

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

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REPORT

FOR Public Release

1. OCCURRED

DATE: **04-MAR-2012** TIME: **1330** HOURS

2. OPERATOR: **Nexen Petroleum U.S.A. Inc.**

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 **Trip Hazard**

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

6. OPERATION:

4. LEASE: **G00985**

AREA: **EI** LATITUDE:

BLOCK: **259** LONGITUDE:

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

5. PLATFORM: **C**

RIG NAME:

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

8. CAUSE:

7. TYPE:

HISTORIC INJURY

REQUIRED EVACUATION

LTA (1-3 days)

LTA (>3 days) **1**

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
- POLLUTION
- FIRE
- EXPLOSION

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

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

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:

None

NATURE OF DAMAGE:

None

ESTIMATED AMOUNT (TOTAL):

\$

22. RECOMMENDATIONS TO PREVENT RECCURRANCE 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**

