



Safety Alert

From the International Association of Drilling Contractors

ALERT 13 – 15

UNEXPECTED MOVEMENT OF CARGO BASKET RESULTS IN FIRST AID CASE

WHAT HAPPENED:

The Deck Crew was preparing a basket for backload and was loading it with guideposts. The guideposts were lowered in to the basket, but they were not sitting correctly. A crewmember, injured person (IP), asked the Crane Operator to lift the load so as to allow for adjustment of the guideposts in the basket. As the load was lifted, it swung and knocked against the basket thereby dislodging it from the timber on the pipe deck beam. The basket came down to rest on the crewmember's foot. Instructions were then given to the Crane Operator to pick up the load and the crewmember was able to remove his foot from his boot. The IP was Medevac'd from the rig on the day of the incident and x-rays confirmed that there were no broken bones.



WHAT CAUSED IT:

- Initial placement of the basket allowed it to be dislodged
- No 360 degree check was carried out when basket was landed or when the cargo was to be loaded
- IP did not recognize the hazard of placing his foot under the basket
- Design of the basket, which had footers, in combination with the deck beams allowed the basket to drop
- A Task Risk Assessment (TRA) in use at time of incident was generic for general deck lifts and did not cover the specifics of loading and unloading baskets/containers
- TRA did not address the landing of "footed" type baskets
- Currently there is no drilling contractor control over the type of cargo basket sent offshore by client and/or service providers

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

- The company has communicated with the client that flat bottomed cargo baskets are the preferred method of shipment.
- Where this is not possible, the company informed its employees that a specific TRA must be utilized for loading and unloading baskets/containers when offshore.
- The above was formally placed in a procedure by the company.
- The drilling contractor has ensured that TRAs and written work instructions have been created to capture the handling and loading/unloading of cargo baskets and containers on deck (fleet wide).

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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