ALERT 07 – 36

LOOSE, UNSECURED CLOTHING RESULTS IN A FATALITY

WHAT HAPPENED:

A driller was killed when the drawstring of an oversized jacket he was wearing caught in the rotating Kelly/crossover sub. Just prior to the incident the Kelly was drilled down. In preparation to making a connection the driller doped the joint of pipe in the mouse hole. After doping the joint of pipe, the driller was positioned next to the rotary table. This allowed the drawstring on his oversized, unsecured jacket to contact and become engaged in the rotating Kelly/crossover sub. The drawstring then pulled the jacket and the driller into the rotating Kelly/crossover sub resulting in a fatality.

WHAT CAUSED IT:

- Apparently the driller had neglected to secure (i.e., zip or button) the oversized jacket which allowed it to be caught in the rotating equipment.
- Failure to recognize the hazard of wearing loose clothing/not restraining cords, etc. from clothing.

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

- This incident demonstrates why loose, unsecured clothing MUST NEVER BE WORN WHILE AT WORK.
- All personnel must remember that rotating and reciprocating equipment presents a potential hazard which must be respected. We must all remember this and be observant and mindful to remind one another.