

TSI-SRT Safety in Railway Tunnels

Benefit or Burden?

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Regulations = Balance Policy/Technology





TSI-SRT Policies

- Views:
 - The maximum that has to be done
 - A starting point for further improvement
 - A shake down of what has been achieved
- Differences (to other TSI's):
 - Close co-operation with the fire-brigade
 - Tunnel approval by Notified Body



TSI-SRT Contents

- Not a Tunnel "Handbook"
- No repeat of existing Law & Regulations
- Focussed on railway operational procedures
 - No traceable relation to incident analysis
 - No tool for financial control
 - Low value for tunnel initial design



Tunnel Cost

Danger:

Tunnel construction at fixed cost could endanger safety when problems arise with the civil construction.

Solution:

Tunnels should be contracted with the installation contractor to assure that the intended safety level is delivered



Incident Analysis/Research

- Sprinkler design and capacity
- Drainage system fire control
- AFFF performance in ballast/drainage canal
- Smoke Control
- Fire detector performance
- Sprinkler/catenary/fire brigade appliances



Incidents drive research

Research drives cost upwards

Key Issue:

Can you afford to loose the tunnel?

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Affordability of tunnel loss

YES

Get the people out in time Let it burn out!!

NO

Determine your threat level in advance Arrange for approval by all involved authorities



Fire Curve/Safety/Authority



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Tunnel Approval

- Building Inspection & Licenses
- Environmental Inspection & Licenses
- Labour Safety Inspection & Licenses
- Railroad Inspection & Licenses
 - Notified Body
 - Coordinating Notified Body?





- Regulatory ISA
 - determines the safety rules to be met
- Engineering ISA
 - interprets the rules, maintains safety in construction phase
- Validating ISA
 - Checks if all applicable rules have been fulfilled



TSI-Safety in Railway Tunnels Conclusion

- Guideline for a minimum safety level
- Limited value for initial design setup/verification
- Challenge for a railroad notified body

Key-Issue

- Can you afford the loss of the tunnel?
- Determine threat level at design phase!



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