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

1. OCCURRED
   DATE: 04-FEB-2007    TIME: 1225 HOURS

2. OPERATOR: Merit Energy Company
   REPRESENTATIVE: Lloyd Sigur
   TELEPHONE: (337) 262-8192
   CONTRACTOR: ISLAND OPERATORS CO. INC.
   REPRESENTATIVE: Robert Furey
   TELEPHONE: (504) 368-1787

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

4. LEASE: G13035
   AREA: MP      LATITUDE: 
   BLOCK: 261    LONGITUDE: 

5. PLATFORM: A
   RIG NAME: 

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

7. TYPE:
   [ ] HISTORIC INJURY
   [X] 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

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

9. WATER DEPTH: 282 FT.

10. DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 65 MI.

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

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

13. SEA STATE: FT.

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17. DESCRIBE IN SEQUENCE HOW ACCIDENT HAPPENED:

The C operator was walking toward the Lead Operator on the lower production deck when he tripped over a well can cover and fell forward landing on his right side. The well can cover protruded about 2 to 3 inches above the grating due to cut casing that was put down too hard during P&A Operations. The operator was in the process of barricading off the area when he tripped. It was not painted at the time of the incident. The injured complained about pain in his back. He was transported to the hospital for a medical evaluation. He was diagnosed with an inflamed sciatic nerve and taken off work duty. He was given a full release on 2-8-07 and returned to work. The incident resulted in 4 days away from work for the injured.

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

Not paying attention to his surroundings.

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

20. LIST THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
21. PROPERTY DAMAGED: 

NATURE OF DAMAGE: 

ESTIMATED AMOUNT (TOTAL): 

22. RECOMMENDATIONS TO PREVENT RECURRANCE NARRATIVE: 

23. POSSIBLE OCS VIOLATIONS RELATED TO ACCIDENT: NO 

24. SPECIFY VIOLATIONS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY CONTRIBUTING. NARRATIVE: 

25. DATE OF ONSITE INVESTIGATION: 

26. ONSITE TEAM MEMBERS: 

29. ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION PANEL FORMED: NO 

OCS REPORT: 

30. DISTRICT SUPERVISOR: 

Troy Trosclair 

APPROVED 

DATE: 20-APR-2007