



Storm Condition Site Preparedness

October 20th 2024 saw the first storm of the season “Storm Ashley” present itself in the ScottishPower Licence areas.

During a pre storm patrol of vulnerable assets carried out by Transmission Operations in the SPT area, an operative noted Spacer Chairs were raised on ZD Route Clydesmill – Easterhouse – Longannet.

The operative identified the contractors working on the route and instructed them to lower all equipment from the line before the storm came in that evening. Calls were also made to other personnel working on other routes for SPEN to make sure they also understood and adhered to this requirement.

The purpose of this Express is to remind all SPEN employees and contractors of the requirement to make **all working sites** and not only Overhead Line sites safe and secure with particular attention to be paid when high winds and storm conditions are forecast.



Raised Platform



Materials stored with loose coverings in a substation

Recommendations and action points

- Sites, stored materials, equipment, vehicles, assets and associated structures (temporary or permanent) must always be safe and secure.
- Particular attention must be paid when high winds and storm conditions are forecast and appropriate measures taken to ensure sites are as “storm ready” as possible.
- Risk Assessment legislation, good practice and SPEN Procedures require hazards and the associated control measures to be reviewed if there is a change in site conditions.
- If in doubt seek guidance on what you need to do from your Line Manager.
- Line Managers are to brief their teams of these requirements and check arrangements are in place for the prevailing storm season.