



S&S Track Renewals safety Alert No.08

Dealing with Asbestos

This bulletin is for the attention of: **All delivery staff, internal and suppliers**

Background

Last weekend at our Sydenham S&C renewals site, a redundant cross-track pipe was removed from the ground and the pieces were loaded into wagons with the spent ballast (picture above). Whilst discharging the wagons at the Eastleigh depot, the NSC operators identified the pipes as being asbestos based products. The wagons were quarantined and will be sent to the special facilities at Crewe to be treated as contaminated waste.



Actions Required

For all work on Network Rail Managed Infrastructure (track, signalling, ETE, OLE or civils), whether in buildings, line-side or on or near the line:

- Check the pre-construction information provided by Network Rail (request data from the asbestos register if not provided)
- Check soil/ballast analysis results
- Carry out a pre-site visit to identify presence of asbestos
- If asbestos has been identified or it is likely that some will be found during the works, put in place control measures manage the work in compliance with the asbestos regulations (note: you will need to determine if a licensed company is required for the work)
- However always try to prevent disturbing or damaging material containing asbestos
- Have a Waste Management Plan in place for your site

When asbestos is discovered during the works:

- Do not disturb it
- If the it has been disturbed, do not move the material and prevent spreading the asbestos fibres
- Put in place an exclusion zone around the asbestos material and the contaminated area
- Call out our **approved rapid response supplier**:

Braemar-Howells
Chris Marshall: Tel: 07778 521 296

Also:

- Segregate different types of waste loaded in wagons
- Try minimising the number of wagons loaded with contaminated material
- Label the wagons adequately for hazardous waste



Reference documents:

- **C4-002:** Asbestos
- <http://www.hse.gov.uk/asbestos/>

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