



Safety Alert

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NEAR MISS – DROPPED CASING RABBIT

WHAT HAPPENED:

While RIH7" liner with 5-1/2" D.P, a 2-5/8" rabbit was used to drift all stands of D.P. To bring the rabbit up to the Derrickman in the Derrick the rabbit was attached to the elevators with a spliced rope. As it reached the Monkey Board, and as the Derrickman removed the rabbit from the elevator, the spliced rope slipped at the splice allowing the rabbit to fall to the rig floor. As part of the companies procedure, the rig floor had been cleared and no injuries occurred. The near miss was reported immediately.

WHAT CAUSED IT:

- The person securing the rabbit failed to realize the nylon rope used was soaked with Oil Base Mud and became soft and slippery.
- There was a failure to stop and look for alternatives when the conditions became less than satisfactory.

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

- A "rabbit" carrier was designed and fabricated. The carrier clamps to the bails and has a pin to secure the rabbit in place as it is being hoisted.

Steel Safety Cable

Rabbit Goes In Here



Two Clamps that attach the Rabbit Carrier to the Bails.

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