

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
 BUREAU OF SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT  
 GULF OF MEXICO REGION

## ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REPORT

For Public Release

1. OCCURRED

DATE: **04-FEB-2021** TIME: **0230** HOURS

2. OPERATOR: **Hess Corporation**

REPRESENTATIVE:

TELEPHONE:

CONTRACTOR: **HALLIBURTON**

REPRESENTATIVE:

TELEPHONE:

- STRUCTURAL DAMAGE
- CRANE
- OTHER LIFTING **Wireline Unit**
- DAMAGED/DISABLED SAFETY SYS.
- INCIDENT >\$25K
- H2S/15MIN./20PPM
- REQUIRED MUSTER
- SHUTDOWN FROM GAS RELEASE
- OTHER

3. OPERATOR/CONTRACTOR REPRESENTATIVE/SUPERVISOR ON SITE AT TIME OF INCIDENT:

8. OPERATION:

4. LEASE: **G07462**

AREA: **GB** LATITUDE:

BLOCK: **260** LONGITUDE:

- PRODUCTION
- DRILLING
- WORKOVER
- COMPLETION
- HELICOPTER
- MOTOR VESSEL
- PIPELINE SEGMENT NO.
- OTHER

5. PLATFORM: **A(BALDPATE)**

RIG NAME: **\* WIRELINE UNIT**

6. ACTIVITY:

- EXPLORATION(POE)
- DEVELOPMENT/PRODUCTION (DOCD/POD)

9. CAUSE:

7. TYPE:

INJURIES:

HISTORIC INJURY

OPERATOR CONTRACTOR

REQUIRED EVACUATION

LTA (1-3 days)

LTA (>3 days)

RW/JT (1-3 days)

RW/JT (>3 days)

FATALITY

Other Injury

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- EQUIPMENT FAILURE
- HUMAN ERROR
- EXTERNAL DAMAGE
- SLIP/TRIP/FALL
- WEATHER RELATED
- LEAK
- UPSET H2O TREATING
- OVERBOARD DRILLING FLUID
- OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical Treatment "Stitches"**

POLLUTION

FIRE

EXPLOSION

LWC

HISTORIC BLOWOUT

UNDERGROUND

SURFACE

DEVERTER

SURFACE EQUIPMENT FAILURE OR PROCEDURES

10. WATER DEPTH: **1648** FT.

11. DISTANCE FROM SHORE: **110** MI.

12. WIND DIRECTION:  
SPEED: M.P.H.

13. CURRENT DIRECTION:  
SPEED: M.P.H.

14. SEA STATE: FT.

15. PICTURES TAKEN:

16. STATEMENT TAKEN:

COLLISION  HISTORIC  >\$25K  <=\$25K

On 4 February 2021, at approximately 02:30 hours, an injury occurred at Hess Corporation's (Hess) Outer Continental Shelf G-07462 Garden Banks (GB) Block 260 Baldpate Platform.

Sequence of Events:

On 4 February 2021, during slickline operations, a Halliburton Well Intervention Crew fished a 22-foot tool string from the A8 Well with a 20-foot Retrieve Subsurface (RS) retrieval tool. The tool string and fish were raised into the lubricator and the bottom of the lubricator was attached with a 50-foot tag line. Afterwards, the lubricator was disconnected, and a crane lifted the fished tool string to an elevation above the wireline blowout preventer. The lubricator attached with a 50-foot tag line was then repositioned by a Halliburton supervisor to allow a slickline unit operator to lower the tool string to the deck. As the tool string was being lowered, the RS retrieval tool unexpectedly released from the fished tool string and fell approximately 6 to 8-inches onto the deck. The RS retrieval tool dropped and passed the upper section of the lubricator that was supporting it in the vertical position. The retrieval tool fell over, struck a light plant, and the end of the tool bounced up in the red zone striking the Injured Party (IP) on his left leg, causing a 1.5-inch laceration. An all stop was initiated, and the IP reported to the Medic where his laceration was treated with six stitches.

BSEE Investigation:

On 24 February 2021, a Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) Lafayette District Inspector conducted an onsite incident investigation at the Baldpate Platform during a regularly scheduled monthly inspection. BSEE met with Hess's representatives and gathered any available information such as Job Safety Analyses for wireline operations and coordinated for the delivery of all remaining investigation-related documents from Hess.

A post investigation report revealed that the RS retrieval tool released from the tool string due to a piece of wire interfering with the latch and the lubricator not being extended long enough to contain the full tool string.

18. LIST THE PROBABLE CAUSE(S) OF ACCIDENT:

The BSEE incident investigation team determined that the probable cause of the incident was due to the IP working in the red zone that was not enforced.

19. LIST THE CONTRIBUTING CAUSE(S) OF ACCIDENT:

BSEE's investigation into this incident identified the following contributing causes: 1) the lubricator was not extended enough to accommodate the tool strings and 2) a piece of wire caught in the dogs interfered with the latch that caused the RS tool to be released from the tool string.

20. LIST THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

21. PROPERTY DAMAGED:

NATURE OF DAMAGE:

The skirt to the RS tool was damaged during this incident.

The marks on the skirt of the RS tool indicated it was gouge by a piece of wire.

ESTIMATED AMOUNT (TOTAL): \$50

22. RECOMMENDATIONS TO PREVENT RECURRENCE NARRATIVE:

The BSEE Lafayette District makes no recommendations to the Office of Incident Investigations regarding this incident.

23. POSSIBLE OCS VIOLATIONS RELATED TO ACCIDENT: YES

24. SPECIFY VIOLATIONS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY CONTRIBUTING. NARRATIVE:

Based on the incident investigation findings, a G-110 Incident of Noncompliance (INC) is issued to document that Hess Corporation failed to perform operations in a safe and workmanlike manner during slickline operations on the Baldpate platform located at Garden Banks Block 260. On 4 February 2021, a Halliburton employee, the Injured Party (IP), sustained an injury when a RS retrieval tool was released from the wireline tool assembly striking the IP on his left leg causing a 1.5-inch laceration that required six stitches.

A BSEE Incident Follow-up Investigation Team determined that the injury was the result of the IP working in the red zone that was not being enforced, the lubricator was not installed in such a way to accommodate both tool strings and that the RS retrieval tool was unexpectedly released from the tool string due to a piece of wire that was trapped in the dogs that interfered with the latch.

25. DATE OF ONSITE INVESTIGATION:

24-FEB-2021

28. ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION:

29. ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION PANEL FORMED: NO

26. INVESTIGATION TEAM MEMBERS:

Troy Naquin (Report Author) / Jack Angelle (Onsite) /

OCS REPORT:

30. DISTRICT SUPERVISOR:

Robert Ranney

27. OPERATOR REPORT ON FILE:

APPROVED

DATE: 14-JUN-2021