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

1. OCCURRED
DATE: 20-JUL-2005  TIME: 1800  HOURS

2. OPERATOR: Forest Oil Corporation

3. LEASE: G02423
ARE: HI  LATITUDE: 26.132613
BLOCK: A 334  LONGITUDE: -93.675932

4. PLATFORM: B

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

6. TYPE:
- FIRE
- EXPLOSION
- BLOWOUT
- COLLISION
- INJURY NO. 1
- FATALITY NO. 0
- POLLUTION
- OTHER

7. OPERATION:
- PRODUCTION
- DRILLING
- WORKOVER
- COMPLETION
- MOTOR VESSEL
- PIPELINE SEGMENT NO.
- OTHER

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

9. WATER DEPTH: 231 FT.

10. DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 110 MI.

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

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

13. SEA STATE:

14. OPERATION:
- PRODUCTION
- DRILLING
- WORKOVER
- COMPLETION
- MOTOR VESSEL
- PIPELINE SEGMENT NO.
- OTHER

15. OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE/SUPERVISOR ON SITE AT TIME OF INCIDENT:
Bobby Reep
CITY: STATE:
TELEPHONE: (337) 408-6260

16. CONTRACTOR:
CONTRACTOR REPRESENTATIVE/SUPERVISOR ON SITE AT TIME OF INCIDENT:
CITY: STATE:
TELEPHONE:

Kim Fawvor
TELEPHONE: (337) 265-2650

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17. DESCRIBE IN SEQUENCE HOW ACCIDENT HAPPENED:

While trying to find a coolant leak on this gas compressor, the ignition coils were unplugged at the cannon plug and the 3/8 inch tubing that operates the SDV on the fuel gas line was disconnected. The control line that opens and closes the SDV on the compressor fuel was not plugged. Employees were observing on both sides of the compressor looking for the coolant leak, and one man was at the control panel turning the compressor engine over. The right side, or bank, is the one that had the flash fire. A spark from an unknown source ignited the gas; there are two possible sources, one is from the cannon plug, and the other is a spark from the starter when the bendex engages the fly wheel, causing a spark (metal to metal) igniting the gas and burning one employee and igniting the ignition wiring.

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

The empty cannon plug socket could be the ignition source, or it could have been the metal to metal grinding of the starter and the fuel source is the unplugged SDV control line. Even though the cannon plug was removed from the 'Altronic-CPU' and all of the spark plug wires were unplugged, it is possible that a spark was generated and ignited the gas from the fuel line.

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

When gas is used for instrumentation rather than air, all leaks need to be sealed off to prevent incidents such as this.
21. PROPERTY DAMAGED: Burnt wiring
   NATURE OF DAMAGE: Burnt wiring

ESTIMATED AMOUNT (TOTAL): $200

22. RECOMMENDATIONS TO PREVENT RECURRANCE NARRATIVE:
The Lake Jackson District recommends that a Safety Alert be sent out notifying operators of the potential risks involved with not plugging the control lines where gas is used for instrumentation and control.

23. POSSIBLE OCS VIOLATIONS RELATED TO ACCIDENT: NO

24. SPECIFY VIOLATIONS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY CONTRIBUTING. NARRATIVE:

25. DATE OF ONSITE INVESTIGATION:
   21-JUL-2005

26. ONSITE TEAM MEMBERS:
   James Barnard /

29. ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION PANEL FORMED: NO

27. OCS REPORT:

30. DISTRICT SUPERVISOR:
   Ed. Smith

APPROVED
DATE: 25-OCT-2005
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