



Safety recommendation no. 149

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Safety deficit	<p>On Saturday, 22 June 2019, a special photo train, consisting of the Transports publics du Chablais (TPC) No 2 railcar and No 35 wagon, stopped shortly before Exergillod station in the bend of the Folles Bridge. Passengers alighted to take pictures before re-boarding. On arrival at Aigle station, it was noted that one passenger was missing.</p> <p>During the stop on the bend of the Folles Bridge, the victim had moved over to the left side of the bridge. The reason why the victim fell from the bridge could not be determined by the STSB. The way the train stopped in the bend of the bridge led to a dangerous situation. This situation was exacerbated by the various vehicle movements, without regard to the presence of the passengers, and by the lack of regulatory controls to ensure that all passengers were on board the train before it resumed its journey to Aigle.</p> <p>Contributing factors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The lack of established rules for special trackside stops;- The train attendant's lack of training in the duties he exercised. <p>The Swiss Rail Service Regulations (RSRs) state that infrastructure managers may regulate special stopping points in their implementing provisions (RSR-IPs). There is no mention of this in TPC's RSR-IPs.</p>
Safety recommendation	The STSB recommends that the Federal Office of Transport (FOT) ask the TPC to add provisions on full-track stops to their RSR-IPs.
Addressees	Bundesamt für Verkehr
Stage of the implementation	Implemented. The FOT confirms that a working group has been set up at TPC to define and create a catalogue of stopping points on open track. Work is in progress. Until it is concluded, the TPC is not permitted to run photo trains or other special passenger trains requiring stops on open track.
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