

Suspension of NR/L3/ELP/25000, SAI AC Trial

17th March, 2020

Ref: **Single Approach to Isolation (25kV AC) trial on WCML South (Bletchley MDU)**

The impact of the Coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak on the running of the operational railway, specifically the Single Approach to Isolation (25kV) trial area on WCML South, has unfortunately placed the trial in a position where a meaningful and safe trial can no longer be assured.

The decision therefore has been taken to suspend the trial effective, 07.00hrs, Friday 20th March 2020, with all planned isolations reverting back to NR/L3/ELP/29987 requirements and all other activities not requiring an isolation, reverting back to Rule Book GE/RT8000 and task risk control sheet GA21.

A set of actions required to enable the reversion will be briefed over the next few days to all those impacted by the trial's suspension.

Whilst in the process of suspending the trial, there is a need to consider the immediate business need and ensure that the suspension of the trial does not impact the delivery unit's ability to fulfill its requirement to maintain a safe railway.

To ensure a smooth transition period and with immediate effect the following arrangements shall apply until 06:59 on Friday 20th March 2020:

- Should an infrastructure emergency arise within the trial area, which is supported by an FMS Fault number, SAI AC trial rules shall no longer apply and shall be replaced by the rules defined within Rule Book GE/RT8000 and task risk control sheet GA21 (Working Near Electrical Overhead Line Equipment).
- If there is a requirement for a short notice emergency Isolation, this shall be planned and implemented in accordance with NR/L3/ELP/29987.
- All other isolations outside of the trial area shall continue to be planned and delivered in accordance with NR/L3/ELP/29987.

For any queries relating to this matter please contact the undersigned or Matt Skinner, ESD, on 07702 914002.

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