

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE
GULF OF MEXICO REGION
ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REPORT

1. OCCURRED

DATE: **09-FEB-2006** TIME: **1330** HOURS

2. OPERATOR: **GOM Shelf LLC**

REPRESENTATIVE: **David Broussard**

TELEPHONE: **(337) 232-2416**

3. LEASE: **G05051**

AREA: **SP** LATITUDE:

BLOCK: **75** LONGITUDE:

4. PLATFORM: **A**

RIG NAME

5. ACTIVITY: EXPLORATION(POE)
 DEVELOPMENT/PRODUCTION
(DOCD/POD)

6. TYPE: FIRE
 EXPLOSION
 BLOWOUT
 COLLISION
 INJURY NO. 1
 FATALITY NO. _____
 POLLUTION
 OTHER **open hole**

7. OPERATION: PRODUCTION
 DRILLING
 WORKOVER
 COMPLETION
 MOTOR VESSEL
 PIPELINE SEGMENT NO. _____
 OTHER _____

8. CAUSE: EQUIPMENT FAILURE
 HUMAN ERROR
 EXTERNAL DAMAGE
 SLIP/TRIP/FALL
 WEATHER RELATED
 LEAK
 UPSET H2O TREATING
 OVERBOARD DRILLING FLUID
 OTHER **open hole**

9. WATER DEPTH: **85** FT.

10. DISTANCE FROM SHORE: **12** MI.

11. WIND DIRECTION: **E**
SPEED: **10** M.P.H.

12. CURRENT DIRECTION: **E**
SPEED: _____ M.P.H.

13. SEA STATE: **3** FT.

16. OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE/
SUPERVISOR ON SITE AT TIME OF INCIDENT:

Elias Doucet Jr.

CITY: **Abbeville** STATE: **LA**

TELEPHONE: **(337) 258-1245**

CONTRACTOR: **Apache Corporation**

CONTRACTOR REPRESENTATIVE/
SUPERVISOR ON SITE AT TIME OF INCIDENT:

John Young (C-Spet)

CITY: **Houma** STATE: **LA**

TELEPHONE: **(985) 252-5235**

17. DESCRIBE IN SEQUENCE HOW ACCIDENT HAPPENED:

At approximately 1300 hrs, three Crown Fabricators employees went down to the sub-cellar level to remove debris, caused by Hurricane Katrina, for the purpose of clearing safe egress and clear access to the boat landing below and to secure/barricade off the area from other personnel. While assisting the welder with the demolition of a stairway, one employee took a step back and fell through a 3 x 3 open hole that was missing grating and fell approximately 25-30 feet below onto the +10 deck.

Investigations findings:

- 1) On 2-09-2006 a Job Safety Analysis (JSA) was performed by Crown Oilfield Services. In the JSA 100% should be tied off while working around openhole, this was addressed and all employees signed off on the JSA.
- 2) The contract employee was not wearing fall protection while working around an open hole.
- 3) The operator had adequate fall protection on location for safe operations.
- 4) The contract supervisor did not check to see that the JSA was followed and fall protection equipment was used.
- 5) The employee's co-workers did not follow Apache's shut down policy as stated in their Offshore Safety Orientation Handbook. "If you observe any unsafe conditions or operation while onboard any Apache facility, you have the authority to shut down the operation and report the condition to a supervisor in charge."
- 6) Apache Corporation's Offshore Safety Orientation Handbook (page 1) addresses 100% tie off when a risk of a fall is present.

18. LIST THE PROBABLE CAUSE(S) OF ACCIDENT:

Contract employee was not using fall protection equipment.

Contract employee did not follow the JSA or Apache's Fall Protection Policy, which states 100% tie off when the risk of a fall is present.

19. LIST THE CONTRIBUTING CAUSE(S) OF ACCIDENT:

Employee lacked the understanding of Apache Corporation's Offshore Safety Orientation Handbook.

21. PROPERTY DAMAGED:

N/A

NATURE OF DAMAGE:

N/A

ESTIMATED AMOUNT (TOTAL):

22. RECOMMENDATIONS TO PREVENT RECURRENCE NARRATIVE:

No recommendations to MMS.

The New Orleans District concurred with operators recommendation to prevent recurrence.

The project was immediately shut-down and the entire construction crew was removed from the project and sent to shore following this incident. A complete re-evaluation on Crown's safety program is on going.

23. POSSIBLE OCS VIOLATIONS RELATED TO ACCIDENT: **YES**

24. SPECIFY VIOLATIONS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY CONTRIBUTING. NARRATIVE:

G-110 Contract employee for Apache not following Apache's Safety Policy in regards to fall protection.

25. DATE OF ONSITE INVESTIGATION:

02-FEB-2006

26. ONSITE TEAM MEMBERS:

Elbert Clemens / David Emelien /

29. ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION
PANEL FORMED: **NO**

OCS REPORT:

30. DISTRICT SUPERVISOR:

DDykes for T. Trosclair

APPROVED

DATE: **10-APR-2006**

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HOME ADDRESS:

CITY:

STATE:

WORK PHONE: (985) 395-9335 TOTAL OFFSHORE EXPERIENCE: 0 YEARS

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