

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: 17-DEC-2013 TIME: 1045 HOURS

2. OPERATOR: EPL Oil & Gas, Inc.

REPRESENTATIVE:

TELEPHONE:

CONTRACTOR: Spartan Offshore Drilling, LLC

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: G04473

AREA: WD LATITUDE:

BLOCK: 27 LONGITUDE:

- PRODUCTION
- DRILLING
- WORKOVER
- COMPLETION
- HELICOPTER
- MOTOR VESSEL
- PIPELINE SEGMENT NO.
- OTHER

5. PLATFORM: B

RIG NAME: SPARTAN 303

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

8. CAUSE:

7. TYPE:

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

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

- FATALITY
- POLLUTION
- FIRE
- EXPLOSION

- LWC HISTORIC BLOWOUT
- UNDERGROUND
 - SURFACE
 - DEVERTER
 - SURFACE EQUIPMENT FAILURE OR PROCEDURES

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

9. WATER DEPTH: 41 FT.
10. DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 6 MI.
11. WIND DIRECTION:
SPEED: M.P.H.
12. CURRENT DIRECTION:
SPEED: M.P.H.
13. SEA STATE: FT.

17. INVESTIGATION FINDINGS: -

On December 17, 2013 at approximately 2245 hours an employee was injured while preparing the Texas Deck to install the pollution pan around the Blow Out Preventer (BOP). At approximately 2130 hours a meeting was held on the drill floor to review the Job Safety Analyses (JSA) for installing the pollution pan around the BOP. In attendance for this meeting were the Driller, Derrickman, and 3 Floorman. After the meeting but before the job started, one of the Floorman was sent to help the Rig Welder. Needing another person to assist with installing the pollution pan, the Driller contacted the Crane Operator to send one of his Roustabouts. This Roustabout is the injured employee (IE) and was not in attendance during the JSA meeting.

The IE was working on the Texas Deck with a Floorman to remove a piece of chain that was caught under a section of grating. According to witnesses, both employees were wearing fall protection. The Floorman was wearing a harness with a self-retracting lifeline (SRL) and the IE was wearing a harness with a lanyard. The IE and the Floorman lifted the grating and pulled the chain free. While the Floorman was putting away the loose chain the IE was exiting the Texas Deck. While attempting to exit the Texas Deck, the unsecured grating shifted and the IE fell an estimated 55 feet to the production platform below.

The IE was flown to West Jefferson Medical Center where it was discovered that he sustained the following injuries; broken pelvis, fractured wrist, multiple lacerations and bruises.

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

- 1) Fall protection not used properly.
- 2) The grating was not secured at the time of the incident. -

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

- 1) The injured employee was not involved in the JSA meeting that was conducted for installing the pollution pan. -
- 2) The IE was not tied off with an SRL. The SRL allows personnel to move freely on the Texas Deck without having to move anchor points.

20. LIST THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- 1) The IE did not have Fall Protection Including Rescue Planning (OSHA 1926.500) and/or Society of Professional Access Technicians Training (SPRAT). According to Spartan Offshore Drilling's training matrix this fall protection training was required for his position. -
- 2) At the time of the incident, there were 4 SRL's available for use when working on the Texas Deck. The Floorman was utilizing one of them and three were ready for use.

21. PROPERTY DAMAGED:

None

NATURE OF DAMAGE:

None

ESTIMATED AMOUNT (TOTAL): \$

22. RECOMMENDATIONS TO PREVENT RECURRENCE NARRATIVE:

The BSEE New Orleans District makes no recommendations to the Agency.

23. POSSIBLE OCS VIOLATIONS RELATED TO ACCIDENT: YES

24. SPECIFY VIOLATIONS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY CONTRIBUTING. NARRATIVE:

G-110 INC Issued 3-24-2014 - On 12/17/13 the lessee did not perform all operations in safe and workmanlike manner. An accident occurred that could have resulted in loss of life. A Spartan Offshore employee fell approximately 55 feet from the Texas Deck to the production platform below. BSEE investigators found the following during the investigation. 1) Grating on the Texas Deck was not secured at the time of the incident. 2) Injured employee was not introduced into the JSA. 3) Injured employee did not utilize fall protection properly. 4) Injured person did not have "Fall Protection Including Rescue Planning (OSHA 1926.500) and/or SPRAT Training" as stated in Spartan Offshore training matrix.

25. DATE OF ONSITE INVESTIGATION:

19-DEC-2013

26. ONSITE TEAM MEMBERS:

Michael "Joe" Sonnier / Lance Benedietto /

29. ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION

PANEL FORMED: NO

OCS REPORT:

30. DISTRICT SUPERVISOR:

David J. Trocquet

APPROVED

DATE: 03-JUL-2014

INJURY/FATALITY/WITNESS ATTACHMENT

OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE

INJURY

CONTRACTOR REPRESENTATIVE

FATALITY

OTHER _____

WITNESS

INJURY/FATALITY/WITNESS ATTACHMENT

NAME:
HOME ADDRESS:
CITY: STATE:
WORK PHONE: TOTAL OFFSHORE EXPERIENCE: YEARS
EMPLOYED BY: **EPL Oil & Gas, Inc. / 02266**
BUSINESS ADDRESS: **201 St. Charles Avenue**
Suite 3400
CITY: **New Orleans** STATE: **LA**
ZIP CODE: **70170-3400**

OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE INJURY
 CONTRACTOR REPRESENTATIVE FATALITY
 OTHER _____ WITNESS

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EMPLOYED BY: **Spartan Offshore Drilling, LLC / 21942**
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CITY: **Metairie** STATE: **LA**
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