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Subject: Blue Alert- Barber Rig Cleanout Bailer Near Miss

**TITLE: Barber Rig Cleanout Bailer Near Miss**

IDENTIFIER: L-2000-OR-BJCPAD-0601 DATE: 06/01/2000

**LESSON LEARNED STATEMENT:** Proper hoisting and lifting techniques should be reviewed before all hoisting and rigging activities. Activity Hazard Analyses should be prepared for any new task so that potential hazards and unique working conditions can be recognized and discussed. Special attention must be given to loads that may shift during hoisting and lifting operations.

**DISCUSSION OF ACTIVITIES:** On July 8, 1999, as a well bailer (weighing approximately 350 pounds, 10 inch diameter, 12 feet long) was being lifted with a drill rig apparatus, the load swung toward the area of the drill rig operator. The operator had to move from his work platform to avoid being struck by the slowly moving suspended load. The bailer struck the drill rig. The rig was not damaged.

**ANALYSIS:** Details of the work to be performed, including orientation and placement of the bailer, were not adequately considered or discussed. Proper hoisting and lifting techniques must be reviewed before performing hoisting and rigging activities.

**RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:** Activity Hazard Analyses should be prepared for any new task so that potential hazards and unique working conditions can be recognized and discussed. Tag/Tie lines should be used when necessary, and should be addressed in appropriate Activity Hazard Analyses. Tailgate safety meetings should pay close attention to all activities involving hoisting and rigging and all applicable standards and regulations must be adhered to.

PRIORITY DESCRIPTOR: Blue/Information

FUNCTIONAL CATEGORY (S) (DOE): Occupational Safety and Health

BJC TREND CODE (S) (USER-DEFINED): HO - Hoisting & Rigging; SH -Occupational Safety & Health

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HAZARDS: Other

WORK ACTIVITY: Heavy Equipment

ISMS CODE: Analyze Hazards

KEYWORDS: hoisting & rigging, well bailer, suspended load

REFERENCES: OR# ORO-BJC-PGDPENVRES-1999-0009, Near Miss Associated With WAG 8/28 Drilling Activities

**FOLLOW-UP ACTION:** Information in this report is accurate to the best of our knowledge. As means of measuring the effectiveness of this report please notify Joanne E. Schutt at (865) 483-0554, e-mail at [schuttj@pwtor.com](mailto:schuttj@pwtor.com) of any action taken as a result of this report or of any technical inaccuracies you find. Your feedback is important and appreciated.