

<b>Notice Type:</b>	SAFE Notice		
Location:	Hexham		
Subject Title:	Altered Possession Protection Arrangements		
Operator(s):	Aurizon		
Corridor/line:	Hunter Valley		
Control Board:	Lower Hunter		
Effective From:	19/11/2024	Time1:	0630hrs
Effective To:	22/11/2024	Time2:	0630hrs

**Reference Documents:**

Train Alteration Advice:	0050-2024
Network Information Book:	OGW-30-15

**General Details / Operating Condition:**

Local Possession Authorities (LPA) will be implemented as part of the Hunter Valley Closedown program. As part of the LPA protection No.103 Points and No.108 Points Hexham at the entrance/exit of the AZ Facility will be clipped and 'SL' locked in the Normal position to prevent unauthorised rail traffic access from the AZ Facility into the LPA limits.

Trains and various rolling stock will be within the Aurizon (AZ) Facility and may be stabled within 500m of the possession protection.

Essential maintenance work is required to be carried out on No.103 Points and No.108 Points, which involves the removal of the above-mentioned point clips and SL locks during the LPA.

**Safeworking Arrangements:**

In exception to ARTC Network Rule ANWT302 Local Possession Authority and Procedure ANPR 700 Using a Local Possession Authority the stowed trains will be within 500m of the worksites.

To allow for works to be carried out on No.103 Points and/or No.108 Points at Hexham the following safeworking arrangements prior to any maintenance work commencing MUST be applied to protect both the LPA from unauthorised rail traffic entry and the worksite.

Prior to any work commencing agreed arrangements must be put in place to protect the LPA from unauthorised rail traffic entry as detailed below.

**NOTE:** Tracks within the Local Possession Authority must be protected as per ANPR 700 Using a Local Possession Authority.

**Aurizon Yard Controller will be responsible for:**

Trains and various rolling stock that are within the AZ Facility for the duration of the LPA, they must

- Confirm that handbrakes have been applied to all trains within the facility, and
- Confirm that the locomotive control handles have been removed and secured in a safe place for the full duration of the work on No.103 Points and No.108 Points, and

- Ensuring that all trains and various rolling stock will remain unmanned/stationary for the full duration of the work on No.103 Points and No.108 Points.

**Possession Protection Officer will be responsible for:**

Prior to authorising work to commence on No.103 Points and/or No.108 Points and prior to the removal of the corresponding point clips and SL locks, they must

- Obtain an assurance with the Aurizon Yard Controller that the trains and the various rolling stock within the AZ Facility will remain stationary and will not be moved, and
- Contact the Network Controller and advise of the requirement to remove the point clips and SL locks.

**Protection Officer will be responsible for:**

- Confirming the agreed arrangement between the PPO and Aurizon Yard Controller with the Network Controller.

**At the completion of the work the Protection Officer must:**

- Clip and SL lock both No.103 Points or No.108 Points in the normal position, and
- Advise the Possession Protection Officer that the work is completed, and No.103 Points and No.108 Points are in the normal position, with clips and SL locks applied, and
- Advise the Network Controller that the work is completed, and No.103 points or No.108 points are in the normal position, with clips and SL locks applied, and
- Advise the Aurizon Yard Controller that work has been completed.

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

This Notice must be issued to all affected Competent Workers.

Competent Workers who receive this Notice must follow the requirements.

**Contact Details:**

Contact: Aurizon Yard Controller

Contact No. 02 4014 2790

**Approval:**

Approved by: Delivery Support Manager, Network Control Centre North

Date: 14/11/2024