

# The "Pilot Purgatory" Survival Guide

A SATIRICAL FIELD MANUAL FOR THE INDUSTRIAL C-SUITE

You've seen them. In the dark corners of the facility, past the breakroom, lie the rusted remains of "The Next Big Thing." Sensors that don't sense. Hubs that don't connect. Dashboards that only show 404 errors. This is **Pilot Purgatory**—the place where \$2M innovation budgets go to become \$20M cautionary tales.

If your CTO is currently trapped in a 36-month "feasibility study" for a lightbulb, this manual is for you. We offer a 10-step program to rescue your organization from the Infinite Trial Loop and actually get a machine to talk to a cloud without a 4-hour reboot.

## Innovation Graveyards

Where promising AI prototypes go to die a slow death by PowerPoint.

## The Real Cost

\$2M innovation budgets routinely ballooning into \$20M cautionary tales.

## The Cure

Industrial Engineering—not "trying" things. Powered by **TECHNEXIST™**.

# The 10-Step Rescue Program

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Escaping Pilot Purgatory requires discipline, honesty, and the willingness to stop flying the Board to Silicon Valley to watch robots flip burgers. Here is the full program.

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## Admit You Have a "Silo" Problem

If your Data Scientist and Head of Maintenance haven't spoken since the 2019 holiday party, your pilot is already dead. Use the **NEXORA™ Framework** to force alignment on what a "successful test" actually looks like.

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## Stop "Innovation Tourism"

Back on the floor, **INSIGHTEGE™** solves real problems—like why Line 4 breaks every time it rains.

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## The "PowerPoint" Quarantine

For every 50 slides about the "Vision," 1 actual machine must be connected to the cloud. If the deck is heavier than the hardware, you're in Purgatory.

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## Check for "Digital Ghosting"

If your predictive maintenance tool says a machine is fine while it's literally on fire, you need the **FortisIntel™** logic check.

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## Beware the "Dashboard Addiction"

If managers spend 4 hours a day looking at charts instead of fixing the line, you've created a digital art gallery. **PeakFlow OS™** turns data into work, not wallpaper.

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## The 4-Hour Reboot Rule

If it takes longer to restart your "Smart System" than to bake a sourdough loaf, it's not smart. **TECHNEXIST™** engineering ensures your tech stack is as rugged as your floor-staff.

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## Kill the "Zombie Pilots"

If a project has been "in trial" longer than the average lifespan of a golden retriever, take it behind the barn. Reallocate capital using **IBP Fusion™** toward something that actually scales.

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## Verify the "Cloud" is Not Just a Fog

Many pilots fail because data goes to "The Cloud" and never comes back. The **NEXORA™** bridge ensures a two-way street: data goes up, decisions come down.

# The Survival Insight

FORTIS & PEAK

"Drop the PowerPoint. Pick up the wrench."

At Fortis & Peak, we don't believe in "trying" things. We believe in **Industrial Engineering**. We don't just give you a "Pilot"—we give you the **TECHNEXIST™** engine to drive it all the way to the bank. The graveyard is full of good intentions and 400-slide decks. The factory floor rewards execution.

## Are You Ready to Escape?

Stop the Infinite Trial Loop. Stop the Innovation Tourism. Stop feeding the Dashboard Addiction. The 10-step program exists because every one of these failure modes is real—and every one of them is fixable.



### TECHNEXIST™

Rugged engineering for the real factory floor—not the demo room.



### FINANCE 360™

Prove real dollar savings—not theoretical efficiency—to your CFO.

## Where Engineering Meets Ingenuity

Fortis & Peak delivers the frameworks, the technology, and the hard-nosed engineering discipline to turn your most expensive cautionary tale into your most profitable case study.

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### NEXORA™ Framework

Vendor-agnostic alignment and a true two-way cloud bridge.



### Execution Sync Layer

Turn a single-machine pilot win into enterprise-wide rhythm.

