

IRP 15 Snubbing Operations

Limited Scope Review - Overview

IRP 15 Snubbing Operations (sanctioned May 2015) did not permit personnel on the racking board during rig-assisted snubbing operations. A limited scope review was completed by an industry committee to determine the necessary requirements to amend the wording they felt was broadly restrictive for snubbing operations.

Summary of Changes

A summary of the changes made during this limited scope review can be found in Appendix A of the document. Significant changes from the previous version include:

- Section 15.8.11 changed wording and added additional IRP Statements with criteria for snubbing with personnel in the racking board on page 56.
- Added Appendix L: Checklist for Snubbing with Personnel on the Derrick on page 141

The IRP statements added to section 15.8.11 in this document are detailed below:

IRP	<p>If personnel are to be positioned in the derrick or on the tubular racking board during rig-assisted snubbing operations the following shall be completed before commencing operations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A risk assessment of the operations under current conditions.• An agreement with written approval by prime contractor, service rig company and snubbing service provider representatives to perform the operation.• A safety meeting to review and discuss the safety procedures (e.g., egress systems, the other IRPs and conditions noted in this section, etc.).• Confirmation of the workers' understanding of the safety meeting and associated hazards with documentation of the understanding in the Tour Sheets.• Verification that there are no hydrocarbons present at surface.• Verification that the tubular racking board has a rear egress system in place that does not require the worker to disconnect from primary fall arrest equipment used during rig assist tripping operations.
IRP	<p>Any work requiring personnel positioned in the derrick or on the tubular racking board shall be conducted with a double barrier in place.</p>
IRP	<p>Workers shall only be positioned in the derrick or on the tubular racking board when there are no hydrocarbons present at surface via the use of some form of surface hydrocarbon mitigating mechanism (e.g., surface blanket of fluid or inert gas).</p>
IRP	<p>No workers shall be positioned in the derrick or on the tubular racking board when the tubing is pipe light.</p>
IRP	<p>No workers shall be positioned on the in the derrick or on the tubular racking board when stripping rams are required to stage tubing in/out of the well.</p>