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OCS Operations Safety Alert

Oil Spill -- Loading Diesel Fuel

A pollution incident recently occurred on an offshore drilling rig while loading diesel fuel.

Diesel fuel was being pumped from a work boat into a diesel fuel storage tank on the rig. The control room operator failed to observe that the gauges in the control room indicated a full tank. Pumping continued until approximately 20 barrels of fuel was discharged through the vent line into the Gulf.

To prevent a recurrence of this type of accident, the operator will keep a man in close attendance to more carefully monitor all fuel pumping operations.

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