

PROSECUTION

Summary	On Saturday 7 March 2015, a steam locomotive operated by West Coast Railway Company (WCRC) between Bristol and Southall passed a signal at danger near Wootton Bassett junction in Wiltshire. The train stopped almost 700 metres after the signal, across a busy junction on the Great Western main line. ORR's investigation found significant failings in WCRC's managerial controls. The company had not implemented appropriate procedures, training or monitoring of staff to stop intentional misuse of the Train Protection and Warning System (TPWS) equipment and the train driver directed a colleague to turn off this essential safety system, designed to automatically apply an emergency brake.
Company	West Coast Railway Company Limited
Breaches involved	West Coast Railway Company Limited - Section 2(1) and Section 3(1) of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 (HSWA)
Date(s) of offence	7 th March 2015
Plea	Guilty pleas
Result	Sentenced
Court	Swindon Crown Court
Sentencing date	27 th June 2016
Penalty	West Coast Railway Company fined £200,000
Costs	West Coast Railway Company (WCRC) ordered to pay costs of £64,000

Location of offence

Address Wootton Bassett junction in Wiltshire

ORR details

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