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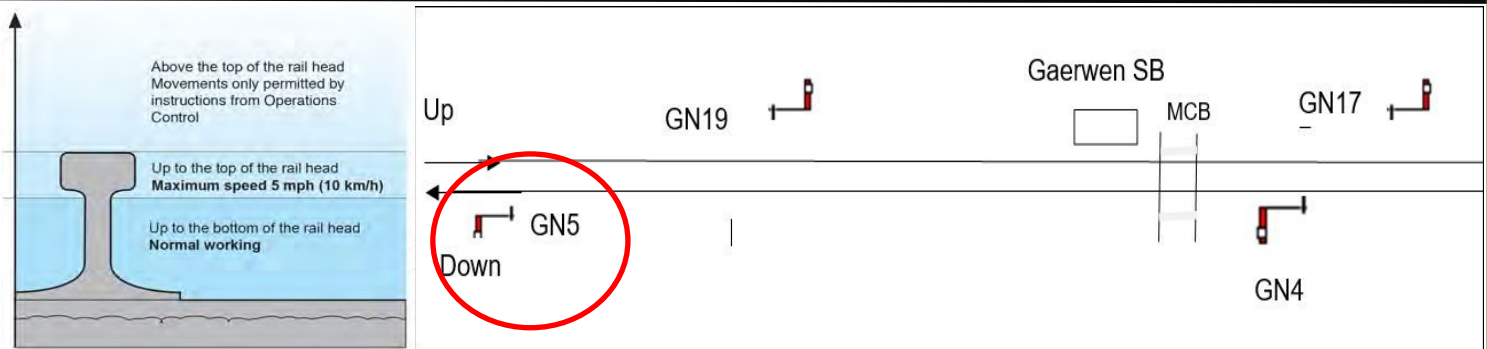
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Gaerwen SB – Failure to Caution Train Due to Flooding



Summary of Incident:

Due to flooding at Llangaffo 247m 39ch, Gaerwen signaller had been cautioning train services at 5mph in accordance with GE/RT8000 M3 and was also granting line blockages throughout their shift which was a busy morning for this location.

The previous train through the flooded area had been cautioned, the signaller for reasons unknown currently lost concentration and failed to re-apply the reminder appliance to GN5 signal to protect the area. As a result in not re-applying the reminder appliance the signaller cleared all signals for the next train 1W92, and not cautioning the driver thereby allowing the train to proceed toward the flooded area at line speed.

The signaller realised their error when the driver reported floodwater in the area and immediately advised control.

Learning Points:

The consequences of failing to protect the area as recent events have shown could have been catastrophic resulting in potential loss of life. The signaller is a critical component in ensuring the area is protected and the public are safe from danger. This is **YOUR** responsibility!

- ALWAYS** make sure that reminder appliances are re-applied immediately when signals are returned to danger to protect the area. – **NTS Conscientiousness**
- ALWAYS** Prioritise your tasks in order of **SAFETY FIRST** — **NTS Planning and Decision making**
- NEVER** allow yourself to become distracted during safety critical working—**NTS Attention management**

