

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE  
GULF OF MEXICO REGION  
**ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REPORT**

1. OCCURRED

DATE: **09-MAR-2009** TIME: **1115** HOURS

2. OPERATOR:

**Chevron U.S.A. Inc.**

REPRESENTATIVE: **Campise, Debra**

TELEPHONE: **(832) 854-2617**

CONTRACTOR: **Transocean Offshore**

REPRESENTATIVE: **Hillman, Reggie**

TELEPHONE: **(713) 232-8447**

3. OPERATOR/CONTRACTOR REPRESENTATIVE/SUPERVISOR  
ON SITE AT TIME OF INCIDENT:

4. LEASE:

**G23000**

AREA: **GC** LATITUDE:

BLOCK: **847** LONGITUDE:

5. PLATFORM:

RIG NAME: **T.O. DISCOVERER DEEP SEAS**

6. ACTIVITY:

EXPLORATION (POE)  
 DEVELOPMENT/PRODUCTION  
(DOCD/POD)

7. TYPE:

HISTORIC INJURY  
 REQUIRED EVACUATION  
 LTA (1-3 days)  
 LTA (>3 days)  
 RW/JT (1-3 days)  
 RW/JT (>3 days)  
 Other Injury

FATALITY  
 POLLUTION  
 FIRE  
 EXPLOSION

LWC  HISTORIC BLOWOUT  
 UNDERGROUND  
 SURFACE  
 DEVERTER  
 SURFACE EQUIPMENT FAILURE OR PROCEDURES

COLLISION  HISTORIC  >\$25K  <=\$25K

STRUCTURAL DAMAGE  
 CRANE  
 OTHER LIFTING DEVICE  
 DAMAGED/DISABLED SAFETY SYS.  
 INCIDENT >\$25K  
 H2S/15MIN./20PPM  
 REQUIRED MUSTER  
 SHUTDOWN FROM GAS RELEASE  
 OTHER **Item Lost Overboard**

6. OPERATION:

PRODUCTION  
 DRILLING  
 WORKOVER  
 COMPLETION  
 HELICOPTER  
 MOTOR VESSEL  
 PIPELINE SEGMENT NO.  
 OTHER

8. CAUSE:

EQUIPMENT FAILURE  
 HUMAN ERROR  
 EXTERNAL DAMAGE  
 SLIP/TRIP/FALL  
 WEATHER RELATED  
 LEAK  
 UPSET H2O TREATING  
 OVERBOARD DRILLING FLUID  
 OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

9. WATER DEPTH: **5716** FT.

10. DISTANCE FROM SHORE: **117** MI.

11. WIND DIRECTION: **ESE**  
SPEED: **17** M.P.H.

12. CURRENT DIRECTION: **ESE**  
SPEED: **1** M.P.H.

13. SEA STATE: **4** FT.

17. DESCRIBE IN SEQUENCE HOW ACCIDENT HAPPENED:

Prior to running the riser to latch up to the wellhead after setting Conductor Casing, the connection between the Lower Marine Riser Package (LMRP) and Blow Out Preventer (BOP) was being tested for leaks. This test was being performed while attached to the BOP test stump and suspended over the moon pool and not while in the parking area for the test stump. While testing was in progress, an inadvertent activation of the BOP/wellhead connection function was initiated causing the test stump to be released from the BOP and fall overboard. The rig was positioned approximately 200 feet from the well when this event occurred. The test stump was later found approximately 200 feet by the Remote Operated Vehicle (ROV) from the wellhead and did not cause any damage or pollution.

18. LIST THE PROBABLE CAUSE(S) OF ACCIDENT:

The need for a Management of Change (MOC) process was not recognized for this operation. The repairs were being in a manner to expedite the process in order to run riser and continue drilling operations.

19. LIST THE CONTRIBUTING CAUSE(S) OF ACCIDENT:

The need for a lock-out tag-out of the BOP/wellhead connection function was not observed.

20. LIST THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

This specific operation will be incorporated into a procedure and the importance of the MOC process will be communicated to all personnel.

21. PROPERTY DAMAGED:

NATURE OF DAMAGE:

No property damaged. The test stump was lost.

The test stump is sunk below the mud line and unable to be recovered.

ESTIMATED AMOUNT (TOTAL): \$150,000

22. RECOMMENDATIONS TO PREVENT RECURRENCE NARRATIVE:

Due to the nature of this event, the Houma District has no recommendations to the Regional Office.

23. POSSIBLE OCS VIOLATIONS RELATED TO ACCIDENT: NO

24. SPECIFY VIOLATIONS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY CONTRIBUTING. NARRATIVE:

25. DATE OF ONSITE INVESTIGATION:

26. ONSITE TEAM MEMBERS:

Ben Coco /

29. ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION

PANEL FORMED: NO

OCS REPORT:

30. DISTRICT SUPERVISOR:

Bryan A. Domangue

APPROVED

DATE: 20-MAY-2009