On, 22nd March 2014 at 23:28 hours the Network Rail PICOP informed Balfour Beatty ES that he had permission to test and apply straps at 65m16ch.

However, at 23:35 hours Engineering Supervisor received a call back from Balfour Beatty strap man Jason Olds (SWGR) to say the rail was still LIVE!!

The Engineering Supervisor spoke to the PICOP straight away and the PICOP said it was an oversight on his behalf. The Engineering Supervisor told all the strap men staff to go to a place of safety and await further instructions. This was then reported as a possession irregularity and is currently being investigated by Network Rail.

This highlights the importance of applying the LIFE SAVING RULES! It is a simple action which can prevent a disaster.

Well done Jason!