PROBABILITY STUDY OF AN AIRPLANE CRASH ON THE KARTINI REACTOR SITE AREA

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ABSTRACT

The probability study of an airplane crash at the Kartini Reactor site has carried out. The study objective is to determine the probability of an airplane crash coming from airports around the Kartini Reactor site to the Kartini Reactor Site. This study carried out in several steps, namely identification of airports around the Kartini Reactor site, initial screening using SDV values (10 km for the small airport and 16 km for the large airport), probability calculation of airplane crash at Kartini Reactor site and comparing the calculation result with applicable regulations. Based on the identification results, there are four airports or runways around the Kartini Reactor site, they are Adi Sutjipto Airport, Adi Sumarmo Airport, Depok Runway, and Yogyakarta International Airport where the distance from the airport to the place between 2.26 - 48.23 km. After screening using SDV value, only Adi Sutjipto Airport is inside the SDV radius of Kartini Reactor, so the probability of airplane crash from Adi Sutjipto Airport calculated about $3.769 \times 10^{-8}$ events/year is. This value is under the provisions in BAPETEN Regulation No. 4 of 2018 about a maximum of $10^{-7}$ events/year, so it can be concluded that Kartini Reactor is safe from the possibility of an airplane crash.

Key words: airplane crash, kartini reactor, probability

INTRODUCTION

An airplane crash on a nuclear reactor site is one of the external human-induced events that must consider ensuring nuclear reactor operations work safely [1]. An airplane crash on the nuclear reactor site can cause potential hazards like aircraft collision to the nuclear reactor structures or thermal effect and excess pressure caused by burning fuel from
the aircraft. It can damage nuclear reactor structures and causing the release of radioactive substances into the environment [3].

The potential of an airplane crash on the nuclear installation site could be due to the site location is near the airport or airport flight corridor, and also could be due to the site location is inside airplane flight lane [3,4]. Kartini Reactor is not too far from several airports, for example, Adi Sutjipto Airport that located only about 2.2 km from Kartini Reactor [5]. Because of this high potential hazard, if the airplane crash on the Kartini Reactor site, this paper is discussing the probability of airplane crash from several airports around the Kartini Reactor site into the Kartini Reactor site.

**Evaluation Steps of Airplane Crash Probability**

Nuclear installation site evaluation steps for human-induced event based on Indonesia National Nuclear Energy Regulatory Agency (BAPETEN) Regulation No. 4/2018:
1. Collecting data and information about potential sources.
2. Evaluating hazards from the potential source.
3. Determining basic design parameters.

In this paper, to determine the probability of airplane crash on the Kartini Reactor site, only two steps that discussed, that are collecting data and information about the potential source and evaluating hazard from the potential source. The potential sources that considered are airports around the Kartini Reactor site, and the risk from potential sources is the danger of an airplane crash on the Kartini Reactor site.

For more details, steps to determine the occurrence probability of initiating event (airplane crash) based on BAPETEN Regulation No. 4/2018 shown in Fig. 1. Screening distance value (SDV) in BAPETEN Regulation No. 4/2018 defined as the distance from the facility for screening potential hazard sources of a negligible external event [1]. In this paper, the facility referred to Kartini Reactor, and the intended external hazard source is flight activity from the airports around Kartini Reactor. BAPETEN Regulation No. 4/2018 does not determine SDV value for airports. Still, in the IAEA Safety Series NS-G-3 document, there is an example of SDV that used for small airports is 10 km, and SDV for large (international) airports is 16 km [1,4,6]. If the distance between the airport and the site is outside that radius, then the external hazard potential from the airport does not need to be taken into account [1,6].

If the airport is within the SDV radius, it is necessary to determine the probability of initiating event occurrence (airplane crash) on the reactor site. If the likelihood of initiating event occurrence is below 10⁻⁷, there is no need to do further analysis. However, if the probability of initiating event occurrence exceeds 10⁻⁷, then it is necessary to determine the likelihood of interacting event [1,6,7]. In BAPETEN Regulation No. 4/2018, interacting events defined as events or a series of related events, where its interactions with nuclear installations can reduce the safety level of the site’s personnel or items essential for safety [1].

