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OCS Operations Safety Alert

Men Drowned

Two men were drowned recently when they were washed overboard from an offshore production-drilling platform.

A roustabout and floorman were on the catwalk at the +10' level installing a mooring line during moderately rough seas when an unusually large wave engulfed the catwalk and swept them overboard.

To prevent a recurrence of this type of accident, the operator has taken the following action:

1. Handrails have been installed on both sides of the catwalks.
2. Employees have been instructed to wear life jackets at all times when working on catwalks or boat landings near the water.
3. Employees have been instructed never to work in these areas alone, but to work in two-man teams.

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