



Safety Alert

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UNSECURED WATER JUGS IN MAST/DERRICK

WHAT HAPPENED:

Two recent Near Miss Incidents have occurred concerning water jugs that turned into Dropped Objects.

One incident was caused when crew members attached the water jug to the elevator horn and while running the elevators up to the monkey board, the jug slipped off and fell to the rig floor. Only by luck did it miss the crew members at floor level.

The second incident resulted when the derrick man had taken a water jug to the monkey board and did not secure it to prevent the hazard of it falling. Activity on the board caused the jug to fall off and nearly miss crew members on the floor

Both of these incidents must be considered serious.

WHAT CAUSED IT:

- Disregard for safe work practice and the hazard that was caused by this life threatening unsafe act.
- Company Job task analysis Principles were not followed.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: To address this incident, this company did the following:

- A complete hazard review of this and other potential dropped objects from the mast should be performed on each rig.
- Supervisors should ensure that all unnecessary equipment in the mast/derrick should be removed.
- The potential serious consequence of these two incidents should be discussed with crews in the next HSE meeting to raise awareness.

The Corrective Actions stated in this alert are one company's attempts to address the incident, and do not necessarily reflect the position of IADC or the IADC HSE Committee.

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