



SHEQ Alert 19-10

Lessons Learned – Operational Close Call – RRV Movement – Night Shift – Blairhill

What happened?

On the night shift of Wednesday 20th March the Works Delivery Track Glasgow team were repadding at Coatbridge Sunnyside Station. At around 03:30 a member of the team looked up and saw bright lights approaching. They realised this was an RRV and raised the alarm getting the team to a place of safety. While this was happening the operator of the RRV noticed the head torches of the WDT team and brought the machine to a stop approximately 40yds away. The RRV was a Unimog carrying out de-veg works for Works Delivery Off-Track. The MC and the WDT PIC had a discussion and neither was aware that the other was working in the area. The WDT COSS called the ES and reported the incident to control.

Why had it happened?

The following elements contributed for such incident to arise.

- ❑ On inspection of the 'Work Site Certificate' (RT3199) the ES had not clearly identified each COSS/Work Group and only indicates by M/B (Marker Board). There had also been no RRV movements recorded which is a breach of ES rule book.
- ❑ Coatbridge Sunnyside not listed as an access point for materials in TBS for other contractors work.
- ❑ T-5 Worksite Management Meeting does not formally record attendance or any agreed resolution for conflicts.
- ❑ Conflicting statements over what was said in conversations between COSSs and ES.

Actions Taken:

- ❑ ES competencies to be taken down and ES to go through retraining.
- ❑ All safety critical staff to be briefed on the need for clear safety critical comms and the need to challenge if communications aren't sufficient.
- ❑ ES must record the exact location of each COSS/Work Group on the Work-Site Certificate (RT3199) by mileage/yards.
- ❑ Where sites of work overlap there should be a formal record of any agreement reached at T-5 to allow works to go ahead.

ES only recorded each COSS/Work Group by M/B (Marker Board) and not by Mileage/Yards

The image shows a screenshot of a 'WACOSS details' table. The table has columns for 'WACOSS Name', 'WACOSS Phone Number', 'Employer', 'Location of work', 'Nature of work to be undertaken by WACOSS', 'Risk rating of work to be undertaken by WACOSS', 'Authority to allow work given to WACOSS', 'WACOSS members with knowledge of work site prior to work or WACOSS Signature', and 'WACOSS This name'. The 'Location of work' column contains entries like 'M/B', 'M/B', 'M/B', 'M/B', 'M/B', 'M/B', 'M/B', 'M/B', 'M/B', 'M/B'. A red arrow points from the text 'and not by Mileage/Yards' to the 'M/B' entries in this column.

Target Group	All employees/Subcontractors	Supervisors	X	Managers	X	Directors	X			
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