

Recovery Programme Review Checklist

Test whether a contractor's recovery programme is credible before you accept it as the new plan — because a cosmetic one just buries the slippage.

Who it's for: Employer / PMC project controls, planners and PMs reviewing a recovery submission.

When to use it: When a contractor issues a recovery or acceleration programme.

Areas: Logic & sequencing · Durations & method · Resources · Constraints & calendars · Critical path & float · Achievability

- ☐ Has logic been relaxed to make the date (FS → SS, overlaps that can't physically overlap)?
- ☐ Are there negative lags or leads introduced purely to compress the path?
- ☐ Does the recovered sequence still make engineering sense?
- ☐ Where durations are shortened, is there a method statement or basis behind the change?
- ☐ Has anything real changed (crew, shift, plant) to justify a shorter duration?
- ☐ Is the resource histogram behind the recovery achievable — and ever achieved on this job?
- ☐ Are the assumed labour, plant and long-lead materials actually secured?
- ☐ Is the recovery date held by real logic, or by a constraint on the completion milestone?
- ☐ Do added weekend/night calendars reflect real, resourced, permitted working?
- ☐ Does the recovered critical path make sense, or now run through improbable activities?
- ☐ Has all float been stripped, leaving no room for the next problem?
- ☐ Is there evidence this rate of recovery is achievable, given actuals to date?
- ☐ Does the recovery assume a higher productivity than was achieved when things were going well?

Scope. Generic professional template for educational use — adapt to your contract and programme; contains no confidential or employer-specific material and is not contractual or legal advice. © 2026 Rishi Javeri · rishijaveri.com — free to use with attribution.