

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: **23-JUN-2015** TIME: **1800** HOURS

2. OPERATOR:

**Apache Corporation**

REPRESENTATIVE:

TELEPHONE:

CONTRACTOR: **Pioneer Energy Services -**

REPRESENTATIVE:

TELEPHONE:

- STRUCTURAL DAMAGE
- CRANE
- OTHER LIFTING DEVICE
- DAMAGED/DISABLED SAFETY SYS.
- INCIDENT >\$25K
- H2S/15MIN./20PPM
- REQUIRED MUSTER
- SHUTDOWN FROM GAS RELEASE
- OTHER

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

6. OPERATION:

4. LEASE: **G03068**

AREA: **MU** LATITUDE:

BLOCK: **A 111** LONGITUDE: -

- PRODUCTION
- DRILLING
- WORKOVER
- COMPLETION
- HELICOPTER
- MOTOR VESSEL
- PIPELINE SEGMENT NO.
- OTHER **Plug and Abandon**

5. PLATFORM: - **A**

RIG NAME:

6. ACTIVITY:

- EXPLORATION (POE)
- DEVELOPMENT/PRODUCTION  
(DOCD/POD)

8. CAUSE:

7. TYPE:

HISTORIC INJURY -

REQUIRED EVACUATION 1 -

LTA (1-3 days)

LTA (>3 days)

RW/JT (1-3 days)

RW/JT (>3 days)

Other Injury 1 **Medical Treatment  
Only**

- FATALITY
- POLLUTION
- FIRE
- EXPLOSION

LWC -

HISTORIC BLOWOUT

UNDERGROUND

SURFACE

DEVERTER

SURFACE EQUIPMENT FAILURE OR PROCEDURES -

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

- EQUIPMENT FAILURE
- HUMAN ERROR
- EXTERNAL DAMAGE -
- SLIP/TRIP/FALL -
- WEATHER RELATED
- LEAK
- UPSET H2O TREATING
- OVERBOARD DRILLING FLUID
- OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

9. WATER DEPTH: **304** FT.

10. DISTANCE FROM SHORE: **46** MI.

11. WIND DIRECTION: **SE** -  
SPEED: **4** M.P.H.

12. CURRENT DIRECTION: **SE**  
SPEED: **1** M.P.H.

13. SEA STATE: **1** FT.

Two crew members were inside the work basket utilizing power tongs to trip in the hole with 3 inch drill pipe. A joint of drill pipe was stabbed into the stump and the Tong Operator started to swing the tongs towards the pipe to make up the connection. The Injured Person (IP) was assisting to latch on to the connection and noticed the tong door was closed. The IP grabbed the tong's door in an attempt to open it, misjudged the tong's movement. As the IP placed his hand on the tong's door, the tongs struck the drill pipe resulting in pinching his right thumb between the tong door and the joint of pipe.

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

Improper hand placement when attempting to open the tong door.

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

Improper hand placement.

## 20. LIST THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

IP was wearing high impact gloves at the time of the incident but, the injury occurred on a place where the rubber impact material was not present on the glove.

## 21. PROPERTY DAMAGED:

None

## NATURE OF DAMAGE:

None

ESTIMATED AMOUNT (TOTAL):

\$

## 22. RECOMMENDATIONS TO PREVENT RECURRENCE NARRATIVE:

The Lake Jackson District Office does not have any recommendations to the regional office at this time.

## 23. POSSIBLE OCS VIOLATIONS RELATED TO ACCIDENT: NO

## 24. SPECIFY VIOLATIONS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY CONTRIBUTING. NARRATIVE:

None

## 25. DATE OF ONSITE INVESTIGATION:

24-JUN-2015

## 26. ONSITE TEAM MEMBERS:

## 29. ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION

PANEL FORMED: NO

OCS REPORT:

APPROVED

DATE: 01-SEP-2015