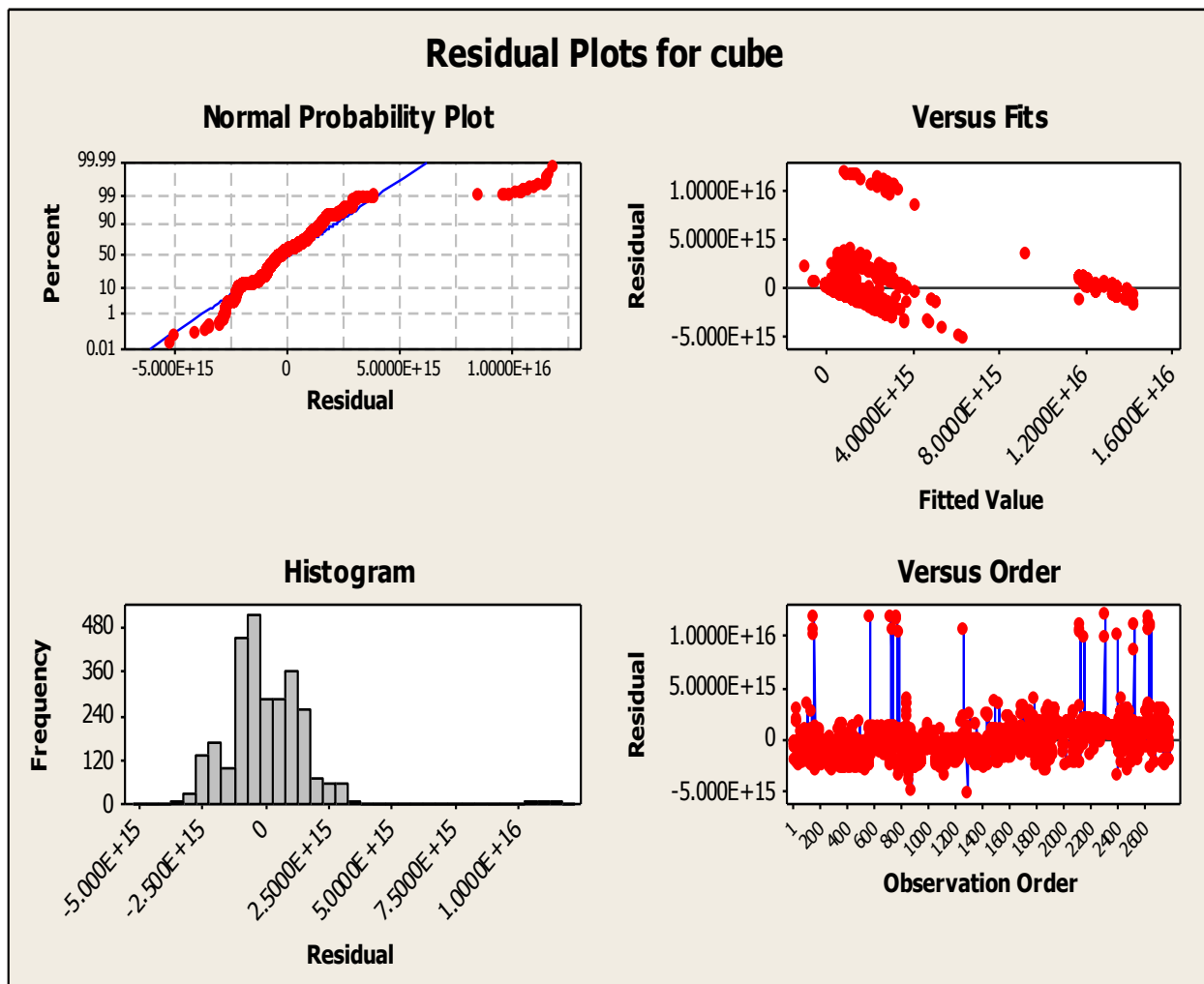


FIGURE 5.6: RESIDUAL PLOTS FOR THE CUBIC MODEL

CHAPTER 6

CONCLUSIONS

DISCUSSION

The model represents an overarching process that embraces risk assessment and safety management at all stages in the oil and gas industry for this particular organization. Transformation analysis on the model showed a significant improvement in the model interaction and parameters (Table 6.1). The cubed transformation analysis for the model showed that it obtained significant p-values for the factors used in the cubic model: POP² (0.000), Y4 (0.000), DL (0.000), CAR (0.000), NF3 (0.000), Y3 (0.000), POP (0.000), NF4 (0.012), DL² (0.003), Y5 (0.032) and NF5 (0.037). All the variables used in this transformational model are significant because the p-values obtained for each of them are less than $\alpha = 0.05$. Comparing the cube transformation analysis with the other transformation analyses indicates that the cubed transformation analysis gives the most valid model.

TABLE 6.1: STATISTICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF MODEL TRANSFORMATIONS

Transformation	Base Model	Square root	Inverse	Square	Natural Log	Cube
F-value	375.14	261.35	127.11	610.75	148.63	985.13
R² value	51.9%	42.9%	29.1%	68.7%	37%	79.6%
Normality	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes

This study further reinforces earlier studies carried out on the possibility of mathematical modeling (Haight, et al. 2001). From equation (5.10), potential significant factors that can be

affected by safety management include the incident delay and the nature of spill. Reducing these two controllable significant factors will eventually reduce the number of deaths occurring from incidents. This also aligns with a study that shows that relationship that exists between safety management activities or the lack thereof and incidents in the workplace (Iyer, et al. 2004).

