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OCS Operations Safety Alert

Fatality

An accident involving fatal injuries to a roustabout recently occurred on an offshore drilling rig.

Drilling mud had been off-loaded onto a mud transport boat and the transfer hose was being rigged down when the accident occurred.

The roustabout cut the rope securing the hose to the rig railing before the crane picking up the hose had removed all the slack. Release of the remaining slack caused the hose to strike the roustabout, knocking him off the rig. He fell onto the tie-up of the mud transport boat, incurring fatal injuries.

To prevent recurrence of this type of accident, the rig supervisory personnel have instructed all crews in the proper hose handling procedure for this operation.

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