

Safety Bulletin

An Operating Irregularity has taken place



Issued to: Southern Region
Reference: Operational Close Call
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Location: Romsey to Salisbury Tunnel Junction on the RTJ2, (Wessex Route)
Contact: Wessex Access Planning and Delivery Team



Overview

A possession published in Wessex WON Week 06 Item 117 was booked to take place between Romsey and Salisbury Tunnel Junction from 00:25hrs to 07:55hrs on Sunday 10th May 2020.

The PICOP took the possession on time with the 2 signal boxes responsible for both extremities. The only worksite planned within, was set up and given back well on time, without any reported issues or incidents and with all planned work activities completed. The possession was handed back by the PICOP at 07:10hrs.

At 07:56hrs, the Duty ODM was informed that the PICOP for Item 117 handed the possession back to Salisbury Signal Box but had failed to notify Eastleigh Signal Box Panel 3 that he had given the possession back.

When contacted by the Duty ODM, the PICOP immediately realised his mistake and made the necessary phone calls. The possession was eventually given back to Eastleigh Signal Box at 08:09hrs, resulting in a 14 minutes possession overrun.

This incident is under further investigation.

Discussion Points and Lessons Learnt

- Being focused and paying attention to details when carrying out safety related tasks.
- DP forms designed for possession management activities are used to prevent similar incident. Ensure that all the sections are completed before handing back a possession.
- Take 5 and always question/seek confirmation if something is unclear.

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