

Tips on the Memo

Two things to keep in mind:

1. There are three sites but decisions about them are *not independent*
=> The solution should be based on a *single decision tree*
2. The decision involves both *uncertainty* and *long periods of time*
=> Handle by using a decision tree with *cash flows as payoffs*
=> Results will be expected NPVs

Example problem:

$$r = 5\%$$

Policy A:

Cost \$2M in 0

Benefit \$10 in year 5

Policy B:

Cost \$5M in year 5

Benefit Uncertain

State	Probability	Benefits
Succeeds (S)	20%	\$4M/year forever starting in year 6
Fails (F)	80%	0

Diagram:

