

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT  
PACIFIC OCS REGION

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REPORT

1. OCCURRED

DATE: 04-NOV-2004 TIME: 0735 HOURS

2. OPERATOR: Plains Exploration & Production Co  
REPRESENTATIVE:  
TELEPHONE:  
CONTRACTOR:  
REPRESENTATIVE:  
TELEPHONE:

- STRUCTURAL DAMAGE
- CRANE
- OTHER LIFTING DEVICE
- 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:

6. OPERATION:

4. LEASE: P00234  
AREA: LA LATITUDE:  
BLOCK: 6709 LONGITUDE:

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

5. PLATFORM: HABITAT  
RIG NAME:

6. ACTIVITY:  EXPLORATION (POE)  
 DEVELOPMENT/PRODUCTION  
(DOC/D/POD)

8. CAUSE:

7. TYPE:

- HISTORIC INJURY
  - REQUIRED EVACUATION
  - LTA (1-3 days)
  - LTA (>3 days)
  - RW/JT (1-3 days)
  - RW/JT (>3 days)
  - Other Injury

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

- FATALITY 0
- POLLUTION
- FIRE
- EXPLOSION

9. WATER DEPTH: 290 FT.  
10. DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 8 MI.

- LWC  HISTORIC BLOWOUT
- UNDERGROUND
- SURFACE
- DEVERTER
- SURFACE EQUIPMENT FAILURE OR PROCEDURES

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

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

13. SEA STATE: FT.  
14. PICTURES TAKEN: YES  
15. STATEMENT TAKEN: YES

17. INVESTIGATION FINDINGS:

While removing scaffolding from west side of production deck, contract employee stepped onto unsecured plank causing it to teeter-totter. Employee was wearing full body harness, life-jacket, and other PPE, but was not properly tied-off. Employee fell about 35 feet impacting water on his side while in a fully-tucked (cannon ball) position. Employee sustained a bruise to his left thigh (either from hitting the plank or the water) and scratches to his face from his safety glasses when he hit the water. Employee swam to an access ladder and pulled himself back onto the platform. Employee was assigned to light work duty the next day.

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

- Employee was not properly tied-off while climbing into position to begin work.
- Scaffolding plank was not properly secured.

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

20. LIST THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

21. PROPERTY DAMAGED: NATURE OF DAMAGE:

Hardhat was lost during fall into ocean.

ESTIMATED AMOUNT (TOTAL): \$15

22. RECOMMENDATIONS TO PREVENT RECURRANCE NARRATIVE:

- Adhere to 100% tie-off policy when there is a danger of falling.
- Keep scaffolding planks secured until such time as they are actually removed to prevent "live" planks from becoming a hazard.
- Provide additional training in safe work practices.

23. POSSIBLE OCS VIOLATIONS RELATED TO ACCIDENT: YES

24. SPECIFY VIOLATIONS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY CONTRIBUTING. NARRATIVE:

PINC Z-106, enforcement action "C", was issued for failure to adhere to appropriate tie-off requirements.

25. DATE OF ONSITE INVESTIGATION: 28. ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION:

05-NOV-2004

MINOR

26. ONSITE TEAM MEMBERS:

Shannon Shaw /

29. ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION  
PANEL FORMED: ~~NO~~

OCS REPORT:

30. DISTRICT SUPERVISOR:

thomas dunaway

27. OPERATOR REPORT ON FILE: YES

APPROVED

DATE:

08-NOV-2004