**Air corridor and aviation operations safety zone**

Air corridor defined as particular airspace where an airplane must always fly inside this flight path while crossing an area. Air corridor can be a navigation aid for pilots to get off track when conditions are complicated, but the pilot must still fly inside a particular air corridor. One of the air corridors in airport flight operations that used to ensure flight safety is the Aviation Operations Safety Zone (AOSZ) [4]. Indonesian Law No. 1 of 2009 concerning Aviation defines AOSZ as land area and/or waters and airspace around airports that used for flight operations to ensure flight safety [8].

AOSZ region boundaries are described more detail in Minister of Transportation Regulation No. Km 44 of 2005 and Indonesian National Standard (SNI) No. 03-7112-2005 concerning Aviation Operational Safety Areas. The outermost boundaries of AOSZ that determined in those regulations are areas below the outer horizontal surface, i.e., as far as a radius of 15,000 meters from the airport runway. The area under smooth outside surface itself in SNI 03-7112-2005 defined as a flat field around the airport for safety and efficiency of flight operations purpose when
aircraft approaches for landing and movement after take-off or change in the event of a landing failure [9, 10].

![Flow diagram of steps to determine the occurrence probability of initiating event (airplane crash)](image)

**Airplane crash possibility**

Airplane crash possibility (PFA) inside flight corridor can be calculated using Eq. 1 [4,7] with $C$ is the in-flight crash rate per mile for airplane using airway, $N$ is the number of flights per year along the airway, $A$ is active site area (square mile), and $W$ is the width of the airway or plus twice the distance from the airway edge to the site when the site is outside the airway (miles).

$$P_{FA} = C \times N \times A / W$$

In-flight crash rate per mile ($C$) use plane crash rate per km in Indonesia about $5.4 \times 10^{-9}$ crash/plane-km or $8.7 \times 10^{-9}$ crash/plane-mile [3].

**METHODOLOGY**

This study carried out in several steps among January-May 2019. The first is data collection. Primary data consist of site distance to the airport around the site and data of Kartini Reactor site active area. Secondary data consist of the number of flights at the airport per year and the area of airport air corridor.

The second step creates a map of the site location and the airport around the site. Then do preliminary screening based on SDV and distance between the site and the airport. The last one calculates the possibility of the
airplane crash in the Kartini Reactor site using Eq. 1 and compares the calculation results with applicable regulations. Secondary data obtained from the Indonesian Central Statistics Agency data, and also refer to the Indonesian National Standards.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Identification of airports around the Kartini Reactor site

Based on the identification results, within a radius of 50 km from the Kartini Reactor site, there are four airports/runways around the Kartini Reactor site. They are Adi Sutjipto Airport, Adi Sumarmo Airport and Depok Runway, and Yogyakarta International Airport (YIA).

Adisutjipto Airport is located in Sleman Regency, Special Region of Yogyakarta. Now Adisutjipto Airport is used for military bases, domestic civil aviation and international civil aviation. So that Adisutjipto Airport is categorized into a large airport. Then Adi Sumarmo Airport is an airport used for military bases, domestic civil aviation and international civil aviation. So that Adi Sumarmo Airport which located in Boyolali Regency, Central Java, is categorized as a large airport.

Depok runway now only is used for small aircraft flights and also used for the activities of the Indonesian Aero Sports Federation (FASI). So, Depok runway is categorized as a small airport.

The Yogyakarta International Airport (YIA) is an airport which is partly still under construction but has begun operating one flight per day. The airport is located in Kulon Progo Regency, Special Region of Yogyakarta. The airport is planned to serve domestic and international flights, so it is categorized into large airports. YIA Airport is expected to be fully operational by early 2020 [11].

Airport mapping around the Kartini Reactor site and preliminary screening using SDV

Mapping existing airports around the Kartini Reactor site based on the identification result is shown in Fig. 2.

Screening distance data for each airport with SDV values are presented in Table 1. Based on the map in Fig. 2 and the screening data in Table 1, it is known that the Adi Sutjipto Airport is within the radius of the Kartini Reactor SDV, and three other airports are outside the radius of the Kartini Reactor SDV. BAPETEN Regulation No. 4/2018 and
IAEA Safety Guide No. NS-G-3.1, the possibility of an airplane from Adi Sutjipto Airport crash on the Kartini reactor site must be calculated. In contrast, the option of airplane crash from three other airports can be ignored.

### Calculation of airplane crash probability

Probability of an airplane crash from Adi Sutjipto Airport on the Kartini Reactor site can be calculated using Eq. 1, with data that is shown in Table 2.

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