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Dear colleague

DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEPOTS CODE

1. We recently consulted you on our proposal to revise the approach ORR planned to take on the further development of the Depots Code.

2. The consultation ended on 2 May 2008. We are grateful to those who responded. All responses we received were supportive or had no comment to make on our proposal that:

- ORR should not initiate any further work on the development and implementation of the Depots Code; and
- The industry should be responsible for deciding whether and how to develop and implement the Depots Code.

3. In their responses both Network Rail and the Association of Train Operating Companies (ATOC) commented that the current draft of the Depots Code would benefit from a review. However, they agree that this is not urgent and that it is for Network Rail and the train operating companies to determine the future development and implementation arrangements for the Depots Code. The Industry Steering Group (ISG) will be kept informed of developments.

4. This letter confirms that ORR will not initiate any further work on the development and implementation of the Depots Code.

5. We will place copies of the consultation letter, of the responses that we received and of this letter on the Depots Code page of our website <http://www.rail-reg.gov.uk/server/show/nav.239>.

Yours sincerely

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