UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE
GULF OF MEXICO REGION
ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REPORT

1. OCCURRED
DATE: 30-JAN-2007  TIME: 0920  HOURS

2. OPERATOR: W & T Offshore, L.L.C.
   REPRESENTATIVE: Bea Stong
   TELEPHONE: (713) 626-8525
CONTRACTOR: Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc
   REPRESENTATIVE: Joseph Brewer
   TELEPHONE: (713) 378-2871

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

4. LEASE: G26229
   AREA: EW  LATITUDE:  
   BLOCK: 989  LONGITUDE: 

5. PLATFORM:
   RIG NAME: DIAMOND OCEAN NEW ERA

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

7. TYPE:
   HISTORIC INJURY
   REQUIRED EVACUATION  1
   LTA (1-3 days)  
   LTA (>3 days)  
   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

8. CAUSE:
   EQUIPMENT FAILURE
   HUMAN ERROR
   EXTERNAL DAMAGE
   SLIP/TRIP/FALL
   WEATHER RELATED
   LEAK
   UPSET H2O TREATING
   OVERBOARD DRILLING FLUID
   OTHER

9. WATER DEPTH: 523 FT.

10. DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 75 MI.

11. WIND DIRECTION: SSE
    SPEED: 10 M.P.H.

12. CURRENT DIRECTION: N
    SPEED: 1 M.P.H.

13. SEA STATE: 4 FT.
17. DESCRIBE IN SEQUENCE HOW ACCIDENT HAPPENED:

Two roustabouts were working on the pipe rack, laying down the work string. The crane crew was using a water hose to wash away any residual material from the work string as it was laid down. The water contained Zinc Bromide (ZnBr) from the work string. Both injured parties had on slicker suits, but the suits were not secured with enough duct tape and allowed the water to make contact with their pants. ZnBr chemical burns resulted to the lower legs of both individuals. Both employees noticed irritation around the top edge of their boots but thought it was just from their boots rubbing their legs. They were seen limping by the company man and were told to go see the safety representative to be checked out. One of the injured workers had dark red areas with small ulcers on both legs. The ulcers appeared to be healing. The other injured worker had two ulcer type wounds and red areas on both legs. Both injured parties were flown in to see a doctor. One of the injured parties was released back to full work duty that day. The other injured party was away from work for seven days. Both employees have since returned and are currently back at work. If the injured parties would have reported their injuries as soon as the pain was noticed, the burns would not have been as severe and they probably would not have missed any work.

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

The cause of the incident is the prolonged contact the individuals had with the Zinc Bromide. At first, the injured parties were unaware that they had even come in contact with the ZnBr.

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

The prolonged contact with the Zinc Bromide contributed to the severity of the burns that the injured parties received.
21. PROPERTY DAMAGED: None

22. RECOMMENDATIONS TO PREVENT RECURRANCE NARRATIVE:
Due to the specific nature of this incident, the Houma District has no recommendations to report to the Regional Office.

23. POSSIBLE OCS VIOLATIONS RELATED TO ACCIDENT: NO

24. SPECIFY VIOLATIONS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY CONTRIBUTING. NARRATIVE:
None

25. DATE OF ONSITE INVESTIGATION:

26. ONSITE TEAM MEMBERS:
Amy Wilson /

29. ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION PANEL FORMED: NO

30. DISTRICT SUPERVISOR:
Michael J. Saucier

APPROVED
DATE: 27-MAR-2007
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**WORK PHONE:**

**TOTAL OFFSHORE EXPERIENCE:**

**EMPLOYED BY:** Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc. / 20293

**BUSINESS ADDRESS:** 111 Veterans Memorial Blvd.

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