

System Safety Risk Group (SSRG)

Top 5 Key Messages – 11 March 2020

The 5 key messages from the meeting were:

1 Increase in SPADs

The recent increase in the number of and risk from Signals Passed at Danger (SPADs) continues to be a concern. The SPAD management toolkit currently planned for launch at the end of March 2020 will provide an online repository of good practice for the industry. Recent workshops and analysis have been held to better understand the recent increase and work will continue to analyse what may be driving the observed trends.

TARG would also like to highlight the importance of driver management in managing SPAD risk. This has been cited as an area of concern in a recent meeting of the SPAD risk subgroup and Eastern SPAD workshop and TARG will consider how this issue may need to be investigated further.

TARG also recommends to industry that companies record and classify their causes from SPAD investigation for 2019 and 2020 using the Causes report form in the Safety Management Information System (SMIS). The group endorsed a project for RSSB to support the industry in achieving this.

2 The effective delivery and support of LHSBR

Leading Health and Safety on Britain's Railway Strategy has been uplifted and will be published in early April 2020. The industry risk and capability groups along with RSSB will be planning and publishing their prioritised activities to answer the strategic challenges laid out in the Strategy in the forthcoming months. Leaders and senior managers from all organisations in GB Rail are asked to champion and communicate the strategy within the industry and use the strategy to inform business, joint and sector-level strategic plans.

3 Asset Integrity Group

The Asset Integrity Group, chaired by George Bearfield, Rock Rail, has been formed. This specialist safety risk group will be tasked with promoting industry wide intelligence sharing and collaboration across the theme of the integrity and performance of rolling stock, infrastructure assets and components.

4 Trespass awareness week

Trespass awareness week is being held from Monday 23 March 2020 through to Friday 27 March 2020. TRG is asking all of us to lend support. The best way is to get your company name behind the #YouvsTrain message and share the message across your organisation so that all your employees can individually spread the message to their family and friends too.

- Go to the Learn Live website page at: <https://learnliveuk.com/trespass-awareness-week/> to submit your pledge of support
- Network Rail Routes and Train Operating Companies (TOCs) have materials to help promote #YouvsTrain; materials can be found at www.youvstrain.co.uk
- Please use the #YouvsTrain hashtag in all your social media
- Please speak with your family and friends about rail safety and ask them to promote #YouvsTrain

5 Merseyrail PTI work

The risk to passengers at the Platform Train Interface (PTI) is equivalent to nearly 13 fatalities each year, and 48% of the total passenger fatality risk on the mainline railway network. To help manage this risk RSSB have put together a range of resources and a range of articles sharing good practice. This includes one which highlights work being initiated by Merseyrail to reconstruct platforms and/or track realignment work on 96 platforms across their network. They are also introducing new rolling stock with a reduced floor height and an intelligent sliding step. This creates a consistent step-gap dimension across every doorway on the network, allowing unassisted access for all passengers.

<https://www.rsb.co.uk/Insights-and-News/Industry-Topics/Platform-Train-Interface>