The e-HFMP MCR Navigator Development for Main Control Room Improvement and an Evaluation

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1. Introduction

HFMP(Human Factor Management Program) is under development in order to apply the principal human engineering easily. And e-HFM is simultaneously developed together with HFMP. The e-HFMP is web-based and equivalent system for HFMP. It is including the functions of the issue tracking management, the design document management, MCR guideline navigator, and human engineering management. Especially the MCR Navigator function shows overview and each instrument of main control room without visiting plant MCR directly. Therefore it helps performing efficiently the various evaluations relating to the control room, operator's training, and design change.

2. The necessity of the Navigator for MCR improvement and an evaluation

Evaluating Main Control Room becomes the important work in view of safety of nuclear power plant. The evaluation must apply the human engineering guide accurately to MCR. But there are many instruments more than 3,000 in MCR. Therefore the frequent MCR entrance is inevitable for their detail evaluation and independence confirmation verification. This frequent entrance might bring about disturbance in plant operation and cause a problem in power plant security. Consequently the web based MCR Navigator is developed to solve this problem and for efficient evaluation.

3. Man Machine Interface and Evaluation Element of PSR(Periodic Safety Review)

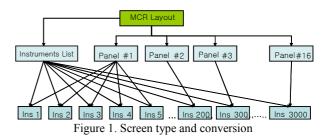
There are a lot of reasons to evaluate the MCR. They are the aging of instruments, change of the safety standard caused by advance of technology. According to the aging and obsolescence of the MCR's instruments or the new human engineering standard, the reappraisal of instruments is necessary. Therefore the periodic safety review is required consequently even in the human engineering field. The control panels which the human engineering principal must be applied to could be the main control panel, remote shutdown panel, safety parameter display system and local panel.

The human engineering evaluation is mainly carried out to confirm and verify the indicator or controller of control panel visually. But it will not be able to evaluate immediately from site MCR because the indicators or the controllers are too many and the memory of the person is limited. Consequently it is essential to take the photograph.

The Navigator will be used to enhance evaluating detail instruments of the MCR panel. And it will show the MCR's layout sketch, unit panels, and detail instruments by providing the same format page as the plant site.

4. Development Procedure of e-HFMP Navigator

The Navigator is composed of about 3000 screens which are constructed with hierarchy. The whole layout screen is located in top class and the detail instrument screen is located in subordinate class.



After reviewing the corresponding MCR layout drawing, it must be photographed with the whole screen of the MCR, the whole screen of the specific control panel and the set of specific instruments in order.

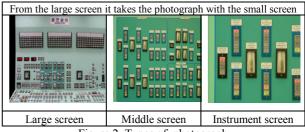
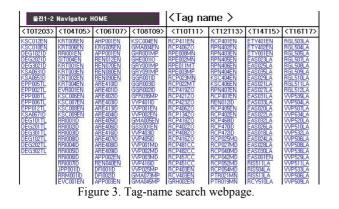


Figure 2. Types of photograph

The whole screen of the specific control panel must be made panorama screen. And the detail instrument screen must be made by cutting the adjacent photographing screens. The file size of the instrument screen must be optimized in order to be used for web traffic.

And the MCR arrangement screen is to be linked to panorama picture and then the panorama picture is to be linked the detail instruments by using image-mapping function.

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The specific instrument can be also searched by using tag-name. The tag-name is linked to detail picture name. And instrument's name by list structure is created because many instruments can be appeared in a detail picture.

5. e-HFMP Navigator Structure

The Navigator is consisted of whole picture and unit instrument picture. The whole picture is used for evaluating the arrangement controller, and the unit instrument picture is used for evaluating attribute of individual controller and indicator.

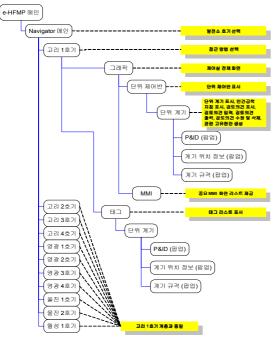


Figure 4. e-HFMP Navigator Structure

Figure 4 is Navigator's hierarchical structure in e-HFMP. The contents of MCR navigator contains pictures, and documents such as P&ID, and review contents, and guidelines.

If a control board is clicked in Navigator, the panorama picture of each control board is showed as Fig 5. All instruments have unique linker through imagemapping.



Figure 5. Navigator Panorama picture

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Figure 6. Opinion registration window

The detail screen window for unit instrument is appeared as Fig.6. The window is divided into several regions. Human engineering guideline for the selected device appears in one of the section. Therefore any person can register easily reviewed opinion about instrument on this window. Furthermore, P&ID drawing and control logic for the instrument is available.

The registered review comments for instruments may be solved by engineers or can be transformed into the human engineering issue. These human engineering issues are managed through the issue tracking module in e-HFMP.

6. Conclusion and examination

Evaluating Main Control Room is the important task. However plant's entrance becomes difficult day after day because plant's security is strengthened. Therefore the MCR Navigator was developed in order to review and evaluate MCR's instruments in time without visiting power plant's MCR. It is accessible everywhere on web.

The Navigators for kori-unit-1, wolsung-unit-1, uljinunit-12 have been developed and the other power plant will be developed as soon as plant's picture is available.

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