LIMITATIONS OF STUDY

Complete information regarding each of the incidents is needed for comprehensive safety management and statistical modeling. The data collected lacked the magnitude of each occurrence and resulted in the generation of quantitative data points from qualitative information. The inclusion of the number of casualties per incident broken down into fatalities, non-fatal accidents, incidents resulting in days away from work, incidents resulting in job transfer and the economic cost of each incident will provide a better basis for quantitative analysis and mathematical modeling to suit safety management prevention techniques. Also functional dependencies between factors will be evident in the event of a broader data collection technique.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE WORK

More investigations should be carried out in a study to clearly indicate that, for complex or multiple-factored safety management analysis, the interaction effects are quite significant. Hence, isolating each factor and studying its direct effects on incidents will not be adequate. There is a wide range of opportunities presented by this company in applying this concept of modeling for future work in different safety areas specific to desired goals such as surveying or locating a plant to limit potential hazards. Opportunities for future work also exist in

incorporating the already designed factors into model building and investigating measures to determine how applicable a single model can be to all their strategic business units in the organization. With continual collection of data from different companies, future studies will result in a more generalized model that can be applicable to several companies within the oil and gas industry with a unique standard or common safety management factors. This may be achieved by building a computer program capable of restructuring the mathematical model by selecting a combination of variables. This research forms a strong base for future development in creating more generalized dynamic models. The current state of this study forms an empirical basis to support intuition.

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APPENDIX A: ORIGINAL MODEL

Correlations: DEATHS, POP, Y4, CAR^2, NF3, DL, NF1, POP^2, Y3

	DEATHS	POP	Y4	CAR^2	NF3	DL	NF1	POP^2
POP	0.589							
Y4	0.403	0.110						
CAR^2	0.127	-0.083	0.071					
NF3	0.126	-0.049	0.079	0.006				
DL	-0.090	-0.032	0.156	-0.039	-0.107			
NF1	0.037	0.045	-0.050	0.002	-0.295	-0.087		
POP^2	0.585	0.993	0.110	-0.073	-0.040	-0.049	0.037	
Y3	-0.220	-0.015	-0.535	-0.036	-0.034	-0.075	0.031	-0.010

Cell Contents: Pearson correlation

Stepwise Regression: Deaths by State versus CAR, CAR^2, ...

Alpha-to-Enter: 0.05 Alpha-to-Remove: 0.05

Response is Deaths by State on 18 predictors, with N = 2792

Step	1	2	3	4	5	6
Constant	79105	57757	-220671	-226848	-214960	-217707
POP	0.01595	0.01494	0.01531	0.01552	0.01534	0.01529
T-Value	38.54	39.54	41.23	42.37	42.25	42.24
P-Value	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Y4		49629	47849	46259	48971	49061
T-Value		24.56	24.11	23.59	24.86	24.98
P-Value		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
CAR^2			1169435	1174118	1128217	1127333
T-Value			11.03	11.25	10.91	10.94
P-Value			0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
NF3				20740	18601	21544
T-Value				9.50	8.54	9.46
P-Value				0.000	0.000	0.000
DL					-77.7	-72.6
T-Value					-7.85	-7.31
P-Value					0.000	0.000
NF1						10851
T-Value						4.26
P-Value						0.000
S	58220	52799	51692	50884	50339	50185
R-Sq	34.74	46.35	48.59	50.20	51.28	51.60
R-Sq (adj)	34.71	46.31	48.53	50.13	51.19	51.49
Step	7	8				
Constant	-225933	-223135				
POP	0.0253	0.0249				
T-Value	8.19	8.04				

P-Value	0.000	0.000
Y4	49206	46181
T-Value	25.09	19.95
P-Value	0.000	0.000
CAR^2	1154163	1154996
T-Value	11.18	11.20
P-Value	0.000	0.000
NF3	21764	21842
T-Value	9.57	9.61
P-Value	0.000	0.000
DL	-77	-77
T-Value	-7.71	-7.66
P-Value	0.000	0.000
NF1	10304	10382
T-Value	4.04	4.08
P-Value	0.000	0.000
POP^2	-0.00000	-0.00000
T-Value	-3.27	-3.10
P-Value	0.001	0.002
Y3		-6317
T-Value		-2.46
P-Value		0.014
S	50098	50052
R-Sq	51.78	51.89
R-Sq(adj)	51.66	51.75

Regression Analysis: Deaths by State versus POP, Y4, ...

