Risk Assessment - DMU Traction Inspector Competence

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The GWSR uses DMU's regularly but due to a lack of serviceable vehicles it is almost a year since they were last used. We normally require traction to be driven every 6 months to maintain competence. To address this, the most senior traction inspector, with the longest familiarity with DMU's will reacquaint himself with the preparation, driving and disposal of the units on a non-public running day. He will then train and assess others as well as being formally assessed by another traction inspector.

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Recertification of expired DMU driving and assessing competence

Type	Hazard Cause	Persons Affected	Control Measures	L S T Overall	Additional Control Measures	L S T Overall	Owner/Action
Health and Safety	Recent unfamiliarisation of traction. No operational DMU's.	Everyone	1) CRITICAL - Engineering: Technical staff to be on board to deal with any issues. - Effective 2) Administrative: Individual has 36 years experience of DMU's - Effective 3) Administrative: Individual was previoualy a main-line DMU driver with frequent exposure to units - Effective 4) CRITICAL - Administrative: Individual is confident in his ability and skills - Effective 5) Administrative: Individual has many years experience of driving, instructing and assessing DMU drivers at the GWSR. - Effective 6) CRITICAL - Administrative: Training runs will have no fare paying passengers - Effective 7) Administrative: Training runs will not pass or interface with public services - Effective 8) CRITICAL - Administrative: At least one other competent driver to be on board and observing driving and operation - Effective 9) Administrative: Training runs to be halted if any major operational problems are encountered or if the individual becomes uncomfortable with any aspect of the operation - Effective	1 x 4 = 4 Low - Risk to be monitored to ensure it remains adequately controlled to an acceptable level.	None	n n n	n/a

COSHH Assessments

There are no COSHH assessments associated with this risk assessment.
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