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**Injury During Cementing Operations**

A cementing serviceman was suspended above the drill floor at the cementing head preparing to install the wiper plug to commence cementing operations. The driller, who was monitoring the well circulation returns, moved back to the driller's console and lowered the casing to prevent the casing in the hole from sticking. The driller did not see the suspended serviceman, and as the casing was being lowered a valve on the cementing head struck the serviceman resulting in an abdominal laceration.

To prevent a recurrence of this type accident, all personnel were advised to maintain better communication and to survey the entire drilling area before moving pipe in this type of operation.

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