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**OCS Operations Safety Alert**

**Man Falls -- Serious Injury**

A roustabout-gauger was seriously injured recently on an offshore production platform as the result of a fall.

The man had gone to the wellhead deck and proceeded along a walkway leading to the emergency access escape ladder in order to check a saltwater discharge line. Near the end of the walkway he stepped up on the handrail to better observe the waterline. While stepping back down to the walkway his foot slipped and he fell into the emergency escape ladder accessway area to the boat landing 28' below.

To prevent a recurrence of this accident the operator has taken the following action:

1. A chain has been installed across the walkway at the accessway to the emergency escape ladder.
2. The cause of this accident and the cause of other falling accidents have been discussed at safety meetings.

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