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1 PURPOSE

The module sets out the process to be followed by Network Rail Controllers to:

- a) Arrange for a train or trains to be stopped in an emergency situation; and
- b) Arrange for discharge of traction current in an emergency situation; and
- c) Facilitate the use of The Emergency Access Code by an Operator when emergency track access to non-Network Rail controlled infrastructure is requested; and
- d) Maintain an up-to-date list of contact details for each of the Emergency Services that operate in the Route and Areas covered by the control office within the automated telephone systems.

2 SCOPE

This process applies to Network Rail controllers who shall if deemed appropriate, instigate the measures appropriate for the circumstances in accordance with this procedure.

3 REFERENCE DOCUMENTATION

GE/RT8000	Rule Book Module M1 – Dealing with a train accident or train evacuation
GE/RT8000	Rule Book Module AC – AC Electrified Lines
GE/RT8000	Rule Book Module DC – DC Electrified Lines
NR/L3/OCS/3091	DC Electrified Lines Working Instructions

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4 STOPPING TRAINS IN AN EMERGENCY

4.1 If you are alerted to a train accident through the emergency call procedure, you must immediately:

- make a general emergency broadcast by radio to the area involved;
- tell the signallers involved;
- call the emergency services, if they are needed.

If it is necessary for a Controller to arrange for a train to be stopped in emergency, the Controller must:

- determine which train is involved;
- where it is to be stopped;
- why it is required to be stopped;
- the most expedient method;
- contact the signaller using the most expedient method.

Further references can be found in GE/RT8000 Rule Book Module M1 – Dealing with a train accident or train evacuation.

5 EMERGENCY DISCHARGE OF TRACTION CURRENT

5.1 If an emergency discharge of traction current is required, Controllers must ascertain as much information as possible about the incident.

5.2 The Controller must determine the reason for isolation (including whether any person is in contact with the OLE / conductor rail or any other rails), and whether any short circuiting device has been applied.

5.3 Contact the relevant signaller or ECRO (as appropriate) and pass on the information.

5.4 Further references can be found in GE/RT8000 Rule Book Module AC – AC Electrified Lines, GE/RT8000 Rule Book Module DC – DC Electrified Lines and NR/L3/OCS/3091 – DC Electrified Lines Working Instructions