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OCS Operations Safety Alert

Fatality

A roustabout was fatally injured recently in an offshore accident during offloading operations from a workboat.

A living quarters was being offloaded from the workboat onto a platform using the platform crane. A roustabout fastened the lifting sling to the top of the quarters and climbed down to the boat deck between the quarters and the cabin of the boat. When the quarters was lifted, it shifted laterally and pinned him between the cabin and the skid of the quarters, inflicting fatal injuries.

To prevent a recurrence of this accident, the operator is taking the following action prior to commencement of extensive lifting operations:

1. All persons concerned will be instructed to avoid pinch points around the load.
2. A signal man will be designated prior to commencement of lifting operations.

The responsibility of this person will be:

- (a) To direct all persons involved with lifting operations.
- (b) To advise the crane operator when all persons are clear of the load so the load can be safely lifted.

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