

## **Person working under tilting wagon**

A report was made by an employee of United Group Rail Fleet Services (UGRFS) who said that he was aware of an incident where persons were conducting maintenance underneath a side dump wagon as the wagon was tilting. The incident involved two employees. One employee was carrying out maintenance under the tilting wagon, adjusting the tilting mechanism, and the other employee was operating the tilting control. Concerns were raised by the employee who was operating the tilting control that there was a risk that the person underneath the wagon could be crushed. It was also reported that this was normal company practice and he was concerned that someone would be killed if the practice was not changed.

### ***CSIRS Requirement***

The matter was brought to the immediate attention of the Independent Transport Safety and Reliability Regulator (ITSRR) who sent an Authorised Officer to inspect the maintenance site. The Authorised Officer determined that the practice was unsafe.

### ***Investigation outcome***

An Improvement Notice was issued by ITSRR instructing UGRFS to cease the operation or use of the side dump wagon tilting mechanisms for the purpose of maintenance or inspection.

UGRFS were asked to conduct a review of their risk assessment and provide the Issuing Officer with a copy of the revised risk assessment prior to implementation of any revised control measures.

### ***OTSI Action***

OTSI has also advised the reporter of actions taken by the ITSRR.

This report and the associated response will be retained by the Office of Transport Safety Investigation for future safety trend analysis.