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: 12-FEB-2013 TIME: 1600 HOURS

2. OPERATOR: Walter Oil & Gas Corporation
   REPRESENTATIVE: TELEPHONE:
   CONTRACTOR: REPRESENTATIVE: TELEPHONE:

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

4. LEASE: G33109
   AREA: ST LATITUDE:
   BLOCK: 127 LONGITUDE:

5. PLATFORM:
   RIG NAME: HERCULES 251

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

7. TYPE:
   [ ] HISTORIC INJURY
   [ ] REQUIRED EVACUATION
   LTA (1-3 days) [X] LTA (>3 days) 1
   RW/JT (1-3 days) [X] RW/JT (>3 days)
   [ ] Other Injury
   [ ] FATALITY
   [ ] POLLUTION
   [ ] FIRE
   [ ] EXPLOSION
   LWC [ ] HISTORIC BLOWOUT
   UNDERGROUND
   SURFACE
   DEVERTER
   SURFACE EQUIPMENT FAILURE OR PROCEDURES
   COLLISION [ ] HISTORIC [ ] >$25K [ ] <=$25K

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

9. WATER DEPTH: 83 FT.

10. DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 25 MI.

11. WIND DIRECTION: N
    SPEED: 1 M.P.H.

12. CURRENT DIRECTION: N
    SPEED: 1 M.P.H.

13. SEA STATE: 1 FT.
On February 12th, 2013, a Floorman working on the Hercules 251 drilling rig was struck by a falling object while in the process of rigging down equipment in preparation of moving the rig to a new location.

On the day of the accident, the Hercules 251 drilling rig was working for Walter Oil & Gas Corporation; the rig was located at South Timbalier 127. Prior to commencing operations to rig down equipment, a Job Safety Analysis (JSA) was conducted and signed by all parties but the JSA failed to specifically mention the risk of dropped objects. The injured person (IP), an experienced Floorman, was working on the Texas deck, which is located below the drill floor. The accident occurred when the crew was pulling the mousehole up through the drill floor. While the mousehole was being lifted, a three inch ball valve located at the bottom of the mousehole broke off at the cam lock connection. How the ball valve broke off is undetermined but, it is believed to have been caused by the mousehole not being completely vertical during the lift. The ball valve glanced off the Blow out Preventers and fell 27 feet, striking the IP on the head. The IP's hard hat was dented and IP suffered a 3 inch laceration on the top right side of his head.

The IP was evacuated to shore and given medical attention, he received stitches and was then discharged after it had been determined he did not need additional treatment.

Immediately following the accident the drill crew shut down the operation and held a JSA before resuming operations. The valve assembly has since been replaced with solid pipe and, a guard has been placed over the valve to prevent similar accidents in the future.

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

The probable cause of the accident is that the mousehole did not remain vertical while being lifted resulting in the ball valve making contact with something and breaking it off.

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

A contributing cause was the danger of falling objects went unrecognized resulting in the IP to be unaware of the hazards associated with working where he was when the accident occurred.

20. LIST THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The valve assembly has since been replaced with solid pipe and, a guard has been placed over the valve to prevent similar accidents in the future.
ESTIMATED AMOUNT (TOTAL):

22. RECOMMENDATIONS TO PREVENT RECURRANCE NARRATIVE:

   The Houma District has no recommendations at this time.

23. POSSIBLE OCS VIOLATIONS RELATED TO ACCIDENT: NO

24. SPECIFY VIOLATIONS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY CONTRIBUTING. NARRATIVE:

25. DATE OF ONSITE INVESTIGATION:

26. ONSITE TEAM MEMBERS:

   / James Benetatos / James Richard

29. ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION PANEL FORMED: NO

30. DISTRICT SUPERVISOR:

   Bryan A. Domangue

APPROVED DATE: 04-NOV-2013

INJURY/FATALITY/WITNESS ATTACHMENT

☐ OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE  ☐ INJURY
☐ CONTRACTOR REPRESENTATIVE  ☐ FATALITY
☐ OTHER __________________________  ☐ WITNESS

NAME:

HOME ADDRESS:

CITY: STATE:

WORK PHONE: TOTAL OFFSHORE EXPERIENCE: YEARS

EMPLOYED BY:

BUSINESS ADDRESS: