



## SAFETYGRAM NO. 39/03

### Personnel Basket Incident 11/22/03

#### Description:

During a recent crew change 4 employees were being transferred from the Spar to the vessel on a Billy Pugh personnel basket. Attempts were made to contact the Spar Crane Operator by company radio but were unsuccessful as the basket continued to come down. The bow of the vessel was moving up and down 4 to 5 feet due to the sea conditions, which were noted as being 6 to 8 feet. The basket was partially landed on a hatchway that was protruding from the deck, causing the basket to tip. 3 of the 4 personnel stepped off onto the deck. When the 4<sup>th</sup> employee attempted to step off the basket the bow of the vessel dropped, due to wave action, causing the basket to come off of the deck. The employee put his foot back on the basket as it began to come up and when the basket was at a height of approximately 3 foot he attempted to step down to the deck. The employee landed on his feet, slipped and fell onto the deck injuring his hip. The employee was attended by the medic and the vessel returned to port where the employee was taken by ambulance to the hospital for further treatment.

#### Corrective Actions Taken:

Procedures for loading and offloading by personnel basket were developed and implemented by the Project Manager, which included site specific instructions (Ref. CDI Doc. No. 6445-11).

In addition the following Corrective Actions have been taken:

- 1) All personnel to be briefed on safe basket transfer by platform or vessel prior to being allowed on the personnel basket.
- 2) All transfers between vessel and platform will be carried out with direct radio contact maintained between the vessel deck operations manager and the platform crane operator.
- 3) All crane movement to or from the vessel will be directed by the vessel deck operations manager.
- 4) All transfers will be cleared with the vessel Captain prior to transfer taking place.
- 5) A video on proper personnel transfer procedures has been ordered and will be distributed to all vessels, platforms and crew boat companies for viewing prior to transfer of personnel.
- 6) Distribute Safety Bulletin with Global Safety Leadership Initiative (Recommended Practice #6) "Recommended Practice for Crane Suspended Offshore Personnel Transfers" to be sent out and reviewed by all crews. (See attached).



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### **Learning's to Share:**

Good communications are essential to providing a safe workplace. Never assume that personnel have been properly trained to complete any tasks. Deck supervisors should always ask all personnel if they have received previous instructions on personnel basket transfer procedures, if they have ridden on one before and do they feel comfortable transferring on the basket.

Please review the attached "Recommended Practice for Crane Suspended Offshore Personnel Transfers" with all personnel onboard.

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