

SAI (a.c.) Newsletter

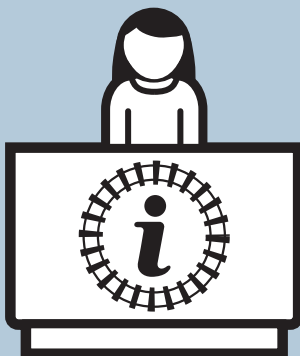
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Introduction

The SAI (a.c.) Project is part of the wider Electrical Safety Delivery (ESD) Programme.

The project is aiming to increase workforce safety, deliver performance improvements, and increase Network Rail's (NR) compliance with the Electricity at Work Regulations (EaWR) 1989.

NR/L3/ELP/29987 (aka. Green Book) will be replaced by NR/L3/ELP/25000 during trial, and only identified personnel working within the agreed trial area (Ashton, which is just north of Hanslope Junction to Hillmorton) will be using the new standard.



Communications

As a project we aim to make sure all our stakeholders are kept up to date with information and progress.

However; we can only act upon information that we are made aware of.

Therefore, we urge you to provide feedback, ask any questions and advise us of any improvements that could be made ASAP.

Please email SAI-AC@networkrail.co.uk where we will aim to respond within 48 hours. Or speak to any of the Project team.

Project Update - We're A Go!

As of Monday 2nd December, the Single Approach to Isolation OLE trial achieved live status with the commencement of Phase 1 Planning for Work (Works Request & Earthed Isolation Planning).

Phase 2 of the trial (Earthed Isolation Implementation or 'Boots on Ballast') is due to commence on 24th February 2020.

Getting to this stage has been a tremendous achievement and the project team, consisting of people from Safety, Technical and Engineering (STE) and North West & Central Region (NW&C) would like to express their thanks to ALL who have helped in getting us this far.

There is however, more work to be done and we urge all who have not yet completed and been awarded their appropriate SAI competence training to do it ASAP to ensure they are able to gain admittance to undertake work activities on site in the trial area when Phase 2 goes live.



On Sunday 8th December 2019, Bryan McMurdo a competent Electrical Risk Assessor (ERAS) from Bletchley OHL team, completed and submitted for review and approval to the Electrical Risk Approver (ERAP) the 1st Electrical Risk Assessment on the Site Visit Form.

Words from the Route / Special Thank You!

"It's a fantastic achievement that the trial is now live - it shows the dedication within the Route and the Delivery Unit (DU) Team to improve electrical safety.

The journey has been a challenge with many obstacles, training needs, standards changes and also getting the forms agreed. But we have worked through these with an open mind. The DU will be using this standard alongside existing ones.

With the improvements we hope our record of zero electrical safety incidents will continue as we deliver SAI.

As the DU lead I have been involved in the project from quite early doors, and from the off we could see the challenges but also the improvements SAI would bring. The whole DU are in support of the trial and want this to become business as usual for delivery of planned isolations across the Route."

"I would like to extend my thanks to everyone who has worked so hard to ensure we reach this significant milestone, our colleagues from NW&C especially those in Rugby and Bletchley, as well as all the teams involved from STE and Route Services and colleagues from the Trade Unions."

- Phil Doughty
Chief M&E Engineer



- Symon Read
Infrastructure Maintenance Engineer
Rugby ROC

SAI (a.c.) Training

Where are we to date?

We are now into week 16 of training and feedback captured continues to be mainly positive.

All feedback captured (positive and negative) is being formally monitored and actioned where required.

There have been a total of 1038 people trained via classroom courses and eLearning so far with a percentage pass rate of **99.8%**.

Classroom courses are nearing completion and we urge all those who are due to complete their PTS (ac) and OTP Core training via eLearning to complete ASAP.

If you have not gained the appropriate SAI competence, you will not be eligible for admittance to work on site within the trial area.

Everyone who has undertaken SAI training should check their Sentinel competences to ensure they are updated correctly.

Updates can take up to one week for external personnel as this is being updated manually for the trial.

If you believe there is a problem, please contact your line manager or the SAI project team immediately.

PTS ac SAI and OTP Core SAI eLearning courses are now available on both Moodle platforms for NR and External invitees.

Only identified persons working on the trial have been pre-registered on these courses. If you think you should have received an invitation for the eLearning and haven't please contact the project ASAP

Network Rail employees will receive an email with joining instructions from Marie-Louise East whilst external personnel will receive theirs from Simon Brunton.

If you have completed your PTS a.c. training in a face to face session, please be mindful not to delete the email if you still have your OTP Core SAI training to complete.

We urge Network Rail employees to be mindful to complete their training a **minimum of 72 hours** before they need to be on site to avoid rejection of admittance. External personnel should aim to complete a **minimum of one week** prior to working requirements.

At the end of the eLearning training, you will need to complete and pass the knowledge check for your competence to be awarded. If you have been successful, you will be notified.

What's Happening Next?

Work Bank Reviews

The project and 'floor walking' support are working with teams from maintenance, works delivery and IP to review their work banks ahead of the 24th February 'Boots on Ballast' date. This is to check that the relevant teams understand the new process and how to implement it to comply with the requirements in '25000'.

Contractor Update

A further session to update contractors is due to be held on the third week of January 2020. Invites will be sent out in due course.

Skills / Knowledge Fade Information

Work is taking place to create a suite of documents to combat the potential for skills and knowledge fade that could occur, especially with those who attended training in the early stages.

This is just one element and is in addition to the 'floor walking' support that is in place and being ramped up over the coming weeks.

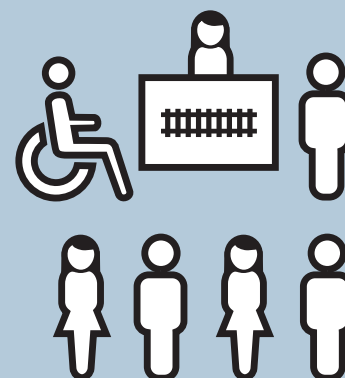
An initial review of what has been created is being completed with Bletchley OHL on Friday 13th December 2019 to understand if anything more could be done.

Further reviews are hoped to take place with other select participants of the trial area.

Technical and Awareness Briefings

A significant number of technical and awareness briefings have been carried out by our technical leads (Mick Simmons & Matt Skinner).

These have been useful and well received by all in attendance.



Questions & Answers

To further encourage the continued efforts to ask questions and submit FAQs we will be distributing comment boxes at locations in the near future.

We urge all involved to send any feedback observations, questions or suggestions to the dedicated project email address of AC-SAI@networkrail.co.uk, so we can action accordingly and update ASAP.

We aim to respond within 48 hours of receipt.

