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List of Safety Alerts Concerning Crane Accidents

Recently, several crane accidents have occurred on leases in the Gulf of Mexico, Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). In addition to our normal investigations into these recent incidents, the Minerals Management Service (MMS) has convened an internal working group to review the entire realm of crane safety. When this group completes its findings, MMS will issue a report on crane safety.

In the interim, and so that a more proactive approach at preventing a recurrence of crane accidents may be taken, we have attached copies of previous Safety Alerts concerning crane accidents that have occurred in the Gulf of Mexico OCS. All OCS operators have a positive responsibility to conduct their operations in a safe manner; they must be familiar with these incidents, so that they may design and plan their work to avoid similar incidents. These Safety Alerts are as follows:

Notice No.	Date Issued
<u>20</u>	February 24, 1975
<u>36</u>	February 2, 1976
<u>47</u>	July 9, 1976
<u>57</u>	March 11, 1977
<u>65</u>	June 13, 1977
<u>79</u>	November 8, 1978
<u>95</u>	January 22, 1980
<u>96</u>	June 20, 1980
<u>104</u>	July 28, 1981
<u>124</u>	March 27, 1984
<u>125</u>	March 27, 1984
<u>166</u>	June 11, 1996