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**Injury Due to Failure to Coordinate Activities**

A man was raised to the drill pipe racking arm by means of the air tigger to prepare for painting operations. A drill pipe connection was made and the air tigger was activated to pick up a drill pipe single and place it in the mouse hole for the next drill pipe connection. The man who activated the air tigger was not aware that the air tigger line was in use and pulled the suspended man into the finger board causing injuries to his back and abdomen. He was flown to a hospital and disabled for six months.

To prevent a recurrence of this type of accident, the operator will install a sign on the air tigger control that must be removed to activate the tigger. The Minerals Management Service recommends that the entire work area be surveyed before using the air tigger and that all operations in a work area be coordinated to assure worker safety.

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