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## White City train derailment

HSE's HMRI has completed its investigation into the circumstances in which a westbound Central line train derailed at 12:20pm on 11 May 2004.

The leading bogie of the seventh car of the eight-car train derailed as the train was passing over a set of points on its approach to White City station. The train was carrying approximately 150 people and there were no reported injuries. HMRI's investigation concentrated on the maintenance of the points and track on the approach to White City station.

The HMRI investigation examined the adequacy of maintenance at the derailment site and the rigour of application of LUL's own standards and further controls introduced partly as a result of the derailment at Camden Town. HMRI, in parallel with the investigation, has continued to monitor LUL and MRBCV's refinement of the standards and further controls implemented after Camden Town. This has included some HMRI input on modified and new switch apparatus, and efforts to optimise track geometry on the curved approach to such points.

The formal investigation was completed in January 2005, and the findings shared with LUL and MRBCV. Significant weaknesses were identified in Infraco procedures and Health and Safety Management Systems. In particular the controls imposed following the Camden Town derailment were imperfectly implemented at White City. However, a significant contributor to the derailment was an unforeseeable result of automatic train operation, so the decision was taken not to prosecute in relation to the incident.

MRBCV has embarked on a programme of improvements in response to HMRI's report, and LUL and all Infracos have refined their proposals for locations identified as having similar characteristics. Themes from the investigation have informed HMRI's inspection strategy for this current work year.

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