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## **Infrastructure Projects Track Delivery Significant Incident Alert**

### **Engineering Train collision at Long Ashes near Penrith**

**For the attention of those involved with the planning and delivery of projects involving Engineering Trains**

#### **Background:**

At approx 14-00 on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January an engineering train travelling in a possession collided with the rear of a stationary engineering train on the up main at Long Ashes near Penrith on the West Coast mainline,

There has been substantial damage to the track and to both trains resulting in the temporary closure of the WCML whilst repairs are conducted. The driver of the rear train is understood to have jumped clear of the train just prior to impact, and in doing so, sustained injuries and as such is receiving medical attention.

There is a full investigation underway and any lessons learnt will be briefed out in due course



#### **Action Required by all persons affected:**

Brief the contents of this alert to their teams as a reminder of the dangers of working with Engineers Trains and the need to have a robust safe system of work in place to manage the risks

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