



Priority Learning Moment

Industry-Submitted Incident Notification

IN-009 | Employee Contacted by a Joint of Casing (SIF Potential)

Incident Description:

The crew was in the process of running casing. The casing shoe was installed onto the first casing joint and lowered through the table. The slips were then set, and the elevators were latched onto the next joint that was in the catwalk trough. The Driller then hoisted the joint stopping part way to leave the casing joint pin end resting in the trough while several workers began installing the float collar onto the stump. At this point, the catwalk operator, believing the second joint had been fully picked up, began retracting the catwalk trough, inadvertently causing the pin end of the casing to release from the trough and swing towards the rig floor contacting a worker who was installing the float collar. The worker was struck on his hard hat/shoulder knocking him over. Fortunately, the worker sustained only a minor soft tissue injury.

Incident Learnings:

Line of sight/equipment layout

The catwalk control podium was located by the driller side bird bath (racking area for stands) at the edge of the rig floor so the catwalk can be viewed by the operator. The catwalk operator had much of his view obstructed by the stands of pipe that were racked in the derrick (full set back). Thus, he retracted the catwalk trough as he was unaware that the driller did not fully hoist the joint of casing from the trough and that the designated worker was not ready to catch the casing as it comes off the trough.

Communication

In order to prepare for the next step, a hazard was created when the joint of casing was hoisted by the top drive and the pin end of the casing was left standing in the trough. This was not communicated to the catwalk operator resulting in no visual/verbal communication of the task.



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Awareness Items:

- How do we ensure consistent and quality communication between workers where simultaneous operations within one task are occurring that involve multiple pieces of equipment and people?
- Conduct a “Line of Sight” audit for equipment controls and the work area.