

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

1. OCCURRED

DATE: **07-AUG-2007** TIME: **1930** HOURS

2. OPERATOR:

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

REPRESENTATIVE: **Dicky Methern**

TELEPHONE: **(504) 592-7856**

CONTRACTOR: **Nabors Drilling Inc.**

REPRESENTATIVE: **Mark A. Smith**

TELEPHONE: **(504) 362-8033**

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

4. LEASE:

**G12119**

AREA: **VK** LATITUDE:

BLOCK: **786** LONGITUDE:

5. PLATFORM:

**A-Petronius CT**

RIG NAME:

6. ACTIVITY:

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

7. TYPE:

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

- 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

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: **1854** FT.

10. DISTANCE FROM SHORE: **96** MI.

11. WIND DIRECTION: **N**  
SPEED: **12** M.P.H.

12. CURRENT DIRECTION: **W**  
SPEED: **10** M.P.H.

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

17. DESCRIBE IN SEQUENCE HOW ACCIDENT HAPPENED:

On August 8, 2007, onboard the Nabors 87 Drilling Rig, located at ChevronTexaco's OCS-G 12119, Visoca Knoll (VK) 786 A-Petronius CT Platform, a contract employee was injured when the 2 7/8" tubing fell approximately 43 inches striking the employee in the back. Injured Person (IP) was evacuated for evaluation and was released to full duty on August 8, 2007.

On August 10, 2007, a New Orleans District Inspector conducted an investigation and issued a G-110 Incident of Noncompliance (INC).

Sequence of Events:

The Driller started POOH with 2 7/8" tubing and breaking down single joints at rotary table, when the Assistant Driller entered the Driller's shack to ask a question about crossovers. The Driller turned to the Assistant Driller removing his hand from the brake handle and applied pressure with his foot on the lower bar. As the Driller returned his attention to the rotary table he noticed the block had slacked off causing the tubing to be jammed inside the top drive and stuck inside the elevator. After several unsuccessful attempts to free the bent tubing from the elevator by the floor hands, the Driller instructed the floor hands to clear the area. At this time, the tubing was to be broken out at the rotary. IP went to remove the mouse hole cover in front of the rotary when the tubing broke and struck the IP in the back.

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

Driller's attention to the operation was interrupted when the Assistant driller entered the driller shack to ask a question.

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

- a. Improper communication with the floor hands and ensuring that all floor personnel was well clear of rotary table area.
- b. Unknown reasoning why the block slacked off and allowed the joint to be jammed and stuck between the elevator and the top drive.

20. LIST THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

21. PROPERTY DAMAGED: NATURE OF DAMAGE:  
**One joint of 2 2/8" tubing Bent**

ESTIMATED AMOUNT (TOTAL): **\$504**

22. RECOMMENDATIONS TO PREVENT RECURRENCE NARRATIVE:  
**The New Orleans District has no recommendations to MMS**

23. POSSIBLE OCS VIOLATIONS RELATED TO ACCIDENT: **YES**

24. SPECIFY VIOLATIONS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY CONTRIBUTING. NARRATIVE:  
**Lessee failed to perform operation in a safe workman like manner, resulting in an injury to personnel on the rig floor. The Company was issued a Incident of Non-compliance (INC) G-110**  
**a. DOES THE LESSEE PERFORM ALL OPERATIONS IN A SAFE AND WORKMANLIKE MANNER AND PROVIDE FOR THE PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION OF PROPERTY AND THE ENVIRONMENT?**  
**Authority: 107(a) Enforcement Action: W/C/S 401(e)**

25. DATE OF ONSITE INVESTIGATION:  
**07-AUG-2007**

26. ONSITE TEAM MEMBERS:  
**Darryl P. Willims /**

29. ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION  
PANEL FORMED: **NO**

OCS REPORT:

30. DISTRICT SUPERVISOR:  
**Troy Trosclair**

APPROVED

DATE: **19-OCT-2007**

# INJURY/FATALITY/WITNESS ATTACHMENT

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