Lineside signs Maintenance and Renewal

Scope

Includes: Lineside and access point signs

Excludes: Electronic signs (eg poor adhesion site), function related signs eg sub stations and property related signs eg signal boxes, platforms and stations

Preparation

Tools, equipment and plant items required but not limited to:
- Appropriate tools and cleaning materials for the task to be undertaken

Work planning considerations:
- Traction current (Third rail, OHL)
- Buried services
- Cleaning agents required
- Use only approved cleaning agents on retroreflective signs to avoid damage to the surface and not use harsh abrasives
- Use only approved paints

Method

1. Do not obstruct the clear sighting of any sign / board by an approaching train.
2. Ensure you inform the Signalman if a sign or board has been removed or damaged or if it is to be removed for maintenance purposes.
3. When carrying out maintenance you must:
   - Carry out cleaning
   - Carry out any remedial works required to the sign before painting
   - Repaint lineside signs or boards (for example ‘SW’ boards, gradient posts and buffer stop beams) in their existing colours (unless you are specifically instructed otherwise)
   - Report any work that is outside the scope of maintenance for inclusion in the workbank

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4. When carrying out renewals
   - Clear any vegetation that is preventing clear sighting of the sign. Report any additional work required to your line manager
   - Replace damaged posts, signs or boards with replacements that are in all respects the same using product catalogue numbers for reference (unless you are specifically instructed otherwise).
   - Install replacements for damaged signs or boards at the same location, at the same height and facing in the same direction as the original (unless you are specifically instructed otherwise).
   - Remove all empty containers and used cleaning and painting materials from site and return them to the depot for controlled disposal

References

Supports Ellipse Standard job
- 009184 Lineside Sign – Maintain
- 009185 Lineside Sign – Renew

If applicable refer to the following directly associated documents:
- NR/PRC/MTC/SE0113 Surface and buried services - avoidance of damage to and danger from
- NR/L3/TRK/002/D12 Vegetation clearance ~ Manual
- NR/L3/TRK/002/D13 Vegetation clearance ~ Mechanised
- NR/PRC/MTC/0136 Maintenance of off track assets
- NR/PRC/MTC/0135 Management of off track inspections
- NR/GN/TRK/7001/3L007 How to maintain lineside signs

- Risk Control Sheets:
- NR/L3/MTC/0002/TK0000 Generic Track Risks
- NR/L3/MTC/0002/TK0326 Maintain/Renew Signage

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