



# IT'S A GAR-RRRRRRR!



## What it IS...

It is a Green-Amber-Red (GAR) style risk assessment for Base Managers to use daily to create awareness of any issues and needs through conversation. It's designed to be easily understood and applicable to all bases.

## What it IS NOT...

It is not a solution or problem-solving formula. It will not solve your problems or give you the answers. It allows for conversations to happen and for problems and solutions to be discussed and approved by the Base Manager.

## How do I use it?

The objective is to create awareness of risk levels on a day-to-day basis. To create this awareness, daily risk factors have been identified that should be evaluated individually and then discussed as a group. It should be initiated by a supervisor, preferably the Base Manager, and then discussed with the tanker base staff. It is suggested that the Base Manager, RAMP, ATIM, MXMS and others in training positions have an active role.

Each member will discuss which level they personally think the base is at within each risk category and assign it a rating of 1 (Low), 2 (Medium) or 3 (High). The Base Manager will determine the final risk level per category. If a category is between two risk levels, it is suggested to use the higher risk level. When all the risks are assessed, the total value triggers a **SUGGESTED ACTION**. Remember, the objective is to create awareness through conversation. This will ensure that that all risks that could impact operations are identified.

## Suggested Actions:

They are just that...suggestions. The three suggested actions are as follows:

**Low:** Base personnel complete their daily review of the base and ramp prior to operations.

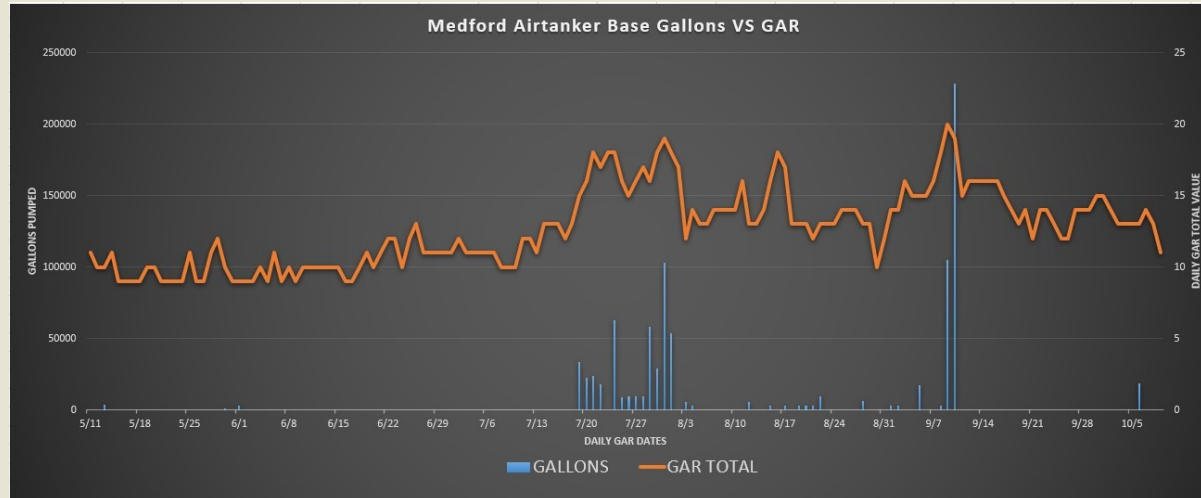
**Medium:** Base Manager reviews conditions with airtanker base personnel prior to operations.

**High:** Base Manager will notify the local FAO/UAM or Duty Officer of conditions and potential delayed response until conditions improve.



## How often do I do one?

As many times as a Base Manager thinks. This is designed as a Daily Risk Assessment and the objective is to create awareness through conversation. Medford Airtanker Base found that there was a correlation between how high their GAR rating was in the morning and how busy the base got that day (see chart below). They found that it was good data to have to anticipate daily needs.



## Are pilots and crews involved?

The GAR is not designed for pilots or crews. They have a separate risk assessment that covers flight operations. This GAR focuses solely on operations at the tanker base.

However, it is suggested that the GAR findings be presented at the daily tanker base operations briefing. If there are items that could impact operations at the tanker base, it would be beneficial to share them with everyone.

## When is the GAR done and how long does it take?

The GAR is best completed before the morning briefing. Completing the GAR could last between 5-10 minutes, depending on the conversation and potential risks for the day. The Base Manager facilitates the conversation and will determine how much time is needed on each risk factor.

