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# Rowan Gorilla V

Dropped Object

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What:

Dropped Object (Section of 4 Core Electrical Cable  
weighing app: 1kg)

Where:

RGV / Elgin Wellhead Platform

When:

21.04.2009 @ 08:30am



## General Info:

Platform personnel were working on the Elgin Wellhead Platform. RGV was carrying out Fishing Operations.

## From witness statements:

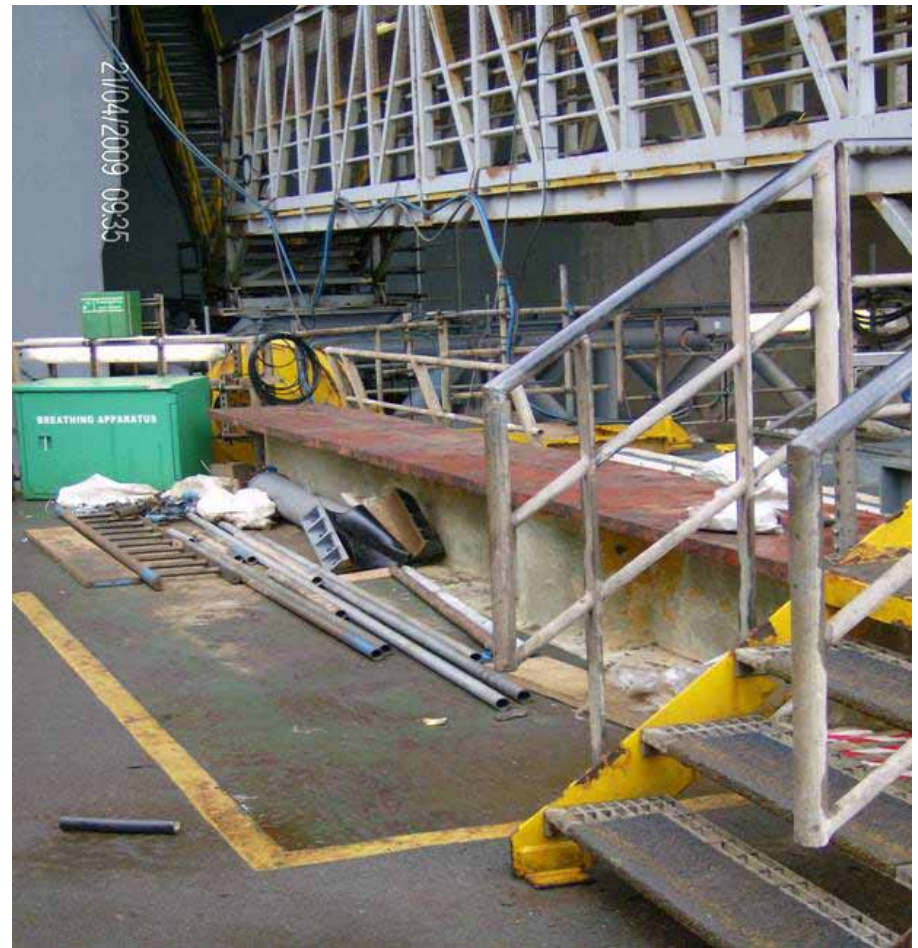
“...out of the corner of my eye, I saw an object fall from above”

“...the object fell from above on the Rowan Gorilla V”

“...I saw an object fall from above and land on the walkway...there were other people close to that area”



The piece of cable was observed to fall onto the EWHP Weather Deck. It landed on the walkway to The PUQ Bridge on the NW Corner (Port Aft of RGV)





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It is believed that the cable dropped from somewhere in this cable run, as the area above is protected by wire fencing.





