



Summary of HSC/HSE News Bulletin Releases **1st November to 2nd December 2005**

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- 01/11/05** HSE publish Final Report for “Signals Passed at Danger” (SPAD). It reports that 31 trains passed signals at danger in September 2005. The full report can be viewed on HSE website: www.hse.gov.uk?railways/spad/index.htm
- 02/11/05** HSE’s Stress Management Standards receive Government Support.
- 03/11/05** HSC consults on **Amended Asbestos Regulations and Approved Code of Practice** Refer to HSE website www.hse.gov.uk/consult/2005.htm
- 04/11/05** HSE announce that they will prosecute Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd. and Amey Rail Ltd. for the partial derailment of a high speed train near Southall station in November 2002.
- 07/11/05** HSC and HSE condemn bullying in the workplace and have organised a Ban Bullying at Work Day on 7th November 2005.
- 08/11/05** HSE publishes CO27:05 “**Health and Safety Statistics for 2004/2005**” which highlights the Construction Industry’s improvement. Free copies from Statistics Co-ordination Unit, HSE, Room 462, Magdalen House, Bootle, Merseyside, L20 3QZ. Tel 0151 951 3479/4355. Or on HSE website www.hse.gov.uk/statistics/overall/hssh0405.pdf
- 09/11/05** HSC Chairman announced with regret the passing of George Brumell CBE Health and Safety Commissioner from 1998 to 2004
- 14/11/05** HSE successfully prosecutes Iron Mountain (UK) Ltd on 26th October 2005 at City of London Magistrates Court following the serious injury to their employee Tristan Arkless after falling from a temporary platform. The firm were fined £20,000 with £2,376 costs and ordered to pay the victim £5,000.
- 14/11/05** HSE announce a revamped Database which aims to reduce Repetitive Strain Injuries. Refer to:- www.humanetechnology.co.uk
- 16/11/05** HSE issue a statement following a School Caving Death. They express sympathy to the family and friends but still support the educational value of School Trips..
- 18/11/05** New Offshore Regulations have been laid before Parliament. The “**Offshore Regulations 2005**” will become law on 6th April 2006.



- 18/11/05** HSE operate the Worker Safety Adviser Challenge Fund for small businesses that show a commitment to improving worker involvement in health and safety. The third round will run from April 2006 to March 2007. The Maximum grant is £100,000. See www.wsa-cf.org
- 18/11/05** HSE successfully prosecute Balfour Beatty Civil Engineering Ltd. of Thornton Heath following the death of Stephen Haywood during the construction of the Nesscliffe Bypass in Shropshire on 4th October 2002. The firm were fined £60,000 with £45,000 costs at Wolverhampton Crown Court today.
- 21/11/05** HSE's new vocational qualifications for Health and Safety in Agriculture have been recognised by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority.
- 22/11/05** HSE publishes "**Statement of Nuclear Incidents at Nuclear Installations: Third Quarter 2005**" There were no incidents.
- 24/11/05** HSC publishes its tenth progress report on recommendations made following Public Enquiries into the Southall and Ladbroke Grove rail incidents. See www.hse.gov.uk/railways/railpublic4.pdf
- 28/11/05** HSE announce the commencement of their new Chief Executive Geoffrey Podger joining them today. He was the Chief Executive of the Food Standards Agency.
- 29/11/05** HSE has today published its initial draft simplification plan for a wider better regulation agenda. Can be viewed on www.hse.gov.uk/consult/live.htm
- 30/11/05** HSE publishes new Guidance "**Whole Body Vibration: The Control of Vibration at Work Regulations 2005**" L141 ISBN 0-7176-6126-1 price £10-95 from HSE Books.
- 01/12/05** HSE publishes a report on the investigation into the major explosion and fire at ConocoPhillips Limited's Humber Refinery on 16th April 2001. The full report is on HSE's website at www.hse.gov.uk/comah/conocophillips.pdf

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