The regression equation is

Deaths by State = - 223135 + 0.0249 POP + 46181 Y4 + 1154996 CAR^2 + 21842 NF3
 - 76.7 DL + 10382 NF1 - 0.000000 POP^2 - 6317 Y3

Predictor	Coef	SE Coef	T	P
Constant	-223135	24693	-9.04	0.000
POP	0.024869	0.003095	8.04	0.000
Y4	46181	2314	19.95	0.000
CAR^2	1154996	103146	11.20	0.000
NF3	21842	2273	9.61	0.000
DL	-76.69	10.01	-7.66	0.000
NF1	10382	2546	4.08	0.000
POP^2	-0.00000000	0.00000000	-3.10	0.002
Y3	-6317	2571	-2.46	0.014

S = 50052.4 R-Sq = 51.9% R-Sq(adj) = 51.7%

Analysis of Variance

Source	DF	SS	MS	F	P
Regression	8	7.51851E+12	9.39814E+11	375.14	0.000
Residual Error	2783	6.97209E+12	2505241605		
Total	2791	1.44906E+13			

Source	DF	Seq SS
POP	1	5.03356E+12
Y4	1	1.68212E+12
CAR^2	1	3.25127E+11
NF3	1	2.33675E+11
DL	1	1.56336E+11
NF1	1	45731374434
POP^2	1	26838489011
Y3	1	15119961051

APPENDIX B: SQUARE ROOT MODEL

Correlations: POP, Y4, CAR^2, NF3, Y3, POP^2, NF1, DL

	POP	Y4	CAR^2	NF3	Y3	POP^2	NF1
Y4	0.110 0.000						
CAR^2	-0.083 0.000	0.071 0.000					
NF3	-0.049 0.010	0.079 0.000	0.006 0.740				
Y3	-0.015 0.416	-0.535 0.000	-0.036 0.060	-0.034 0.068			
POP^2	0.993 0.000	0.110 0.000	-0.073 0.000	-0.040 0.032	-0.010 0.613		
NF1	0.045 0.018	-0.050 0.008	0.002 0.936	-0.295 0.000	0.031 0.103	0.037 0.053	
DL	-0.032 0.088	0.156 0.000	-0.039 0.041	-0.107 0.000	-0.075 0.000	-0.049 0.010	-0.087 0.000

Cell Contents: Pearson correlation
P-Value

Stepwise Regression: SQRTD versus CAR, CAR^2, ...

Alpha-to-Enter: 0.05 Alpha-to-Remove: 0.05

Response is SQRTD on 18 predictors, with N = 2792

Step	1	2	3	4	5	6
Constant	251.4	208.0	-382.9	-395.1	-379.8	-419.6
POP	0.00002	0.00002	0.00002	0.00002	0.00002	0.00007
T-Value	28.05	27.95	29.46	30.34	30.95	10.36
P-Value	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Y4		100.9	97.2	94.0	75.3	76.4
T-Value		23.71	23.24	22.71	15.51	15.85
P-Value		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
CAR^2			2482	2491	2503	2629
T-Value			11.11	11.31	11.47	12.09
P-Value			0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
NF3				41.1	41.5	43.6
T-Value				8.91	9.08	9.59
P-Value				0.000	0.000	0.000
Y3					-39.4	-37.1
T-Value					-7.23	-6.84
P-Value					0.000	0.000

POP^2						-0.00000
T-Value						-6.73
P-Value						0.000

S	122	111	109	107	106	106
R-Sq	21.99	35.08	37.83	39.55	40.66	41.61
R-Sq(adj)	21.97	35.03	37.76	39.46	40.56	41.49

Step	7	8
Constant	-423.6	-411.1

POP	0.00006	0.00007
T-Value	10.09	10.74
P-Value	0.000	0.000

Y4	77.0	81.0
T-Value	16.08	16.76
P-Value	0.000	0.000

CAR^2	2612	2564
T-Value	12.09	11.91
P-Value	0.000	0.000

NF3	51.7	48.1
T-Value	10.97	10.14
P-Value	0.000	0.000

Y3	-37.4	-36.7
T-Value	-6.93	-6.84
P-Value	0.000	0.000

POP^2	-0.00000	-0.00000
T-Value	-6.47	-7.17
P-Value	0.000	0.000

NF1	31.8	28.4
T-Value	6.01	5.34
P-Value	0.000	0.000

DL		-0.107
T-Value		-5.12
P-Value		0.000

S	105	104
R-Sq	42.36	42.90
R-Sq(adj)	42.22	42.73

Regression Analysis: SQRTD versus POP, Y4, ...

The regression equation is

$$\text{SQRTD} = -411 + 0.0000693 \text{ POP} + 81.0 \text{ Y4} + 2564 \text{ CAR}^2 + 48.1 \text{ NF3} - 36.7 \text{ Y3} \\ - 0.000000 \text{ POP}^2 + 28.4 \text{ NF1} - 0.107 \text{ DL}$$

Predictor	Coef	SE Coef	T	P
Constant	-411.09	51.55	-7.98	0.000
POP	0.00006938	0.00000646	10.74	0.000
Y4	80.981	4.831	16.76	0.000
CAR^2	2563.9	215.3	11.91	0.000
NF3	48.087	4.744	10.14	0.000
Y3	-36.686	5.367	-6.84	0.000

POP^2	-0.00000000	0.00000000	-7.17	0.000
NF1	28.355	5.314	5.34	0.000
DL	-0.10703	0.02090	-5.12	0.000

S = 104.481 R-Sq = 42.9% R-Sq(adj) = 42.7%

Analysis of Variance

Source	DF	SS	MS	F	P
Regression	8	22823907	2852988	261.35	0.000
Residual Error	2783	30379845	10916		
Total	2791	53203752			

Source	DF	Seq SS
POP	1	11701408
Y4	1	6959837
CAR^2	1	1464224
NF3	1	916686
Y3	1	591853
POP^2	1	505429
NF1	1	398317
DL	1	286153

