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Message: For the attention of all Contractors

Preventing Points Run Through (PRT) in Possessions.

There have been a considerable number of points run through events over the last 12 months on Network Rail infrastructure. Each event has caused significant damage to the asset and potential injury to staff. We believe damage to asset is a clear precursor to injury to persons, and illustrates a failure of the risk control systems.

Immediate action

As an immediate tactical response, Network Rail has taken the decision to mandate the implementation of additional controls for the movement of OTMs and OTPs within worksites. The additional control shall include the deployment of Til' Dawn Lamps (TDL) where there are movements planned over switches and crossings (S&C). The process is mandated for all Network Rail employees and contractors.

The current process for industry to use as an instruction is attached; document reference "Good Practice Guide – Reduction of Points Run Through in Worksites using the Til' Dawn Lamp Process" Issue 02, 21st February 2017

You are required to immediately plan in the use of TDLs, with a compliance date of 28th April 2017.

Next steps

The attached good practice guide will be included as part of the planning process in the forthcoming standards NR/L2/NDS/202 and NR/L3/OCS/303. The process is also due to be developed into a stand-alone company standard.

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Rupert Lown', written over a horizontal line.

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