

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT
PACIFIC OCS REGION

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REPORT

1. OCCURRED

DATE: 13-JUN-2007 TIME: 0036 HOURS

2. OPERATOR: Venoco, Inc.

REPRESENTATIVE:
TELEPHONE:
CONTRACTOR:
REPRESENTATIVE:
TELEPHONE:

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

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

6. OPERATION:

4. LEASE: P00205
AREA: LA LATITUDE:
BLOCK: 6912 LONGITUDE:

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

5. PLATFORM: GAIL
RIG NAME:

6. ACTIVITY: EXPLORATION (POE)
 DEVELOPMENT/PRODUCTION
(DOCD/POD)

8. CAUSE:

7. TYPE:

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

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

- FATALITY
- POLLUTION
- FIRE
- EXPLOSION

9. WATER DEPTH: 739 FT.
10. DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 10 MI.

- LWC HISTORIC BLOWOUT
 UNDERGROUND
 SURFACE
 DEVERTER
 SURFACE EQUIPMENT FAILURE OR PROCEDURES

11. WIND DIRECTION:
SPEED: M.P.H.
12. CURRENT DIRECTION:
SPEED: M.P.H.

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

13. SEA STATE: FT.

14. PICTURES TAKEN: YES

15. STATEMENT TAKEN: NO

17. INVESTIGATION FINDINGS:

Well E-6rd was routed to Well Clean-Up Separator (V-33). V-33 LAL/LSL failed to shut LCV that goes to T-Tank #1 (Slop Tank), with a 30" wc PSV. Gas blow-by occurred to T-Tank #1. T-Tank PSV operation indicated relief to the LP Flare System, but an H2S detector by the wellbay sample drain pot indicated H2S gas was also vented past the T-Tank P-trap into the Wellbay via the drain system.

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

The probable cause(s) of this accident are the failure of the V-33 LCV controller, LAL, & LSL to close the LCV.

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

A contributing cause was heavy polymer deposits (from well maintenance) on LAL/LSL float arms in V-33.

20. LIST THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

N/A

21. PROPERTY DAMAGED:

N/A

NATURE OF DAMAGE:

N/A

ESTIMATED AMOUNT (TOTAL):

22. RECOMMENDATIONS TO PREVENT RECURRANCE NARRATIVE:

Policy to keep drain pot valve closed.

23. POSSIBLE OCS VIOLATIONS RELATED TO ACCIDENT: NO

24. SPECIFY VIOLATIONS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY CONTRIBUTING. NARRATIVE:

N/A

25. DATE OF ONSITE INVESTIGATION:

29-JUN-2007

28. ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION:

MINOR

26. ONSITE TEAM MEMBERS:

29. ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION

PANEL FORMED: NO

OCS REPORT:

30. DISTRICT SUPERVISOR:

Paul Napoleone / Scott Drewry /

phil schroeder

27. OPERATOR REPORT ON FILE: NO

APPROVED

DATE:

23-JUN-2007

