

A statement of ORR's policy on how we will deal with reports and associated recommendations made by the Railway Accident Investigation Branch (RAIB)

What we believe

Those who create risks are best placed to manage them. Those identified in RAIB reports, and others undertaking similar activities should apply the lessons learnt from their own and the RAIB's accident investigations to better manage the risks created by their operations.

What we will do¹

- Work with RAIB to help ensure that their reports and recommendations appropriately identify and address safety concerns.
- Ensure that each recommendation is duly taken into consideration and where appropriate acted upon.
- Report to RAIB without undue delay, or within such other period, not exceeding twelve months, as may be agreed with RAIB, full details of any measure taken or to be taken (including timescales), or giving a full explanation as to why the recommendation is not to be the subject of measures to implement it.
- Report to RAIB if at any time the information we have provided to them is rendered inaccurate.
- Review the RAIB's reports to identify information and intelligence to support the development of our strategies, policies and plans.

¹ In accordance with the Railways (Accident Investigation and Reporting) Regulations 2005 (as amended).

When we direct a recommendation to another person we expect that person to:

Consider all RAIB recommendations that ORR passes to them and take action where appropriate. In particular:

- Provide us with details of measures they take to address the recommendation(s), showing how the risks identified by the RAIB are controlled, timetables for securing implementation and changes that may arise,
- If no action is planned in response to a recommendation, explain why, making it clear how the risk identified by the recommendation is being controlled.
- Report to us at any time if information provided is rendered inaccurate.