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DYNAMIC RISK ASSESSMENT PROCESS

1 PURPOSE

This National Control Instruction provides a continuous assessment of risk in the rapidly changing circumstances of an operational incident, in order to implement control measures necessary to make certain of an acceptable level of safety.

2 SCOPE

- 2.1 Dynamic Risk Assessment (DRA) is a process which facilitates the effective management of safety risk during unplanned, unexpected and evolving situations. It is not an alternative to planned and proactive risk assessment for normal work situations, nor is it a mechanism for bypassing rules or standards during planned, recurring, routine or scheduled work.
- 2.2 The DRA process is to be used in conjunction with the modular Rule Book GE/RT8000, Group and company standards and the National Operating Instructions.
- 2.3 Its application should be limited to Network Operations Management staff seeking to assess operational risk, and identify control measures in connection with incidents affecting the normal operation of the railway. Specifically it should be used when there is no rule to cover the situation but actions must be taken to resolve the situation.

3 REFERENCE DOCUMENTATION

[NR/L3/OCS/043/F2.9A – Dynamic Risk Assessment form](#)

[NR/L3/OCS/043/F2.9B – Post Incident Review form](#)

[GE/RT8000 Rule Book](#)

[Railway Group Standards](#)

[Network Rail company standards](#)

[National Operating Instructions](#)

GE/RT8000 Rule Book Module G1: 'Safety must always be your first concern. If there is no Rule that allows or prevents you doing something you believe must be done, you must do it in the safest way you know taking into account your training and experience.'

4 DEFINITIONS

Competent Person	A person who has sufficient training and knowledge. The level of competence required depends on the complexity of the situation.
Subject Matter Expert (SME)	A person who has authority in a particular area or topic. Includes external agencies, e.g. emergency services, TOC / FOCs, etc.