Work Instruction - Operations

SWEEP TRAIN



Work description:

The purpose of this document is to describe how to ensure that the track is free from all obstacles (people, materials, equipment, etc.) and operations may resume safely. It is about the requirements when driving the Sweep Trains.

Scope: This document is applicable for the Operation and Maintenance Services on the Honolulu Rail Transit Project (HRTP).

References:

HNL-09516 Start of Service, HNL-09527 Fault Reporting Process

PPE and precautions	Competencies or qualifications	Licenses or permits required
Nil	Train Attendant, Train Controller	Train Driver
Tools and equipment required		
Train Key, Train Staff Bag		



Note

This process also applies to unscheduled sweep train operations due to line-side failures, track faults, or incidents.

Sweep Train Inspections

Sweep trains are provided before commercial service hours to check and to report on obstructions or anomalies on or near the running track. They will always be operated without carrying passengers. A Train Attendant must be assigned onboard each sweep train Initially, for the first 12 months, the Train Attendants on board should manually drive the sweep trains using ATP mode at 20mph. The Train Attendant should monitor the track at the same time.

After the first 12 months, the sweep trains will be driven automatically in AUTO mode at 20mph (the Emergency Drive Console should be opened and ready for use though). The Train Attendants onboard should monitor the track. If any obstacle or anomaly is discovered, the onboard Train Attendant must apply the emergency brake using the push-button on the EDC to stop the sweep train immediately.

Rust Train Inspections

In addition to the normal Sweep Trains, a Rust Train is run once a month for ensuring the continuous train detection. During the rust train inspection, the Train Controller must closely monitor the occupancy indication of the train on the track circuity. The rust train inspection should also cover all switches that are not normally used during passenger service.

Driving the Sweep (Rust) Train Inspection

The Train Attendant will either manually drive the sweep train or be standing-by to stop it by Emergency Brake, when it sweeps through the required track sections.

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Train Attendant

The Train Attendant must keep a lookout for any of the following hazards that may affect train running or the integrity of any equipment, for example:

- protective earthing straps left on the third rail
- defective rails
- tools and equipment
- maintenance material
- objects obstructing the track
- doors to equipment boxes left open
- construction debris
- any other defects or anomalies

This list is not exhaustive and other issues may manifest themselves on the track from time to time.

During the Rust Train Inspection

Train Controller

- monitor the occupancy indication of the Rust Train on the track circuit
- log all defects discovered

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Identification of Items and Faults

Should the Train Attendant see any items or faults on the mainline during the sweep, the following actions must be taken immediately:

Train Attendant

- stop the train immediately by pressing the emergency brake pushbutton
- report the fault, follow the instruction of the Train Controller and make the situation safe
- if the obstruction, defect or infringement can be safely rectified by clearing/moving/retrieving it, seek approval from the Train Controller before doing so



Note

The Train Attendant must not go trackside/line-side unless he/she has been given specific instructions by the Train Controller to do so.

- upon returning to the train, report the actions taken to the Train Controller and be instructed to continue with the sweep train run
- report to the Train Controller by saying "Line Clear" if the sweeping operation is completed with no obstacles or anomalies encountered

All occurrences should be documented in the Train Attendant Duty Event Form.

Completing the Sweep (Rust) Train Inspection

Sweep train inspections need to be completed every day and will not be finalized without completing the following activities.

Sweep Train Inspection is not completed until:

- the Train Controller has received the report of 'Line Clear' from all Train Attendants on sweep trains
- rectification works have been carried out to clear any obstruction, defect or infringement and the Train Controller has received a satisfactory report from the Train Attendant
- if the sweep train identifies a problem that cannot be rectified quickly, the OCC Supervisor
 must decide as to the best way to start the commercial service and record the actions in
 the OCC Controller Log (to be included in the Daily OCC Operational Report)
- where required, the Train Controller will report all obstructions, defects or infringements
 found to the Engineering and Fault Controller for immediate or follow-up actions subject to
 the severity of the infringement and the rectification
- this process also applies to unscheduled sweep train operations due to line-side failures, track faults, or incidents

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