

SAFETY BULLETIN SB 4/2015

Fatality at Daventry Substation.

On Friday 3rd July 2015 a WPD Project Engineer, based in Hinckley, East Midlands was fatally injured while at work.

A Panel of Inquiry has been convened to investigate the incident.

Without prejudice to the investigation or any of the personnel involved, all WPD staff and contractors are reminded that they must comply with the following requirements:

- Before entering a BSP or Primary substation the first person from a working party must immediately contact Control to record their presence in the substation and the general scope of their intended works as per ST:OS3A/1 – Section 3.2.
- All visits to a BSP or Primary substation must be recorded in the substation logbook giving the name, date, time and reason for the visit as per ST:OS3A/1 – Section 3.5.
- Prior to undertaking substation work a recorded site specific risk assessment must be undertaken as per ST:HS20A/2 (Risk Assessment Work Activity Job List).
- When work is carried out on cable sheaths or earthing systems which may be subject to induced voltages from adjacent circuits or where there is the possibility of creating two separate earth zones, an additional earth bond **shall** be installed to maintain the integrity of the earthing prior to disconnecting or modifying the existing earthing arrangement. The installation of the earth bond and any disconnection/modification of an existing earth must be undertaken whilst wearing Class 1 HV insulated gloves and using approved insulated tools where possible per DSR AP12.0.

This bulletin does not change any WPD Policies, Standard Techniques or the Distribution Safety Rules.