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Segregation of Plant and People (non Crossrail)

What Happened?

Sadly, in the early hours of Sunday morning 2nd March 2014, a contractor's employee was killed whilst working on Docklands Light Railway's twin-tracking site near Pudding Mill Lane (non Crossrail site). He was performing the duties of a Banksman and suffered fatal injuries after being struck by the arm of a mechanical excavator. The site was immediately closed by the Metropolitan Police and remains so, pending an inspection by the Health & Safety Executive.

Considerations

Although this incident is currently still under investigation, the following visuals and associated checks have developed to assist Crossrail sites in reviewing their arrangements:



DO NOT ENTER the Exclusion Zone around operational Plant



Segregate the operation and restrict access to those not directly involved.



Investigate additional controls such as warning devices and slew restrictors.



Ensure that operators and those banking machinery have the correct level of competence.



Ensure that clear signals are agreed between drivers and those banking the machinery.



Never lose sight of the person who is banking your machine!