APPENDIX C: INVERSE MODEL

Correlations: INV, Y3, POP, POP^2, CAR^2, Y4, NF3, NF1, TYPE^2, TYPE

	INV	Y3	POP	POP^2	CAR^2	Y4	NF3	NF1	TYPE^2
Y3	0.356								
POP	-0.190	-0.015							
POP^2	-0.166	-0.010	0.993						
CAR^2	-0.159	-0.036	-0.083	-0.073					
Y4	-0.322	-0.535	0.110	0.110	0.071				
NF3	-0.115	-0.034	-0.049	-0.040	0.006	0.079			
NF1	-0.075	0.031	0.045	0.037	0.002	-0.050	-0.295		
TYPE^2	-0.041	0.031	-0.025	-0.032	-0.039	-0.072	0.011	0.044	
TYPE	-0.013	0.034	-0.035	-0.042	-0.042	-0.069	0.009	0.035	0.986

Cell Contents: Pearson correlation

Stepwise Regression: death inverse versus CAR, CAR^2, ...

Alpha-to-Enter: 0.05 Alpha-to-Remove: 0.05

Response is death inverse on 18 predictors, with N = 2792

Step	1	2	3	4	5
Constant	0.00004723	0.00005655	0.00007090	0.00066985	0.00066379
Y3	0.00011	0.00010	0.00010	0.00010	0.00008
T-Value	20.14	20.38	20.24	20.18	12.98
P-Value	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
POP		-0.00000	-0.00000	-0.00000	-0.00000
T-Value		-10.67	-11.59	-12.81	-13.13
P-Value		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
POP^2			0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
T-Value			10.39	11.50	11.93
P-Value			0.000	0.000	0.000
CAR^2				-0.00250	-0.00237
T-Value				-10.69	-10.24
P-Value				0.000	0.000
Y4					-0.00004
T-Value					-7.91
P-Value					0.000
NF3					
T-Value					
P-Value					
S	0.000121	0.000118	0.000116	0.000114	0.000113
R-Sq	12.70	16.12	19.24	22.43	24.13
R-Sq(adj)	12.67	16.06	19.16	22.32	23.99
Step	6				
Constant	0.00067676				
Y3	0.00008				

T-Value 13.15
P-Value 0.000

POP -0.00000
T-Value -13.75
P-Value 0.000

POP^2 0.00000
T-Value 12.49
P-Value 0.000

CAR^2 -0.00239
T-Value -10.40
P-Value 0.000

Y4 -0.00004
T-Value -7.41
P-Value 0.000

NF3 -0.00003
T-Value -7.12
P-Value 0.000

S 0.000112
R-Sq 25.48
R-Sq(adj) 25.32

Step	7	8	9
Constant	0.0006814	0.0006910	0.0005390

Y3	0.00008	0.00008	0.00007
T-Value	13.31	13.32	13.10
P-Value	0.000	0.000	0.000

POP	-0.00000	-0.00000	-0.00000
T-Value	-13.48	-13.31	-13.79
P-Value	0.000	0.000	0.000

POP^2	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
T-Value	12.24	12.07	12.60
P-Value	0.000	0.000	0.000

CAR^2	-0.00237	-0.00240	-0.00235
T-Value	-10.40	-10.51	-10.45
P-Value	0.000	0.000	0.000

Y4	-0.00004	-0.00004	-0.00004
T-Value	-7.61	-7.80	-8.32
P-Value	0.000	0.000	0.000

NF3	-0.00004	-0.00004	-0.00004
T-Value	-8.78	-8.69	-8.53
P-Value	0.000	0.000	0.000

NF1	-0.00004	-0.00004	-0.00003
T-Value	-6.65	-6.51	-6.11
P-Value	0.000	0.000	0.000

TYPE^2		-0.00013	-0.00239
T-Value		-3.21	-9.75
P-Value		0.001	0.000

TYPE			0.00136
T-Value			9.34
P-Value			0.000

S	0.000111	0.000111	0.000109
R-Sq	26.65	26.92	29.14
R-Sq(adj)	26.46	26.71	28.91

Regression Analysis: death inverse versus Y3, POP, ...

The regression equation is

$$\begin{aligned} \text{death inverse} = & 0.000539 + 0.000073 \text{ Y3} - 0.000000 \text{ POP} + 0.000000 \text{ POP}^2 \\ & - 0.00235 \text{ CAR}^2 - 0.000041 \text{ Y4} - 0.000042 \text{ NF3} - 0.000034 \text{ NF1} \\ & - 0.00239 \text{ TYPE}^2 + 0.00136 \text{ TYPE} \end{aligned}$$

Predictor	Coef	SE Coef	T	P
Constant	0.00053902	0.00005619	9.59	0.000
Y3	0.00007339	0.00000560	13.10	0.000
POP	-0.00000000	0.00000000	-13.79	0.000
POP^2	0.00000000	0.00000000	12.60	0.000
CAR^2	-0.0023466	0.0002245	-10.45	0.000
Y4	-0.00004150	0.00000499	-8.32	0.000
NF3	-0.00004177	0.00000490	-8.53	0.000
NF1	-0.00003367	0.00000551	-6.11	0.000
TYPE^2	-0.0023864	0.0002448	-9.75	0.000
TYPE	0.0013634	0.0001460	9.34	0.000

S = 0.000108973 R-Sq = 29.1% R-Sq(adj) = 28.9%

Analysis of Variance

Source	DF	SS	MS	F	P
Regression	9	1.35854E-05	1.50949E-06	127.11	0.000
Residual Error	2782	3.30365E-05	1.18751E-08		
Total	2791	4.66219E-05			

