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Referral - Report on thematic investigation -Safety when working in a track environment

The Swedish Work Environment Authority has received the report with interest. It indicates a number of areas in which measures and improvements are desirable and possible. However, this referral response primarily concerns the recommendation made in the end of the report where the Swedish Transport Agency and the Swedish Work Environment Authority are recommended to

• expand their cooperation with the purpose of increasing the opportunities of the Swedish Work Environment Authority to conduct supervision and inspections of work in a track environment.

The Swedish Work Environment Authority has regular contact with the Swedish Transport Agency, in which cooperation is discussed and both authorities inform one another about their respective supervisory activities. A number of work environment inspectors have undergone "Track environment training" and are thereby permitted entry to the sites that need to be visited as part of supervisory work. In order to conduct work environment supervision for short-term work in a track environment, the Swedish Work Environment Authority needs information on when these are planned and are in progress.

Both supervisory activities and the number of work environment inspectors with "Track environment training" can increase.

Participants

The statement has been issued by Director General Erna Zelman-Ekenhem in the presence of heads of department Boel Callermo, Anna Fogelberg Wik and Greta Svensson and chief legal adviser Anna Middelman. The reporter was head of section Carl Axel Sundström.

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