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: 04-MAR-2012  TIME: 1330 HOURS

2. OPERATOR: Nexen Petroleum U.S.A. Inc.
   REPRESENTATIVE:
   TELEPHONE:
   CONTRACTOR:
   REPRESENTATIVE:
   TELEPHONE:

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

4. LEASE: G00985
   AREA: EI  LATITUDE:
   BLOCK: 259  LONGITUDE:

5. PLATFORM: C
   RIG NAME:

6. ACTIVITY: EXPLOSION
   DEVELOPMENT/PRODUCTION (DOCD/POD)

7. TYPE:
   HISTORIC INJURY
   REQUIRED EVACUATION
   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

8. CAUSE:
   EQUIPMENT FAILURE
   HUMAN ERROR
   EXTERNAL DAMAGE
   SLIP/TRIP/FALL
   WEATHER RELATED
   LEAK
   UPSET H20 TREATING
   OVERBOARD DRILLING FLUID
   OTHER

9. WATER DEPTH: 160 FT.

10. DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 58 MI.

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

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

13. SEA STATE: FT.
17. INVESTIGATION FINDINGS:

On March 04, 2012, at approximately 1330 hours, a contract employee (CE) injured his left knee while attempting to walk through a narrow walkway located next to a containment pan on a crane. The CE was overseeing construction operations on the facility when he decided to verbally communicate with the crane operator. The CE climbed the ladder on the crane and proceeded towards the cab of the crane. As he approached the containment pan, his right foot slipped from the walkway to the pan causing his left knee to extend and twist to the left. He felt a pop in the left knee and had to be assisted to the quarters. As the CE rolled his pants to examine his injury, there was concern for the amount of swelling. The CE was transported to Lafayette General to treat his injury. An MRI was taken and indicated tears and a possible ruptured tendon and required surgery to repair. The CE will miss approximately three to six months of work.

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

The CE failed to properly observe the walkway before attempting to walk towards the crane cab. The CE stepped off the edge of the walkway into the containment pan causing the CE to step wrong and over extend his left knee.

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

1. As per the Job Safety Analysis, the CE should have utilized the hand held radio before attempting to climb the ladder to communicate with the crane operator;
2. Always clean oil from decks and walkways;
3. Maintain containment pans so they do not cause oil to splatter onto decks and walkways;
4. Cover all openings in and around decks and walkways to prevent slips, trips and falls.

20. LIST THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

21. PROPERTY DAMAGED: NATURE OF DAMAGE: None None

ESTIMATED AMOUNT (TOTAL): $
22. RECOMMENDATIONS TO PREVENT RECURRANCE, NARRATIVE:
The BSEE Lafayette District Office makes no recommendations to the BSEE Regional Office of Safety Management (OSM).

23. POSSIBLE OCS VIOLATIONS RELATED TO ACCIDENT: YES

24. SPECIFY VIOLATIONS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY CONTRIBUTING, NARRATIVE:

INC G-132 is issued to document that Nexen Petroleum USA Inc. failed notify the BSEE Lafayette District Manager immediately following an incident involving an injury requiring evacuation. The incident occurred on 04-March-2012 and was not reported until 9 days following the incident.

25. DATE OF ONSITE INVESTIGATION:
15-MAR-2012

26. ONSITE TEAM MEMBERS:
Gerald Gonzales / Wade Guillotte /

29. ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION
PANEL FORMED: NO
OCS REPORT:

30. DISTRICT SUPERVISOR:
Elliott S. Smith

APPROVED DATE: 16-APR-2012