



Safety Alert

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ALERT 01-15

CREWMEMBER FATALLY INJURED IN FALL

WHAT HAPPENED:

While uncovering a well slot in the Weather Deck of a production platform, a crewmember fell through the hole in the deck.

WHAT CAUSED IT:

- The hole cover normally provided for the Weather Deck slot insert panel was missing.
- There was insufficient documentation advising that a temporary, non-standard cover plate was placed over the hole without the normal cover beneath.
- Crew and supervisory personnel left the rig on crew change without sufficiently advising oncoming personnel of the details of the hole covering arrangement.
- Personnel engaged in removing the temporary, non-standard cover plate **assumed** it was in place as an “impact panel” for dropped objects, and **assumed** the regular hole cover was in place beneath

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:

- More rigorous written and verbal procedures were put in place to identify hazards at supervisors handover.
- All barriers will be signed to identify the hazards they guard.

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