Source	DF	Seq SS
Y3	1	5.91999E-06
POP	1	1.59554E-06
POP^2	1	1.45656E-06
CAR^2	1	1.48353E-06
Y4	1	7.93441E-07
NF3	1	6.31737E-07
NF1	1	5.43095E-07
TYPE^2	1	1.26449E-07
TYPE	1	1.03507E-06

APPENDIX D: SQUARED MODEL

Correlations: SQD, POP^2, Y4, DL, CAR, NF3, POP, NF4, Y1, DL^2, NF5

	SQD	POP^2	Y4	DL	CAR	NF3	POP	NF4	Y1
POP^2	0.760								
Y4	0.355	0.110							
DL	-0.110	-0.049	0.156						
CAR	0.069	-0.073	0.071	-0.039					
NF3	0.087	-0.040	0.079	-0.107	0.006				
POP	0.757	0.993	0.110	-0.032	-0.083	-0.049			
NF4	-0.021	0.052	-0.049	-0.097	-0.026	-0.332	0.058		
Y1	-0.193	-0.109	-0.339	-0.053	-0.003	-0.013	-0.106	-0.008	
DL^2	-0.093	-0.041	0.141	0.936	-0.042	-0.084	-0.027	-0.076	-0.048
NF5	-0.105	-0.047	0.112	0.873	-0.005	-0.123	-0.032	-0.111	-0.037
	DL^2								
NF5	0.684								

Cell Contents: Pearson correlation

Stepwise Regression: SQD versus CAR, CAR^2, ...

Alpha-to-Enter: 0.05 Alpha-to-Remove: 0.05

Response is SQD on 18 predictors, with N = 2792

Step	1	2	3	4	5
Constant	10471562129	6595757612	6707166527	-75918615851	-77399605269
POP^2	0.00047	0.00045	0.00044	0.00045	0.00045
T-Value	61.78	64.92	65.39	66.82	67.85
P-Value	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Y4		8929901114	9570180100	9286672261	8999905522
T-Value		24.37	26.31	25.79	25.11
P-Value		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
DL			-19845417	-18937928	-17206972
T-Value			-10.86	-10.49	-9.55
P-Value			0.000	0.000	0.000
CAR				169381242605	170898805271
T-Value				8.92	9.09
P-Value				0.000	0.000
NF3					3028562820
T-Value					7.65
P-Value					0.000
POP					
T-Value					
P-Value					
S	10542678997	9574115208	9379665531	9250165492	9156111976
R-Sq	57.77	65.19	66.60	67.53	68.19
R-Sq(adj)	57.76	65.16	66.56	67.48	68.14

Step	6
Constant	-81724138479
POP^2	0.00019
T-Value	3.40
P-Value	0.001
Y4	9012857803
T-Value	25.23
P-Value	0.000
DL	-18264011
T-Value	-10.09
P-Value	0.000
CAR	178666746643
T-Value	9.50
P-Value	0.000
NF3	3136368082
T-Value	7.94
P-Value	0.000
POP	2587
T-Value	4.60
P-Value	0.000
S	9123092275
R-Sq	68.43
R-Sq (adj)	68.37

Step	7	8	9	10
Constant	-80746469384	-80837467494	-81091262538	-79383922794
POP^2	0.00019	0.00018	0.00018	0.00017
T-Value	3.27	3.19	3.10	3.06
P-Value	0.001	0.001	0.002	0.002
Y4	9010516029	8701347031	8714384758	8795700809
T-Value	25.26	23.08	23.13	23.27
P-Value	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
DL	-18993623	-19035383	-29520169	-55598863
T-Value	-10.40	-10.43	-5.83	-4.61
P-Value	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
CAR	177449647168	178292669666	178927506462	175296315752
T-Value	9.45	9.50	9.54	9.32
P-Value	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
NF3	2738405044	2743019429	2681422850	2723800926
T-Value	6.53	6.54	6.39	6.49
P-Value	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
POP	2665	2699	2750	2771
T-Value	4.74	4.81	4.90	4.94
P-Value	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
NF4	-1223448714	-1246906213	-1309623572	-1261164266
T-Value	-2.79	-2.84	-2.98	-2.87
P-Value	0.005	0.005	0.003	0.004

Y1		-1408579643	-1414705309	-1426178288
T-Value		-2.52	-2.53	-2.55
P-Value		0.012	0.012	0.011
DL^2			15116	35458
T-Value			2.22	3.24
P-Value			0.027	0.001
NF5				6982752560
T-Value				2.38
P-Value				0.017
S	9112038618	9103330143	9096922941	9089310982
R-Sq	68.52	68.59	68.65	68.71
R-Sq (adj)	68.44	68.50	68.55	68.60

Regression Analysis: SQD versus POP^2, Y4, ...