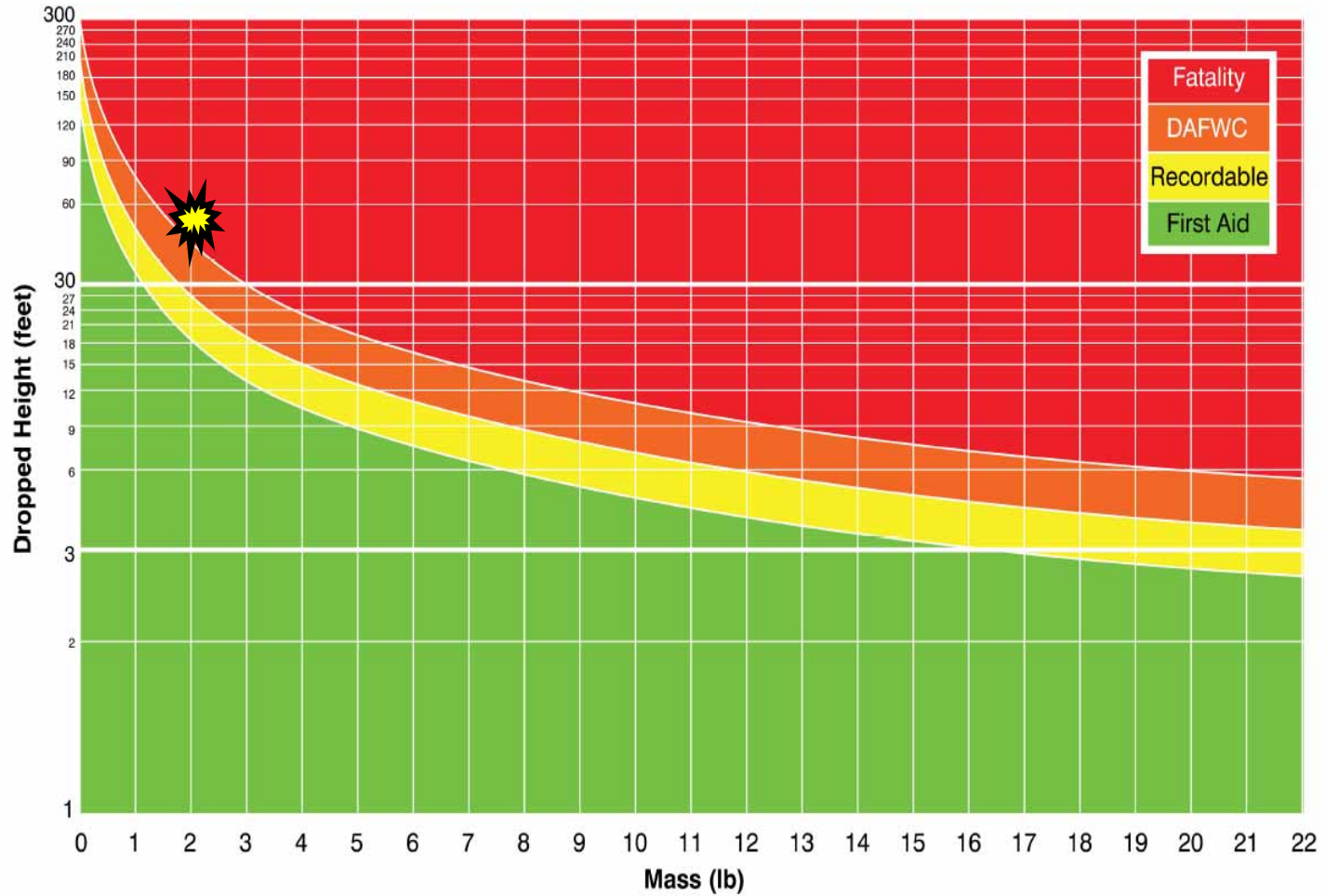
The age of the cable is evident from the corrosion to the conductors and from the bleaching of the insulation colours.

Experienced personnel believe that this was used as packing when ratchet straps were used to secure the cable runs.





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*HAZARD NOT IDENTIFIED AS NO ONE  
"KNEW" IT WAS THERE*





### Actions arising from RCA:

Visual Sweep of area – Complete

Abseilers to remove any loose items – Complete

Extend restricted access area – Complete

Consider covered access walkway – Complete

DROPS Awareness Training – Ongoing

Consider netting around cables – Ongoing

### Additional actions:

Share with other Rowan assets – Covered at “Safety Share Call”. RCA & Presentation on Rowan Intranet  
Share with DROPS Forum



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