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

1. OCCURRED
   DATE: 30-OCT-2005  TIME: 1500 HOURS

2. OPERATOR: Marlin Energy Offshore, L.L.C.
   REPRESENTATIVE: Lee Lawson
   TELEPHONE: (337) 769-4064

3. LEASE: 00263
   AREA: ST LATITUDE: 29.0226738
   BLOCK: 21 LONGITUDE: -90.257612

4. PLATFORM: 80
   RIG NAME

5. ACTIVITY: EXPLORATION (POE)
   DEVELOPMENT/PRODUCTION (DOCD/POD)
   TYPE: FIRE EXPLOSION COLLISION INJURY NO. 1
   FATALITY NO. 0
   POLLUTION
   OTHER

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

7. CAUSE: EQUIPMENT FAILURE HUMAN ERROR EXTERNAL DAMAGE SLIP/TRIP/FALL WEATHER RELATED LEAK
   OVERBOARD DRILLING FLUID OVERBOARD DRILLING FLUID
   OTHER trapped gas

8. WATER DEPTH: 36 FT.

9. DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 15 MI.

10. WIND DIRECTION: NNE
    SPEED: 5 M.P.H.

11. CURRENT DIRECTION: E
    SPEED: 1 M.P.H.

12. SEA STATE: 2 FT.

13. OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE/SUPERVISOR ON SITE AT TIME OF INCIDENT:
    Bob Hoffpauir
    CITY: Lafayette STATE: LA
    TELEPHONE: (337) 235-9112

14. CONTRACTOR: Superior Energy Services, Inc.

15. CONTRACTOR REPRESENTATIVE/SUPERVISOR ON SITE AT TIME OF INCIDENT:
    Will Sanchez
    CITY: Harvey STATE: LA
    TELEPHONE: (800) 259-7774
17. DESCRIBE IN SEQUENCE HOW ACCIDENT HAPPENED:

At the time of the incident, the crew was preparing the well for a sidetrack. Eight nuts and bolts were removed from the tubing hanger flange. The hanger pins were backed out and one was removed. The bleed port was opened and an allen screw was removed. Four nuts and bolts were left that could not be removed by a hammer wrench or impact wrench. A hot work permit was completed, a gas detector was used indicating no signs of hydrocarbons, and a fire watch was stationed. While cutting with a torch on the first of the four nuts that remained, a flash fire occurred. Every precaution was taken to prevent a fire, but moving the flange around allowed gas that was trapped in the hanger to migrate and catch fire. The fire flared up and caught the injured party's neck area causing a red rash. They put burn cream on the rash area and the injured party returned to work. The fire flashed up and went out, so no fire fighting equipment was used.

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

Trapped gas in the hanger that was released when the nut was cut.

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

Nuts that were unable to be unscrewed.
21. PROPERTY DAMAGED: none
   NATURE OF DAMAGE: n/a

   ESTIMATED AMOUNT (TOTAL): $

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 Gresham /

29. ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION PANEL FORMED: NO

   OCS REPORT:

30. DISTRICT SUPERVISOR:
   Michael J. Saucier

   APPROVED
   DATE: 21-DEC-2005
1. SOURCE OF IGNITION: Cutting torch

2. TYPE OF FUEL: [ ] GAS
   [x] OIL
   [ ] DIESEL
   [ ] CONDENSATE
   [ ] HYDRAULIC
   [ ] OTHER

3. FUEL SOURCE: Trapped gas

4. WERE PRECAUTIONS OR ACTIONS TAKEN TO ISOLATE KNOWN SOURCES OF IGNITION PRIOR TO THE ACCIDENT? YES

5. TYPE OF FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT UTILIZED: [ ] HANDHELD
   [ ] WHEELED UNIT
   [ ] FIXED CHEMICAL
   [ ] FIXED WATER
   [x] NONE
   [ ] OTHER
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**Name:**

**Home Address:**

**City:**

**State:**

**Work Phone:**

**Total Offshore Experience:**

**Employed By:** Superior Energy Services, Inc. / 21461

**Business Address:** 1615 Poydras Street

**City:**

**State:** LA

**ZIP Code:** 70112