The regression equation is

$$\begin{aligned} \text{SQD} = & -7.94\text{E}+10 + 0.000173 \text{ POP}^2 + 8.80\text{E}+09 \text{ Y4} - 55598863 \text{ DL} + 1.75\text{E}+11 \text{ CAR} \\ & + 2.72\text{E}+09 \text{ NF3} + 2771 \text{ POP} - 1.26\text{E}+09 \text{ NF4} - 1.43\text{E}+09 \text{ Y1} + 35458 \text{ DL}^2 \\ & + 6.98\text{E}+09 \text{ NF5} \end{aligned}$$

Predictor	Coef	SE Coef	T	P
Constant	-7.93839E+10	9188020292	-8.64	0.000
POP^2	0.00017329	0.00005668	3.06	0.002
Y4	8795700809	377992445	23.27	0.000
DL	-55598863	12072424	-4.61	0.000
CAR	1.75296E+11	18802592477	9.32	0.000
NF3	2723800926	419897223	6.49	0.000
POP	2770.9	561.0	4.94	0.000
NF4	-1261164266	439550190	-2.87	0.004
Y1	-1426178288	559068091	-2.55	0.011
DL^2	35458	10929	3.24	0.001
NF5	6982752560	2934656634	2.38	0.017

S = 9089310982 R-Sq = 68.7% R-Sq(adj) = 68.6%

Analysis of Variance

Source	DF	SS	MS	F	P
Regression	10	5.04571E+23	5.04571E+22	610.75	0.000
Residual Error	2781	2.29754E+23	8.26156E+19		
Total	2791	7.34324E+23			

Source	DF	Seq SS
POP^2	1	4.24221E+23
Y4	1	5.44531E+22
DL	1	1.03670E+22
CAR	1	6.81179E+21
NF3	1	4.90862E+21
POP	1	1.76479E+21
NF4	1	6.44387E+20
Y1	1	5.24491E+20
DL^2	1	4.07287E+20
NF5	1	4.67736E+20

APPENDIX E: NATURAL LOG MODEL

Correlations: NLOG, Y4, POP, Y3, CAR, POP^2, NF3, NF1, TYPE^2, TYPE, NF5, Y1

	NLOG	Y4	POP	Y3	CAR	POP^2	NF3	NF1	TYPE^2
Y4	0.388								
POP	0.334	0.110							
Y3	-0.347	-0.535	-0.015						
CAR	0.169	0.071	-0.083	-0.036					
POP^2	0.315	0.110	0.993	-0.010	-0.073				
NF3	0.135	0.079	-0.049	-0.034	0.006	-0.040			
NF1	0.067	-0.050	0.045	0.031	0.002	0.037	-0.295		
TYPE^2	0.015	-0.072	-0.025	0.031	-0.039	-0.032	0.011	0.044	
TYPE	-0.010	-0.069	-0.035	0.034	-0.042	-0.042	0.009	0.035	0.986
NF5	-0.019	0.112	-0.032	-0.044	-0.005	-0.047	-0.123	-0.099	-0.054
Y1	-0.033	-0.339	-0.106	-0.221	-0.003	-0.109	-0.013	0.076	0.018

	TYPE	NF5
NF5	-0.051	
Y1	0.018	-0.037

Cell Contents: Pearson correlation

Stepwise Regression: NLOG versus CAR, CAR^2, ...

Alpha-to-Enter: 0.05 Alpha-to-Remove: 0.05

Response is NLOG on 18 predictors, with N = 2792

Step	1	2	3	4	5	6
Constant	10.303	10.180	10.516	-2.876	-4.074	-4.307
Y4	1.160	1.063	0.720	0.675	0.697	0.660
T-Value	22.26	21.39	12.48	11.92	12.51	11.97
P-Value	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
POP		0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
T-Value		17.74	18.68	19.97	12.22	13.02
P-Value		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Y3			-0.725	-0.730	-0.689	-0.694
T-Value			-11.12	-11.43	-10.96	-11.18
P-Value			0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
CAR				27.5	29.6	29.8
T-Value				10.74	11.73	11.99
P-Value				0.000	0.000	0.000
POP^2					-0.00000	-0.00000
T-Value					-9.90	-10.62
P-Value					0.000	0.000
NF3						0.460
T-Value						8.85
P-Value						0.000
S	1.37	1.30	1.27	1.25	1.22	1.21

R-Sq	15.09	23.70	26.94	29.85	32.23	34.08
R-Sq(adj)	15.05	23.64	26.86	29.74	32.11	33.94

Step	7	8	9	10	11
Constant	-4.305	-4.427	-2.861	-2.832	-2.838
Y4	0.668	0.676	0.695	0.709	0.784
T-Value	12.21	12.34	12.84	13.01	12.03
P-Value	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
POP	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
T-Value	12.75	12.61	13.00	13.18	13.22
P-Value	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Y3	-0.698	-0.697	-0.675	-0.671	-0.596
T-Value	-11.34	-11.33	-11.10	-11.03	-8.45
P-Value	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
CAR	29.6	29.8	29.3	29.3	29.2
T-Value	12.00	12.08	12.03	12.02	11.98
P-Value	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
POP^2	-0.00000	-0.00000	-0.00000	-0.00000	-0.00000
T-Value	-10.35	-10.21	-10.64	-10.84	-10.87
P-Value	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
NF3	0.566	0.562	0.548	0.529	0.524
T-Value	10.51	10.44	10.31	9.83	9.72
P-Value	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
NF1	0.413	0.407	0.381	0.363	0.351
T-Value	6.83	6.73	6.37	6.00	5.78
P-Value	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
TYPE^2		1.05	22.58	22.56	22.75
T-Value		2.38	8.49	8.49	8.56
P-Value		0.018	0.000	0.000	0.000
TYPE			-13.0	-13.0	-13.1
T-Value			-8.21	-8.22	-8.29
P-Value			0.000	0.000	0.000
NF5				-0.25	-0.26
T-Value				-2.11	-2.17
P-Value				0.035	0.030
Y1					0.177
T-Value					2.09
P-Value					0.037
S	1.20	1.20	1.18	1.18	1.18
R-Sq	35.17	35.30	36.83	36.93	37.03
R-Sq(adj)	35.01	35.12	36.63	36.71	36.78

Regression Analysis: NLOG versus Y4, POP, ...

