



National Union of Rail Maritime & Transport Workers

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**THE SECRETARY
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Dear Colleague

NETWORK RAIL MAINTENANCE PLANNED GROUP INSPECTIONS

Concerns have been raised at Health and Safety Representatives being intimidated by management into carrying out Planned Group Inspections (PGIs). On consideration of this issue the General Grades Committee have instructed me to remind Branches and Health and Safety Representatives of their obligations in this matter.

Health and Safety Representatives have a function under the Safety Representatives and Safety Committee Regulations 1977 (SRSCR) to carry out quarterly inspections of workplaces in their area of responsibility (Reg 5). The purpose of these inspections is to spot workplace hazards, reduce the likelihood of accidents and enhance and improve the level of safety in the workplace for our members.

Any activity that will enhance that function such as the opportunity of further inspections, so long as it is on a voluntary basis is to be encouraged. Aside from the original concerns RMT have been provided with many examples of good practice in this matter. Any individual concerns when Health and Safety Representatives feel unduly influenced in this regard should be passed to the Health and Safety section at Head Office.

Yours sincerely

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