

Date of Reported Meeting: Thursday 16th November 2018

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 1st March 2018

Installation of Sonic Tubes

The group have been asked to look at the safety issues around sonic tube installation following on from the Technical Committee's guidance document. The guidance document provides a pros and cons list for different testing techniques, but does not go into significant detail about the problems of sonic tube installation. The group shall look at whether they need to add an annex to the Technical Committee document or a separate guidance.

Service Strikes – HSE safety alert re HS2 Incident

The FPS have indirectly been sent a safety alert from the HSE relating to a service strike on a deeply buried 132kv cable. Pieces of plastic casing had been observed coming to the surface during a ground investigation drilling operation. RBL are potentially looking at running a course on identification of services in the ground and information is being shared on service strikes generally to see if there are any trends that can be fed back to John Underwood at the HSE.

NVQ in Geotechnical Installation

Responsibility for this sits with the Learning & Development Forum that John Chick is leading. A work programme on this shall be put together in due course.

Accident statistics

See attached summary. It was suggested in the meeting that we start collecting details of high potential incidents as these may be more instructive than actual incidents.

Toolbox Talks

The FPS TBTs are being updated with a view to some being turned into videos, where there is a desire from Members to do so. It is felt that these can be more impactful on site, however the issues of de-branding them and gaining client consent are making them difficult to produce.

CRO cards for Pile Testers

CSCS CRO cards for pile testers have been withdrawn, making it difficult to get pile testers on to site. This issue is being picked up with Testing House AMs to see what can be done to make it easier to get their people on to site.

Training

- The 2017/18 FPS Apprenticeship scheme commenced in September 2017,
- PSSTS has been reviewed and updated – CITB accreditation is being sort, but this will need to conform to their new initiative to create training standards for all courses.
- One Day Safety Site safety Plus course remains available to Members via CITA and Cementation
- NVQ Level 3 Occupational Work Safety course is being organised due to demand – please advise if you have candidates.