

Recommendation(s) Status: Near miss with track workers at Pelaw North Junction, 21 February 2018




This report is based on information provided to the RAIB by the relevant safety authority or public body.

The status of implementation of the recommendations, as reported to us, has been divided into eight categories:

Key to Recommendation Status

Implemented:	All actions to deliver the recommendation have been completed.
Implemented by alternative means:	The intent of the recommendation has been satisfied in a way that was not identified by the RAIB during the investigation.
Implementation ongoing:	Work to deliver the intent of the recommendation has been agreed and is in the process of being delivered.
Insufficient response:	The end implementer has failed to provide a response; or has provided a response that does not adequately satisfy ORR that sufficient action is being taken to properly consider and address a recommendation.
Progressing:	The relevant safety authority has yet to be satisfied that an appropriate plan, with timescales, is in place to implement the recommendation; and work is in progress to provide this.
Non-implementation:	Regulation 12(2)(b)(iii) = recommendation considered and no implementation action to be taken.
Other Public Body or Authority	The recommendation is also addressed to another public body or authority.
Awaiting response:	Awaiting initial report from the relevant safety authority or public body on the status of the recommendation.

RAIB concerns on actions taken by organisations in response to recommendations are reflected in this report and are indicated by one of the following:

-  The red triangle shows recommendations where the RAIB has concerns that no actions have been taken in response to a recommendation.
-  The blue triangle shows recommendations where the RAIB has concerns that the actions taken, or proposed, are inappropriate or insufficient to address the risk identified during the investigation.
-  The white triangle shows recommendations where the RAIB notes substantive actions have been reported, but the RAIB still has concerns.

Note: The tables which follow, report the status of recommendations on 31 December 2015. In some other cases the end implementer has already sent information to the relevant safety authority about the actions it has taken, or proposes to take and the safety authority is considering whether it is satisfied that those actions and the associated timescales are accepted.

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<p>1 21/02/2018 13/2018</p> <p>Near miss with track workers at Pelaw North Junction</p> <p>Status: Implemented</p>	<p>The intent of this recommendation is to reduce the risk of track workers being struck by trains when working on lines still open to traffic, by ensuring adequate lookout protection is provided.</p> <p>Nexus Rail should identify, by means of risk assessment, and taking into consideration the lessons from this incident, locations on the Tyne and Wear Metro system where multiple lookouts are required to establish a safe system of work, and make this information available to work site controllers and in its hazard directory.</p>	<p>ORR has reported that Nexus Rail has reported that it has completed actions taken in response to this recommendation. ORR proposes to take no further action unless they become aware that the information provided becomes inaccurate.</p>
<p>2 21/02/2018 13/2018</p> <p>Near miss with track workers at Pelaw North Junction</p> <p>Status: Implemented</p>	<p>The intent of this recommendation is that mobile staff have relevant safety information to hand when they set up systems for working on the track.</p> <p>Nexus Rail should provide its mobile staff, including fault finding teams, with remote access to the hazard directory to enable them to set up safe systems of work and alert them to sighting hazards.</p>	<p>ORR has reported that Nexus Rail has reported that it has completed actions taken in response to this recommendation. ORR proposes to take no further action unless they become aware that the information provided becomes inaccurate.</p>
<p>3 21/02/2018 13/2018</p> <p>Near miss with track workers at Pelaw North Junction</p> <p>Status: Implementation ongoing</p>	<p>The intent of this recommendation is to improve the quality of on-site risk assessments undertaken by work site controllers.</p> <p>Nexus Rail should:</p> <p>a) improve the documentation it provides to its mobile staff to enable them to undertake a suitable risk assessment on site, including consideration of the need for additional lookouts; and</p> <p>b) provide improved training to its work site controllers on recognising, assessing and mitigating risks in situations where work is to be carried out on lines open to train movements. The training should include use of the improved documentation from (a), the use of information derived from the implementation of Recommendation 1 of this report, the correct assessment of sighting distances on curved track and examples of locations on its network (eg Pelaw North Junction) where visibility of approaching trains can be compromised by train movements on other lines.</p>	<p>ORR has reported that Nexus Rail has a proposed action plan and timescale for delivery to be taken in response to the recommendation. ORR will advise RAIB when actions to address this recommendation have been completed.</p>
<p>4 21/02/2018 13/2018</p> <p>Near miss with track workers at Pelaw North Junction</p> <p>Status: In-progress</p>	<p>The intent of this recommendation is to reduce the risk to track workers arising from inexperienced staff implementing unsafe systems of work.</p> <p>Nexus Rail should put into place a process to mentor and support newly qualified safety critical track staff, such as</p>	<p>ORR has reported that Nexus Rail is taking suitable actions to address the recommendation although an accurate plan for full implementation has not been formulated. ORR will advise when the status of this recommendation changes.</p>

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lookouts and WSCs, until they have acquired sufficient operational experience and knowledge to fully appreciate risks and are able to make safe decisions in potentially hazardous situations and changing conditions.

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The intent of this recommendation is to clarify and strengthen the process that Nexus Rail use to manage staff on prescription medication. Nexus Rail should:

- a) decide upon and regularise its process for managing staff on prescription medication enquiries, including how advice from its occupational health provider should be assessed; and
- b) brief the process to line managers and supervisors so that there is clarity about how it should work.

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