SPAD 3 September 2002, NETWORK RAIL GREAT WESTERN REGION

The SPADs at Worcester (signals TJ16 and TJ19 on 3/9/02) resulted in an overrun of nearly one mile by a Central Trains service. The train was brought to a stand after the driver received an emergency stop message via the National Radio Network (NRN). HMRI noted the expeditious actions by both the signaller involved and the Network Rail Control with regard to the transmission of this message. HMRI's investigation concluded that the SPAD was caused by a lapse of concentration by the driver at the critical time. HMRI noted evidence that indicated that the driver might not have been sufficiently well rested prior to taking up duty (late) at 08:15 hrs, some 4½ hours before the incident. HMRI has noted that Central Trains has taken action with the driver with particular reference to lifestyle management and is pursuing with Network Rail possible actions to limit the extent of any overrun at the two signals in the event of any future SPAD.