November 2014

Fatalities
There were no passenger or workforce accidental fatalities during November. There were 2 public accidental fatalities:

On 3 November, a member of public trespassing on the running line was struck by a passenger train near Corkerhill (Scotland).

On 4 November, a pedestrian was struck by a passenger train at Sandhill automatic half barrier level crossing (Anglia).

There were 19 suspected suicides during November 2014. The average monthly figure over the past 12 months has been 24.4. Suicide figures are subject to change as more information (such as coroners' verdicts) is made available.

Reportable train accidents: collisions, derailments and trains striking road vehicles

On 13 November, a passenger train struck a lorry at Downham By-pass automatic half barrier level crossing (Anglia). There were no reported injuries.

On 13 November, a freight train derailed when leaving Ashburys yard (London North West). There were no reported injuries. RAIB is investigating the accident.

On 17 November, a freight train derailed at West Sleekburn junction (London North East). There were no reported injuries.

On 25 November, a passenger train struck a road vehicle at St Davids Golf Club user-worked level crossing with telephone near Harlech (Western). The driver of the road vehicle suffered minor injuries.

Precursors
During November 2014, there were 30 signals passed at danger (SPADs). This is 4 more than in November 2013. The average monthly figure over the past 12 months has been 24.8.

Of the 30 SPADs in November 2014, 12 were risk-ranked potentially significant (16-19), and 1 was risk-ranked as potentially severe (20+).

In addition to the 30 SPADs, there were 114 other incidents where signals were passed at red (SPARs) in November 2014; there were 111 such incidents the previous November. Of these 114 SPARs, 103 were due to signalling system reversion or replacement (system or human), and 11 were due to replacement of the signal in an operational incident. There were no train runaway incidents.

There were 7 broken rails during October 2014 and 4 during November 2014.

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Summary of Safety Performance

Fatalities

- Public accidental fatalities include trespass and non-trespass, but exclude fatalities at level crossings (which are shown separately).

Major injuries

- RIDDOR-reportable major injuries to each person type reported in SMIS. The majority of passenger injuries occur in stations.

Deraillures & collisions

- Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR) reportable cases only. Includes derailments at level crossings after striking road vehicles. Does not include buffer stop and ‘open door’ collisions. Passenger low-speed collisions predominately occur at stations.

Potentially higher-risk train accidents

- Statutorily reportable collisions (excluding roll back and open door collisions), derailments, buffer stop collisions and trains striking road vehicles. PHRTAs are normalised per million train miles.

Train strikes at level crossing

- The dark blue bars refer to trains striking barriers where a previous incident had caused the barriers to encroach onto the running line, such as a road vehicle striking the barriers.

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