The regression equation is

$$\text{NLOG} = -2.84 + 0.784 \text{ Y4} + 0.000001 \text{ POP} - 0.596 \text{ Y3} + 29.2 \text{ CAR} - 0.000000 \text{ POP}^2 + 0.524 \text{ NF3} + 0.351 \text{ NF1} + 22.8 \text{ TYPE}^2 - 13.1 \text{ TYPE} - 0.259 \text{ NF5} + 0.177 \text{ Y1}$$

Predictor	Coef	SE Coef	T	P
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Constant	-2.838	1.206	-2.35	0.019
Y4	0.78392	0.06518	12.03	0.000
POP	0.00000097	0.00000007	13.22	0.000
Y3	-0.59596	0.07053	-8.45	0.000
CAR	29.174	2.436	11.98	0.000
POP^2	-0.00000000	0.00000000	-10.87	0.000
NF3	0.52389	0.05392	9.72	0.000
NF1	0.35083	0.06065	5.78	0.000
TYPE^2	22.750	2.657	8.56	0.000
TYPE	-13.137	1.585	-8.29	0.000
NF5	-0.2589	0.1194	-2.17	0.030
Y1	0.17655	0.08455	2.09	0.037

S = 1.18192 R-Sq = 37.0% R-Sq(adj) = 36.8%

Analysis of Variance

Source	DF	SS	MS	F	P
Regression	11	2283.90	207.63	148.63	0.000
Residual Error	2780	3883.45	1.40		
Total	2791	6167.35			

Source	DF	Seq SS
Y4	1	930.35
POP	1	531.15
Y3	1	199.96
CAR	1	179.22
POP^2	1	147.00
NF3	1	114.41
NF1	1	67.09
TYPE^2	1	8.09
TYPE	1	94.31
NF5	1	6.23
Y1	1	6.09

APPENDIX F: CUBIC MODEL

Correlations: CUBE, POP^2, Y4, DL, CAR, NF3, Y3, POP, NF4, DL^2, Y5, NF5

	CUBE	POP^2	Y4	DL	CAR	NF3	Y3	POP	NF4
POP^2	0.857								
Y4	0.298	0.110							
DL	-0.100	-0.049	0.156						
CAR	0.021	-0.073	0.071	-0.039					
NF3	0.048	-0.040	0.079	-0.107	0.006				
Y3	-0.091	-0.010	-0.535	-0.075	-0.036	-0.034			
POP	0.852	0.993	0.110	-0.032	-0.083	-0.049	-0.015		
NF4	0.003	0.052	-0.049	-0.097	-0.026	-0.332	0.028	0.058	
DL^2	-0.084	-0.041	0.141	0.936	-0.042	-0.084	-0.074	-0.027	-0.076
Y5	-0.049	0.017	-0.304	-0.059	-0.048	-0.062	-0.198	0.025	0.058
NF5	-0.096	-0.047	0.112	0.873	-0.005	-0.123	-0.044	-0.032	-0.111
	DL^2	Y5							
Y5	-0.047								
NF5	0.684	-0.062							

Cell Contents: Pearson correlation

Stepwise Regression: cube versus CAR, CAR^2, ...

Alpha-to-Enter: 0.05 Alpha-to-Remove: 0.05

Response is cube on 18 predictors, with N = 2792

Step	1	2	3
Constant	1496030715970441	832569683144713	852311676915360
POP^2	120.1	116.9	116.1
T-Value	87.96	92.74	93.63
P-Value	0.000	0.000	0.000
Y4	1528622351720234	1642081707290097	
T-Value		22.90	24.74
P-Value		0.000	0.000
DL		-3516667396001	
T-Value			-10.54
P-Value			0.000
CAR			
T-Value			
P-Value			
NF3			
T-Value			
P-Value			
Y3			
T-Value			
P-Value			
S	1901230228602616	1744666117751950	1711195323908276

