

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

1. OCCURRED

DATE: **19-MAY-2005** TIME: **1245** HOURS

2. OPERATOR: **ChevronTexaco Corporation**

REPRESENTATIVE: **Todd Robichaux**

TELEPHONE: **(504) 592-6420**

3. LEASE: **G15562**

AREA: **GC** LATITUDE: **27.7307808**

BLOCK: **236** LONGITUDE: **-91.1223341**

4. PLATFORM:

RIG NAME **NOBLE THERALD MARTIN**

5. ACTIVITY:  EXPLORATION(POE)

DEVELOPMENT/PRODUCTION  
(DOCD/POD)

6. TYPE:  FIRE

EXPLOSION

BLOWOUT

COLLISION

INJURY NO. 1

FATALITY NO. 0

POLLUTION

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

7. OPERATION:  PRODUCTION

DRILLING

WORKOVER

COMPLETION

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: **1987** FT.

10. DISTANCE FROM SHORE: **115** MI.

11. WIND DIRECTION: **NW**

SPEED: **8** M.P.H.

12. CURRENT DIRECTION: **N**

SPEED: **1** M.P.H.

13. SEA STATE: **6** FT.

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

**Eddie Coleman**

CITY: **New Orleans** STATE: **LA**

TELEPHONE: **(504) 592-7430**

CONTRACTOR: **Ensco Offshore Co.**

CONTRACTOR REPRESENTATIVE/  
SUPERVISOR ON SITE AT TIME OF INCIDENT:

**Nathan Laroux**

CITY: **Sugar Land** STATE: **TX**

TELEPHONE: **(281) 276-6186**

17. DESCRIBE IN SEQUENCE HOW ACCIDENT HAPPENED:

The drill crew was in the process of installing chocks on lines on the Expro Flowhead. The flowhead contains valves with handles that are held in place by safety pins. The crew was unaware that at some point after installation, the safety pin that secured the master valve handle fell out/was removed. While in the process of relocating one of the tugger lines, personnel tried to whip the line to get it on the other side of the valve and knocked the valve handle off. The valve handle weighing 23 pounds fell 49 feet and struck a Noble employee on the side of his hard hat. The employee sustained lacerations around the right eye and on the back and top of his head. Also, his wrist was broken.

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

The safety pin was not in the valve stem.

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

Lack of hazard recognition by personnel on the rig.

21. PROPERTY DAMAGED:

n/a

NATURE OF DAMAGE:

n/a

ESTIMATED AMOUNT (TOTAL):

\$

22. RECOMMENDATIONS TO PREVENT RECURRENCE NARRATIVE:

**Due to the specific nature of this incident, the Houma District has nothing to recommend to the Regional Office.**

23. POSSIBLE OCS VIOLATIONS RELATED TO ACCIDENT: **NO**

24. SPECIFY VIOLATIONS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY CONTRIBUTING. NARRATIVE:

n/a

25. DATE OF ONSITE INVESTIGATION:

**23-MAY-2005**

26. ONSITE TEAM MEMBERS:

**Cheramie, Jay / Mosely, Freddie /  
Gresham, Amy /**

29. ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION

PANEL FORMED: **NO**

OCS REPORT:

30. DISTRICT SUPERVISOR:

**Michael J. Saucier**

APPROVED

DATE: **12-JUL-2005**

# INJURY/FATALITY/WITNESS ATTACHMENT

OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE

INJURY

CONTRACTOR REPRESENTATIVE

FATALITY

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESS

NAME: #####

HOME ADDRESS:

CITY:

STATE:

WORK PHONE:

TOTAL OFFSHORE EXPERIENCE:

YEARS

EMPLOYED BY: NOBLE DRILLING CORPORATION / 20210

BUSINESS ADDRESS: 1515 Poydras Street

Lafitte

CITY: New Orleans

STATE: LA

ZIP CODE: 70116