



LEARNING FROM INCIDENTS AWARENESS ALERT

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Fountain no: 547626

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Location: BAPETCO Rig 52

FATALITY – RIGMOVE OPERATIONS

What happened: EDC rig 52 was moving between locations a distance of 13 km on graded infield roads. At approx 7am a convoy of trucks moving rig components under the supervision of the truck pusher were escorted to the new location. Upon arrival of the convoy the truck pusher returned to the old location. The truck drivers were instructed to stand-by until a forklift arrived. One of the rigs sub-contractor drivers removed the load securing chains from his loads. After releasing the front chain, and removing a side-stopper, he started to release the aft chain, with great difficulty. Once he managed to release the chain a 7m x 0.9m rig-floor beam section slid/fell from the trailer and landed on him, causing fatal injuries.



Initial Findings:

- Loading practices in general were not satisfactory:
 - Instability of the load.
 - Metal to metal point loading on the truck.
- Lack of risk awareness/unapproved removal of load securing devices.
- Supervision not adequate in terms of availability and competence.

Initial Learning Points:

- Loading/offloading instructions to be clear and clearly communicated to all.
- Plan for competent supervision for all loading and unloading activities, “Stop the job” if not available.
- Verification of loading/offloading practices by competent company representatives.

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