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

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REPORT

For Public Release

1. OCCURRED
   OCCURRED
   DATE: 16-MAR-2013 TIME: 1300 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: G02104
   AREA: EI
   LATITUDE: 
   BLOCK: 295
   LONGITUDE: 

5. PLATFORM: A
   RIG NAME: 

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

7. TYPE:
   HISTORIC INJURY
   REQUIRED EVACUATION 1
   LTA (1-3 days) 1
   LTA (>3 days) 1
   RW/JT (1-3 days) 
   RW/JT (>3 days) 
   Other Injury

   FATALITY
   POLLUTION
   FIRE
   EXPLOSION

   H2S / 15MIN./20PPM
   REQUIRED MUSTER
   SHUTDOWN FROM GAS RELEASE
   OTHER Fall Injury

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

9. WATER DEPTH: 211 FT.

10. DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 61 MI.

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

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

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

On March 16, 2013 at approximately 1300 hours an employee was injured while attempting to pressure up the production system after maintenance was performed on the compressor. After completing compressor maintenance, the injured employee (IE) was attempting to open the A-12 well header valve to allow the production system to receive pressure. The IE utilized a stand to have access to the header valve. The stand has one step for access and is approximately 24' in height. The stand is built very sturdy with no movement as an employee is working on top.

A piece of pipe is utilized to operate the header valves due to the manufacturer not constructing a handle. According to the IE, as he was opening the header valve, the pipe slipped causing him to lose his balance and fall to the solid deck. The IE suffered an injury to his right knee and was assisted by co-workers to the top deck. The IE was transported to Teche Medical Center in Morgan City. The IE fractured his Tibial Plateau just below the right knee. The IE was referred to an Orthopedic Specialist for further treatment.

The BSEE Lafayette District conducted an onsite investigation on March 18, 2013. Investigation revealed that the IE failed to ensure proper foot placement to prevent the potential of losing his balance.

*After further review, the Lessee has elected to insert handrails on the stands to prevent any further injuries.

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

The IE failed to ensure proper foot placement to prevent the potential of losing his balance.

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:  
   The BSEE Lafayette District office makes no recommendations to the Office of Safety Management (OSM).  

23. POSSIBLE OCS VIOLATIONS RELATED TO ACCIDENT: NO  

24. SPECIFY VIOLATIONS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY CONTRIBUTING. NARRATIVE: None  

25. DATE OF ONSITE INVESTIGATION: 18-MAR-2013  

26. ONSITE TEAM MEMBERS: Wade Guillotte / Gerald Gonzales /  
29. ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION PANEL FORMED: NO  

   OCS REPORT:  
   30. DISTRICT SUPERVISOR: Elliott S. Smith  

   APPROVED DATE: 04-APR-2013
INJURY/FATALITY/WITNESS ATTACHMENT

[ ] OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE  [ ] INJURY
[ ] CONTRACTOR REPRESENTATIVE  [ ] FATALITY
[ ] OTHER ______________________  [ ] WITNESS

NAME:
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CITY: STATE:
WORK PHONE: TOTAL OFFSHORE EXPERIENCE: YEARS
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