

COS SAFETY SHARE

WHAT WILL WE DO TO PREVENT THIS FROM HAPPENING HERE?

CORRODED PIPING SECTION FALLS DURING DECOMMISSIONING

What happened?

A facilities crew was working on board the platform when a pipe dislodged from beneath the deck and fell to a lower level. The event was witnessed by a deckhand and a contractor who were stationed aboard the vessel at the time. Stop Work was called, the crew evacuated the platform, and an inquiry began. No injuries resulted from the incident.

What went wrong?

The corroded section of piping fell during decommissioning activities. Upon investigation it was discovered an estimated seven-foot section of a drain system had broken loose and fallen to a lower level. Further examination reveals a portion of the pipe came to rest on production piping.

Why did it happen?

A JSA and top-side work site inspection had been conducted prior to the work proceeding; however, lower decks and piping were not inspected for this task.

What areas were identified for improvement?

A safety standdown was conducted by site leadership and EHS. Although this condition was challenging to identify, it highlighted the importance of continual site and workplace walkdowns and inspections. Always look above, beneath, behind, and below.

Safe Work Practices should include pre-job risk assessment of facilities and ensure exclusion zones are properly delineated.

Identification of potential dropped object hazard and mitigation steps.

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