

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

1. OCCURRED

DATE: **11-APR-2005** TIME: **0355** HOURS

2. OPERATOR: **Energy Partners, Ltd.**

REPRESENTATIVE: **Steve Ledet**

TELEPHONE: **(504) 799-4838**

3. LEASE: **G24954**

AREA: **ST** LATITUDE: **28.936327**

BLOCK: **41** LONGITUDE: **-90.1656063**

4. PLATFORM: **D**

RIG NAME

5. ACTIVITY: EXPLORATION(POE)

DEVELOPMENT/PRODUCTION
(DOCD/POD)

6. TYPE: FIRE

EXPLOSION

BLOWOUT

COLLISION

INJURY NO. 0

FATALITY NO. 0

POLLUTION

OTHER _____

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 _____

9. WATER DEPTH: **69** FT.

10. DISTANCE FROM SHORE: **13** MI.

11. WIND DIRECTION: **N**

SPEED: **46** M.P.H.

12. CURRENT DIRECTION: **NNW**

SPEED: **3** M.P.H.

13. SEA STATE: **8** FT.

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

Steve Ledet

CITY: **New Orleans** STATE: **LA**

TELEPHONE: **(504) 799-4838**

CONTRACTOR: **Energy Partners, Ltd.**

CONTRACTOR REPRESENTATIVE/
SUPERVISOR ON SITE AT TIME OF INCIDENT:

Steve Ledet

CITY: **New Orleans** STATE: **LA**

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17. DESCRIBE IN SEQUENCE HOW ACCIDENT HAPPENED:

A motor vessel ran into the caisson during the night. The collision knocked off the nav-aid package and it was later found on the sea floor. Energy Partners Ltd. (EPL) stated that the nav-aids were working prior to the collision. After the collision, the caisson was leaning approximately 3.5 degrees from vertical. EPL has submitted a plan to the regional office to repair the caisson.

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

The boat skipper failed to see the caisson in time to avert the collision. Radar should have detected the caisson before the collision.

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

n/a

20. LIST THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

n/a

21. PROPERTY DAMAGED:

NATURE OF DAMAGE:

The structure and navigation aid package

The navigation aid package was dislodged from the structure and was found on the seafloor next to the platform. An engineering survey was performed and the structure was leaning 3-1/2 degrees from vertical.

ESTIMATED AMOUNT (TOTAL): **\$700,000**

22. RECOMMENDATIONS TO PREVENT RECURRANCE NARRATIVE:

Due to the specific nature of this incident, the Houma District has nothing to recommend to the Regional Office.

23. POSSIBLE OCS VIOLATIONS RELATED TO ACCIDENT: **NO**

24. SPECIFY VIOLATIONS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY CONTRIBUTING. NARRATIVE:

none

25. DATE OF ONSITE INVESTIGATION:

26. ONSITE TEAM MEMBERS:

Amy Gresham /

29. ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION

PANEL FORMED: **NO**

OCS REPORT:

30. DISTRICT SUPERVISOR:

Michael J. Saucier

APPROVED

DATE: **31-MAY-2005**

COLLISION ATTACHMENT

1. STRUCTURE MANNED: **NO**
2. OPERATING NAVIGATIONAL AIDS: **YES**
3. FAIRWAY LOCATION CONTRIBUTING FACTOR: **NO**
4. NAME OF VESSEL: **M/V C-Legend**
5. OWNER OF VESSEL: **Edison Chouest**
6. TYPE OF VESSEL: **Offshore Supply Vessel**
7. MASTER OF VESSEL: **Ellis Mead**
8. PILOT OF VESSEL: **Ellis Mead**
9. ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF DAMAGE TO VESSEL: **\$60,000**