

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

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REPORT

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1. OCCURRED

DATE: 08-AUG-2019 TIME: 0930 HOURS

2. OPERATOR: Cox Operating, L.L.C.

REPRESENTATIVE:  
TELEPHONE:

CONTRACTOR:  
REPRESENTATIVE:  
TELEPHONE:

- STRUCTURAL DAMAGE
- CRANE
- OTHER LIFTING
- 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: G02103

AREA: EI LATITUDE:  
BLOCK: 257 LONGITUDE:

5. PLATFORM: C  
RIG NAME:

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

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

7. TYPE:

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

- FATALITY
- POLLUTION
- FIRE
- EXPLOSION

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

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

9. CAUSE:

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

- 10. WATER DEPTH: 152 FT.
- 11. DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 56 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:

17. INVESTIGATION FINDINGS:

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On August 5, 2019 at approximately 0930 hours, an employee fractured his right ankle due to an awkward fall after coming in contact with a wheel valve handle at Cox Operating's (Cox) Eugene Island (EI) 257 C platform.

The employee was repairing a leaking Temperature Safety Element (TSE) that was located over the Flare Scrubber. The employee was standing on a ladder and was approximately 3feet above the deck while repairing the TSE.

While still on the ladder, the generator shut down and the employee climbed down to assist in restarting the generator. The employee climbed down the ladder and continued to lock down while walking. The employee's hardhat struck a wheel valve handle forcing his head and neck back and his right knee to buckle. As the employee fell, he landed on his right leg causing his ankle to turn in an awkward position. The employee resumed work with no issues until August 8, 2019. That morning the employee-experienced pain and swelling on the right ankle.

Cox transported the employee to Occupational Medicine Services (OMS) located in Houma, Louisiana for treatment. The employee suffered a fracture to the right ankle.

Following the incident, the lessee has removed the wheel valve handle to prevent any other occurrences.

The BSEE Lafayette District conducted an onsite investigation August 13, 2019

Note: The incident occurred on August 5, 2019. According to the report sent to the BSEE Lafayette District, the lessee documented the incident occurred on August 8, 2019. The employee felt pain and was flown in on August 8, 2019.

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

The employee failed to observe any potential hazards or obstacles as he descended from the ladder.

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

20. LIST THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

21. PROPERTY DAMAGED:

NATURE OF DAMAGE:

None

NA

ESTIMATED AMOUNT (TOTAL):

\$

22. RECOMMENDATIONS TO PREVENT RECURRANCE NARRATIVE:

The BSEE Lafayette District office makes no recommendations to the Regional Office of Incident Investigations.

23. POSSIBLE OCS VIOLATIONS RELATED TO ACCIDENT: NO

24. SPECIFY VIOLATIONS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY CONTRIBUTING. NARRATIVE:

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NA

25. DATE OF ONSITE INVESTIGATION:

08-AUG-2019

28. ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION:

26. INVESTIGATION TEAM MEMBERS:

Wade Guillotte /

29. ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION  
PANEL FORMED: NO

OCS REPORT:

30. DISTRICT SUPERVISOR:

Robert Ranney

27. OPERATOR REPORT ON FILE:

APPROVED

DATE: 04-NOV-2019