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OCS Operations Safety Alert

Crane Accident

One of the most frequent type of accident occurring on OCS structures is crane failure. They often cause injury or death, result in very high repair cost, and could usually have been avoided with proper preventive maintenance or proper use. The accident described below is a case in point.

When lifting a moderate load, a 30-ton crane broke off at the turntable and rolled over on the deck. The crane operator and a roustabout standing-by to unhook the load were both injured. The crane belonged to a workover contractor. The lease operator reports that the workover contractor will hire a crane consultant to inspect all of their cranes every 60 days to help prevent recurrence of this type of accident.

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