

# NETWORK RAIL

HSQE Systems

## BRIEFING NOTE

**RT/LS/P014**  
**Safety Review Groups**

**Issue 4**  
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### Background / Synopsis

RT/LSP/014 was created to provide a formal safety review process within the engineering and change management element of Network Rail's Safety Management System. The Standard applies to "all safety related changes that may import risk to Network Rail's controlled infrastructure or property" (*section 2 of the standard*). The output of the SRG is a recommendation to the Safety Authority as to whether or not the change should be authorised (*paragraph 4.2*)

After Org I Step 5 Network Rail the Regions will have been abolished and management of maintenance activity in house will result in a matrix organisation. There will be no one person required to be accountable for safety at Area, Route or Territory level and hence there will be no Safety Authority as per the definition in the Standard. Therefore there will be no requirement to introduce a formal safety change process to advise such a person. As a consequence the Standard will be withdrawn from the .

### Key Changes / Compliance

The review by SRG of certain types of major enhancement and renewal projects requiring eventual HMRI authorisation does add value. Therefore it is intended to retain this feature by the creation of Project Review Groups (PRG). The role and constitution of a PRG will be described in the GRIP manual.

### Implementation

The date of withdrawal will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2004 or the date of implementation of Org I. Step 5, whichever is the later.

Existing SRGs are required to prepare a disposition list of those items currently under review by them that would come under the scope of a PRG and sent it to the relevant Project Manager.

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**Of Interest To:**

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