

Possession irregularity - work involving engineering moves and level crossings

Issued to: All Network Rail line managers, safety professionals and RISQS registered contractors

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Overview

A serious incident occurred within an Engineering worksite when an engineering train passed over a level crossing with the barriers in the raised position.

As works had been completed with the train, it was being taken from the site of work to the exit marker boards and approached the level crossing.

The move between the site of work and the worksite marker boards was made with the Engineering Supervisor's permission although the control of the movement was delegated to a competent person.

Although the barriers were not lowered the warning lights and yodells still operated and provided a warning of the move.

The level crossing was planned to be taken under local control as required during the possession although on this occasion it was not.

Neither the Engineering Supervisor nor the Competent Person made reference to the level crossing and therefore the driver was proceeding as instructed.

Discussion Points

While we are investigating the incident please discuss the following with your team:

- When in the planning process do we identify the need to have level crossings on local control?
- How do we ensure that there is sufficient resource, in particular specific competencies such as Level Crossing Attendants, in the plan and available on site?
- How are all key staff aware of the Rule Book procedures regarding the duties of a level crossing attendant?
- How are staff authorising train movements reminded of the location and arrangements at level crossings within a worksite?

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