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Infrastructure Group Safety Bulletin

Isolations of OHL Equipment

This bulletin is for the attention of all employees who are involved in the planning of isolations of OHL equipment

An accident occurred at Ardrossan South Beach on 16th November 2009. The accident related to an employee being seriously injured after coming into contact with live OHLE during planned work activities. An investigation into the accident has begun and further information will be communicated once all relevant investigations have been completed and the cause known.

Immediate Actions

Employees are reminded that where planned isolation arrangements make provision for use of 'staggered' DEP locations on adjacent lines the following should be undertaken:

- Challenge the proposed isolation arrangements and seek to remove the need for 'staggered' DEP locations on adjacent lines wherever possible.
- Where 'staggered' DEP locations on adjacent lines cannot be avoided; this shall be explicitly detailed within the Electrical Hazards section on the Isolation Details Form. It must also be positively acknowledged between respective parties at all subsequent stages of the isolation process

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