

HSE Bulletin (Ref:9 in2014)

Operation of the weedkilling train 2014

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Background

All staff and contractors, who work on the track in areas where the weedkilling train is now operating, are reminded that the weedkilling train is now operating

outside areas, including some depots and sidings, and in areas where the train is spraying.



Instruction

All managers must ensure that their staff are not working on the track in areas where the weedkilling train is operating to ensure they do not get sprayed with weedkiller. Details of the operation of the train are contained in the Traffic Circular or Special Trains Notice.

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Staff must ensure they wash their hands and face before eating and that their boots are thoroughly cleaned at the end of their shift.

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If you are walking through the area and not undertaking work you do not need to wear disposable overalls or protective gloves unless identified as a control measure for other risks.

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Further information is contained in the track training courses.

Please communicate this alert to your teams, projects and suppliers as appropriate

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