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7.6 Gas Leaks

National Control Instruction

Network Rail controllers shall, on a 'real time' basis in our capacity as operators of the Network manage 'Gas Leaks' in accordance with these instructions;

Approved Code of Practice

Controllers shall instigate the procedures defined in this instruction as deemed appropriate to the circumstances.

7.6.1 Gas Leaks Affecting the Railway

Reports from External or Internal sources regarding gas leaks must be carefully noted and the Controller should attempt to determine the risks involved. The Route Control Manager will then take action based upon the initial advice of the report. If there is doubt about the accuracy of the report, the Route Control Manager should ensure as much information as possible is reported to the appropriate authority so that a check for escaped gas can be undertaken.

7.6.1.1 On Receiving a Call regarding a Gas Leak

The Route Control Manager must:

i) Ask the name of the person who is calling.

ii) Establish the grade or employer of the person calling and a contact number.

iii) Find out exact details and location of the reported gas escape including postcode (if known).

iv) Establish the extent of the gas escape and if there is an immediate threat to the Railway, members of the public or staff.

v) Ask if the escape has been reported to the Gas Company (Transco).

vi) If the escape has been reported, ask for the 'eight digit job reference number' that the caller may have given at the time of reporting the leak.

Vii) Establish when the escape was first noticed.

ix) Determine if there are any special circumstances or access details.

7.6.1.2 Contacting the Gas authority

Once satisfied that the details are accurate, the Route Control Manager must:

i) Contact the 24 hour Gas Emergency Hotline on ☎ 0800 111 999.

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