

SAFETY ALERT



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Injuries Caused by Boat Landing Collapse After Personnel Rope Transfer

On February 14, 2019, a production contractor was conducting a pollution inspection on a Gulf of Mexico platform. The individual successfully transferred from the boat to the platform via rope transfer, landing on the grating of the boat landing. Upon completion of the transfer, the grating gave way and the individual fell into the water.

The boat deckhands immediately retrieved the individual from the water. The individual sustained cuts to his legs and other undefined injuries to his knee and back. The individual was transported to shore for additional medical treatment.

Therefore, BSEE recommends that operators consider the following:

- Develop and ensure implementation of a Safe Boarding Plan for any facility that may present hazards to normal boarding processes.
- Prior to boarding, use flyovers or close approach by boat to establish the general condition of the structure and determine if the structure has obvious damage.
- Conduct a general visual inspection of the above-water structure to identify additional safety concerns and possible structural damage to determine if a below-water inspection is required.
- Review this Safety Alert with all personnel who transfer to facilities via swing rope or personnel baskets to make sure employees are aware of all potential hazards associated with personnel transfers.

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A Safety Alert is a tool used by BSEE to inform the offshore oil and gas industry of the circumstances surrounding a potential safety issue. It also contains recommendations that could assist avoiding potential incidents on the Outer Continental Shelf.