
Subject: Safe Notice: NSW Network Rule ANWT 310 Lookout Working Amendment

Good afternoon,

A recent review was undertaken into the risks associated with the application of ANWT 310 - Lookout Working. This highlighted two controls critical to the effective application of the rule:

- Vigilance of the Lookout, and
- Sighting Distance

The critical behaviour for a lookout is the baseline assumption that a train is potentially approaching the worksite reinforcing the importance of looking out for approaching trains. In line with our drive to continue to reduce risk and improve the safety of our teams in the field, the mandatory requirement to obtain train information has been removed, and the need to obtain this information from a network controller has also been withdrawn.

The recent NSW rules changes have improved the way to identify the required minimum sighting distance for your lookouts. Removing the need to obtain train information is a further improvement to the rule to improve the safety of the work team and reinforce the two critical controls.

The attached SAFE Notice has been registered and is available on the ARTC website for all competent workers and users of the ARTC Network.

Kind regards,

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NSW Network Rule ANWT 310 Lookout Working Amendment

General

ARTC will introduce an amendment to Network Rule ANWT 310 Lookout Working as detailed in this SAFE Notice from 0001hrs Sunday 23rd February 2020.

ARTC has undertaken a review of the requirements within the Lookout Working Rule for obtaining train information from the Network Control Officer.

Under the heading of Communication with Network Control on page 7 of 9, paragraph 3;

Delete: The Protection Officer must also get information about rail traffic movements likely to occur at the work location from the Network Control Officer.

Insert: The Protection Officer may also get information about rail traffic movements likely to occur at the work location.

Safeworking Arrangements

The work must be carried out as per the appropriate ARTC Network Rules and Procedures.

SAFE Notice recipients must ensure this SAFE Notice is circulated to and understood by all personnel affected by, or needing to know, its content.

SAFE Notices must be issued to all affected Competent Workers.

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Introduction of Electronic Track Access Protection (eTAP)

General

Commencing on Monday 24th February 2020, ARTC will introduce improved safety controls for Track Workers accessing the ARTC Corridor with the introduction of a new electronic application Electronic Track Access Protection (eTAP).

The eTAP application has been developed for use in Rail Vehicle Detection Territory initially by Network Controllers and Protection Officers when work is to be undertaken:

- in the Rail Corridor, or
- using Lookout Working, or
- using a Track Occupancy Authority.

Note: eTAP is not be available for use in the following areas;

- TMACS Train Order Territory (Parkes (exclusive) – Broken Hill (exclusive))
- Phoenix Train Order Territory
- Dubbo Yard Limits.

The eTAP application has been designed to improve location assurance and remove the reliance on verbal communication to transfer information between the Protection Officer and the Network Controller.

The application provides an alternate means for Protection Officers to obtain access to the Rail Corridor or work under Lookout Working or a Track Occupancy Authority within the ARTC Network.

Network Controllers and Protection Officers are required to undertake training in the eTAP application prior to using the application. Protection Officers who have not completed training in eTAP will continue to access the Rail Corridor and track under the existing process as defined within the Network Rules and Procedures.

eTAP is compatible with both Android and iOS platforms and is be available for download from both the Play Store and App Store by Protection Officers who have undertaken training.

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