UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE GULF OF MEXICO REGION

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REPORT

1.	OCCURRED	8.	CAUSE: EQUIPMENT FAILURE
	DATE: 08-NOV-2005 TIME: 1600 HOURS		x HUMAN ERROR
2	OPERATOR: Shell Offshore Inc.		EXTERNAL DAMAGE
	Sign Sign Sign Sign Sign Sign Sign Sign		SLIP/TRIP/FALL
			WEATHER RELATED
	REPRESENTATIVE: Jose Mota		LEAK
	TELEPHONE: (281) 544-5372		UPSET H2O TREATING
3.	LEASE: G07995		OVERBOARD DRILLING FLUID
	AREA: GC LATITUDE: 27.7909917		OTHER
	BLOCK: 158 LONGITUDE: -90.6574452	9.	WATER DEPTH: 2950 FT.
4.	PLATFORM: A-Brutus TLP	10.	DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 93 MI.
		11.	WIND DIRECTION: SE
	RIG NAME H&P 202		SPEED: 5 M.P.H.
5.	ACTIVITY: EXPLORATION(POE)	12.	CURRENT DIRECTION: ESE
	X DEVELOPMENT/PRODUCTION		SPEED: 1 M.P.H.
	(DOCD/POD)	13.	SEA STATE: 4 FT.
6.	TYPE: FIRE		
	EXPLOSION		
	BLOWOUT	1.0	ODEDATION DEPONDATIVE /
	COLLISION	16.	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE/ SUPERVISOR ON SITE AT TIME OF INCIDENT:
	INJURY NO.		Clyde Adcock
	FATALITY NO.		CITY: Morgan City STATE: LA
	X POLLUTION		
	OTHER		TELEPHONE: (504) 728-5996
7.	OPERATION: PRODUCTION		CONTRACTOR: Helmerich & Payne
	X DRILLING		
	WORKOVER		CONTRACTOR REPRESENTATIVE/
	COMPLETION		SUPERVISOR ON SITE AT TIME OF INCIDENT:
	☐ MOTOR VESSEL		Tony Miller
	☐ PIPELINE SEGMENT NO.		CITY: Morgan City STATE: LA
	OTHER		TELEPHONE: (504) 728-5932
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17. DESCRIBE IN SEQUENCE HOW ACCIDENT HAPPENED:

A BOP test had been completed on the Green Canyon 158 A-7 well. The fresh water that was used for the test had been pumped out of the stack thru the overboard discharge line. The shaker hand was told by the driller to close the overboard discharge line valve and prepare to fill the BOP stack with mud. The shaker hand moved the valve handle to what he thought was the closed position. In reality, he had only partially closed the butterfly valve to a "hard" spot. The driller then turned the pump on to fill the hole from the trip tank thinking everything was lined up. When the stack filled up, the excess mud went down the discharge line, instead of going back in the active system. This allowed 15 barrels of synthetic base mud (50% oil and 50% water) to go into the water.

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

The shaker hand did not realize that the valve was not fully closed.

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

The shaker hand was new to the position and the driller was new to the rig. There was lack of communication between the driller and the shaker hand.

20. LIST THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

none

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21. PROPERTY DAMAGED:

NATURE OF DAMAGE:

none

n/a

ESTIMATED AMOUNT (TOTAL):

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22. RECOMMENDATIONS TO PREVENT RECURRANCE NARRATIVE:

Due to the specific nature of this incident, the Houma District has no recommendations to report to the Regional Office.

- 23. POSSIBLE OCS VIOLATIONS RELATED TO ACCIDENT: NO
- 24. SPECIFY VIOLATIONS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY CONTRIBUTING. NARRATIVE:

none

- 25. DATE OF ONSITE INVESTIGATION:
- 26. ONSITE TEAM MEMBERS:

Amy Gresham /

29. ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION PANEL FORMED: NO

OCS REPORT:

30. DISTRICT SUPERVISOR:

Michael J. Saucier

APPROVED

DATE: 12-JAN-2006

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