R-Sq	73.49	77.69	78.54
R-Sq (adj)	73.49	77.67	78.52
Step	4	5	6
Constant	-11330067541113566	-11559046834509920	-11653935121384388
POP^2	116.8	117.3	117.0
T-Value	94.74	95.64	95.46
P-Value	0.000	0.000	0.000
Y4	1600281195272768	1555943508224480	1712450744967065
T-Value	24.24	23.61	22.07
P-Value	0.000	0.000	0.000
DL	-3382866892333	-3115239538563	-3135371304059
T-Value	-10.22	-9.40	-9.48
P-Value	0.000	0.000	0.000
CAR	24973639830427104	25208273800645388	25092734523320136
T-Value	7.18	7.29	7.28
P-Value	0.000	0.000	0.000
NF3		468253294827734	464317583720509
T-Value		6.43	6.39
P-Value		0.000	0.000
Y3			327007245969501
T-Value			3.80
P-Value			0.000
S	1695909173520878	1683752464906696	1679712630993364
R-Sq	78.93	79.24	79.35
R-Sq (adj)	78.90	79.20	79.30
Step	7	8	9
Constant	-12267727787273260	-12113076560122540	-12162341126628398
POP^2	80	79	78
T-Value	7.70	7.59	7.49
P-Value	0.000	0.000	0.000
Y4	1723028032353843	1723474267192902	1728466424645180
T-Value	22.23	22.26	22.33
P-Value	0.000	0.000	0.000
DL	-3285228458748	-3401321387405	-5359402261295
T-Value	-9.88	-10.13	-5.75
P-Value	0.000	0.000	0.000
CAR	26179261880830332	25985629978481532	26102787791976052
T-Value	7.58	7.53	7.57
P-Value	0.000	0.000	0.000
NF3	479266195900822	416013475625838	404453264279892
T-Value	6.60	5.39	5.24
P-Value	0.000	0.000	0.000
Y3	345299651049937	347008218089076	351824546130151
T-Value	4.01	4.03	4.09
P-Value	0.000	0.000	0.000
POP	363944003	376504341	386367242

T-Value	3.52	3.64	3.73
P-Value	0.000	0.000	0.000
NF4	-194409048925175	-206137457859803	
T-Value	-2.41	-2.55	
P-Value	0.016	0.011	
DL^2		2822402356	
T-Value		2.25	
P-Value		0.024	
Y5			
T-Value			
P-Value			
NF5			
T-Value			
P-Value			
S	1676288662036322	1674845445551365	1673623249417443
R-Sq	79.44	79.48	79.52
R-Sq (adj)	79.39	79.42	79.45
Step	10	11	
Constant	-12306784836561082	-12035247485366190	
POP^2	79	79	
T-Value	7.57	7.54	
P-Value	0.000	0.000	
Y4	1818918240516258	1834244556786756	
T-Value	20.50	20.61	
P-Value	0.000	0.000	
DL	-5324437076264	-9521263506398	
T-Value	-5.71	-4.29	
P-Value	0.000	0.000	
CAR	26222079561385660	25639927629524068	
T-Value	7.60	7.41	
P-Value	0.000	0.000	
NF3	407775533495627	414705493121544	
T-Value	5.28	5.37	
P-Value	0.000	0.000	
Y3	442026797824636	443070280167723	
T-Value	4.59	4.61	
P-Value	0.000	0.000	
POP	375440345	378386637	
T-Value	3.63	3.66	
P-Value	0.000	0.000	
NF4	-211588896240351	-203895793875382	
T-Value	-2.62	-2.52	
P-Value	0.009	0.012	
DL^2	2782504788	6055530581	
T-Value	2.22	3.01	
P-Value	0.026	0.003	
Y5	258135240970836	265404181632618	

T-Value	2.08	2.14
P-Value	0.038	0.032
NF5	1124167750780872	
T-Value	2.08	
P-Value	0.037	
S	1672622350863856	1671620331729146
R-Sq	79.55	79.58
R-Sq(adj)	79.48	79.50

Regression Analysis: cube versus POP^2, Y4, ...

The regression equation is

$$\begin{aligned} \text{cube} = & -1.20\text{E}+16 + 78.8 \text{ POP}^2 + 1.83\text{E}+15 \text{ Y4} - 9.52\text{E}+12 \text{ DL} + 2.56\text{E}+16 \text{ CAR} \\ & + 4.15\text{E}+14 \text{ NF3} + 4.43\text{E}+14 \text{ Y3} + 3.78\text{E}+08 \text{ POP} - 2.04\text{E}+14 \text{ NF4} \\ & + 6.06\text{E}+09 \text{ DL}^2 + 2.65\text{E}+14 \text{ Y5} + 1.12\text{E}+15 \text{ NF5} \end{aligned}$$

Predictor	Coef	SE Coef	T	P
Constant	-1.20352E+16	1.69143E+15	-7.12	0.000
POP^2	78.80	10.45	7.54	0.000
Y4	1.83424E+15	8.89953E+13	20.61	0.000
DL	-9.52126E+12	2.22051E+12	-4.29	0.000
CAR	2.56399E+16	3.45785E+15	7.41	0.000
NF3	4.14705E+14	7.72497E+13	5.37	0.000
Y3	4.43070E+14	9.62009E+13	4.61	0.000
POP	378386637	103478598	3.66	0.000
NF4	-2.03896E+14	8.08632E+13	-2.52	0.012
DL^2	6055530581	2010020947	3.01	0.003
Y5	2.65404E+14	1.24020E+14	2.14	0.032
NF5	1.12417E+15	5.39927E+14	2.08	0.037

S = 1.671620E+15 R-Sq = 79.6% R-Sq(adj) = 79.5%

Analysis of Variance

Source	DF	SS	MS	F	P
Regression	11	3.02805E+34	2.75277E+33	985.13	0.000
Residual Error	2780	7.76819E+33	2.79431E+30		
Total	2791	3.80487E+34			

Source	DF	Seq SS
POP^2	1	2.79637E+34
Y4	1	1.59562E+33
DL	1	3.25533E+32
CAR	1	1.48079E+32
NF3	1	1.17340E+32
Y3	1	4.06772E+31
POP	1	3.48119E+31
NF4	1	1.62697E+31
DL^2	1	1.41904E+31
Y5	1	1.21153E+31
NF5	1	1.21134E+31