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Planning and Control of Steam Locomotive Operation

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National Control Instruction

Network Rail controllers shall, on a 'real time' basis in our capacity as operators of the Network manage the operation of Steam Trains in accordance with these instructions

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The bulk of this instruction contains the arrangements and responsibilities of other functions to plan for the operation of steam locomotives and has been provided for information purposes.

Controllers shall be aware of their specific requirement highlighted in this instruction at 7.9.9.3

7.9.1 Detailed Requirements

Network Rail functions are required by NR/L2/OPS/104 to plan correctly for steam locomotive/train operation on Network Rail Managed Infrastructure.

7.9.1.1 Definitions

Steam Locomotive: Any steam powered traction unit

Railway undertaking: An organisation, safety-certificated and licensed by the Office of Rail Regulation (ORR) to operate trains over the Railway Network

Certificate of Acceptance: Written notification from the Infrastructure Manager of its acceptance of successful completion of the route acceptance process

7.9.1.2 The steam locomotive shall conform to the requirements of the Engineering Acceptance process.

7.9.1.3 Planning

The Network Rail Train Planner shall arrange for any proposed steam locomotive operation to be assessed for the conformance to the relevant route characteristics. Planning of each proposed steam locomotive movement shall take account of safety, electrification, servicing and maintenance requirements.

Tender-first running at the leading end of the train shall be confined to essential movements and restricted to the shortest practicable distance.