

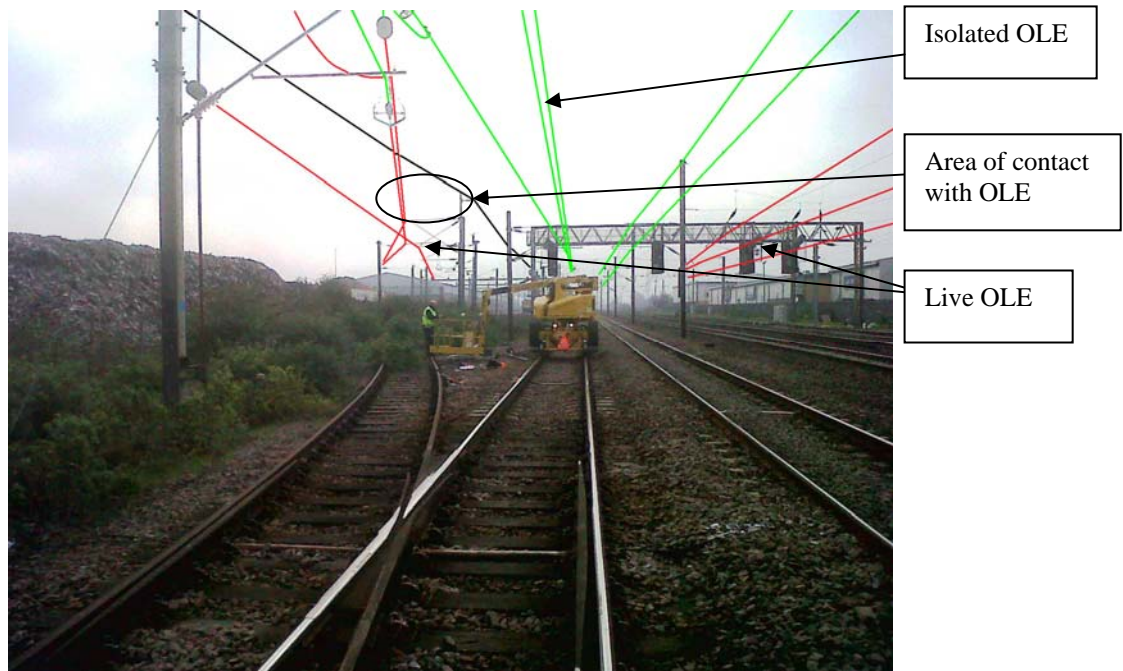
## URGENT SAFETY BRIEFING NOTE

28<sup>th</sup> March 2011

At approximately 07:41 on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2011 a Linesman aged 58 suffered severe burns to his arms and upper body after contact was made with live 25kv overhead line equipment. The injured person was working from a Mobile Elevated Work Platform (MEWP) at Hendon in North London.

It is understood that the Linesman was working within a possession with isolation of the overhead line. However during the work, equipment the operative was using is believed to have come into contact with, or close proximity to live overhead line equipment on the adjacent siding.

The Injured Person was airlifted to Chelsea and Westminster hospital. He has undergone skin grafts and is currently in a serious condition.



The accident is currently under investigation therefore the full facts are not yet known.

However in the interim it is important to note the following general reminders:-

- **Always check that you know the limits of protection for your work area**
- **Don't start work without a pre-work safety briefing**
- **If you do not understand your pre-work safety briefing, ask questions**
- **If at any stage during your task you become concerned about the safety of the activity, Stop work and raise with your supervisor**
- **Always report situations that you feel are unsafe, you will be fully supported in your decision to stop work if you need to do so.**

### NOTE TO BRIEFERS: -

**These general reminders apply to all work situations, not just those where Overhead line is present. Please Use this opportunity to reflect on your own work situations.**