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OCS Operations Safety Alert  
Fatality -- Man Struck by Falling Object

A fatality recently occurred at an offshore platform while offloading equipment from a workboat.

A 700 pound rotary base plate on the workboat had been attached to a crane hoisting cable by means of a chain welded to the base plate. The load was lifted vertically to the necessary height and then the crane boom was moved toward the platform. The chain attached to the base plate parted and the base plate fell to the workboat striking the boat skipper standing on the deck.

To prevent a recurrence of this type of accident the operator is taking the following action:

1. When offloading equipment of this nature, cables, hooks, strings, etc., should be attached to lifting lugs, holes, padeyes, etc., provided for this purpose.
2. A load should not be carried over workmen at any time.

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