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SAFE USE OF ON-SITE DUMPERS



INTRODUCTION

Recent events on a Buckingham site have led to concerns regarding the management and control of on-site dumpers in respect of competence and maintenance.

Three separate events occurred over one week at the same location which give rise to this safety bulletin:

- A sub-contractor operative remained seated on his dumper whilst it was being loaded, the reason being a defective hand brake on the dumper meant it could not be parked requiring the dumper to be held in position with the foot brake
- Another contractor was noted using an on-site dumper without the correct competence certification
- A lifesaving rule breach occurred when a sub-contractor operative was noted using his mobile phone whilst sitting on his dumper



That the correct maintenance regime is in place and reinforced, faults and failures found are quickly reported and defective plant quarantined until repairs or replacements are arranged



Duties on site allocated by sub-contractors are completed following assurances the correct competence is in place. A register of sub-contractor competence must be maintained within the Buckingham Plant register and updated as required



A further briefing on the Network Rail life saving rules must be undertaken to all at sites reinforcing requirements for driving and operating plant in respect of operating hand-held devices

