8.10.1 Requirements.

The Personal Protective Equipment at Work Regulations 1992 requires the STR to consider the use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) where its staff & volunteers are at risk of personal injury whilst undertaking a task on the railway which cannot be mitigated by other means eg guarding, Local Exhaust Ventilation.

PPE should always be considered as the last resort once all other means of mitigating these risks have been considered.

8.10.2 Arrangements.

Appropriate personal protective equipment is issued to all STR staff & volunteers as required for work activities where its use is identified as a necessary control measure following risk assessments or COSHH substance assessments.

Training is provided for STR staff & volunteers on the correct use, storage and maintenance of the relevant equipment when first issued and a written record detailing the PPE has been issued is signed by the STR staff & volunteers upon receipt and a copy kept on file.

Where Respiratory Protective Equipment has been issued as a control measure, this will be subject to a fit test at the time of issue and subsequently at regular intervals. STR staff & employees are trained in how to perform a daily fit test where appropriate.

STR staff & volunteers have a legal duty to wear or use PPE as specified in relevant H & S rules and procedures.

Any defects of malfunction of PPE must be reported to the DOM / Responsible Person.

8.10.3 Applicable Legislation.

Personal Protective Equipment at Work Regulations 1992.

8.10.4 References.

L25 Edition 3 2015 Personal Protective Equipment at Work (Third edition)

HSG 53 Edition 4 05-2013 Respiratory protective equipment at work A practical guide

INDG 174 Rev 2 06-2013 Personal protective equipment (PPE) at work A brief guide

8.10.5 Documentation.

COSHH & Risk Assessments.

PPE Issue Records.