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Network Rail Safety Bulletin

Fatal Road Traffic Accident – Borders Railway

For the attention of all railway staff

Background:

It is with great sadness that we inform you of a road traffic accident which occurred on Thursday 1 May resulting in the death of one of our colleagues, a 54 year old employee of BAM Nuttall working on the Borders Project.



The colleague who died was driving a tractor and trailer travelling South on a straight section of the public highway (the A7) just North of Galashiels. The Borders Project has a significant usage of the A7, as it runs parallel to the new railway line.

A lorry, unconnected to the project, hit the back of the trailer. The tractor driver was injured and subsequently reported deceased at the scene.

Police are investigating the circumstances and until they issue their findings it would be wrong to speculate on cause.

Immediate action required by all persons affected:

We should all take time to ask the following questions and take appropriate action.

- Have you recently assessed the road worthiness of your vehicles and trailers and evaluated the risk of using them on the public highway?
- Do you make sure you are visible with lights and beacons on at all times?
- Do you check that equipment including seatbelts are working and used? Do you report any defects immediately?
- Have you recently reviewed the suitability of site access and haul roads that interact with public highways?