

# SAFETY ALERT



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## Fall from Platform Results in a Fatality

On December 2, 2020, an incident resulting in a fatality occurred while repairing the sub-flooring of a platform galley. The repair required removal of all layers of floor except the cementitious material layer used as a moisture barrier in the original design of the quarter/galley flooring. A member of the repair crew stood on this layer and when another employee, not part of the repair crew, stepped onto the layer, the material shattered, and the two employees fell approximately 80 feet into the ocean.

One employee was able to swim back to the platform. The second person was retrieved from the ocean by a team from the platform and CPR was administered. He was transported by boat to shore and taken to the hospital by ambulance, where he later died.

Below are photographs of the work area and the cementitious material layer that were taken after the incident.



*Images of the shattered floor material*

BSEE is currently investigating this incident and may issue another Safety Alert containing additional recommendations once the investigation is complete.

**Currently, BSEE recommends that operators and contractors consider the following:**

- Check for a similar design on their facilities and inspect them for signs of potential danger; and,
- Always barricade and restrict access to work areas.

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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.

**Disclaimer:** BSEE's investigation on this incident is ongoing, as a result, BSEE has not yet reached a conclusion as to whether any condition played a part in the cause or severity of the incident.