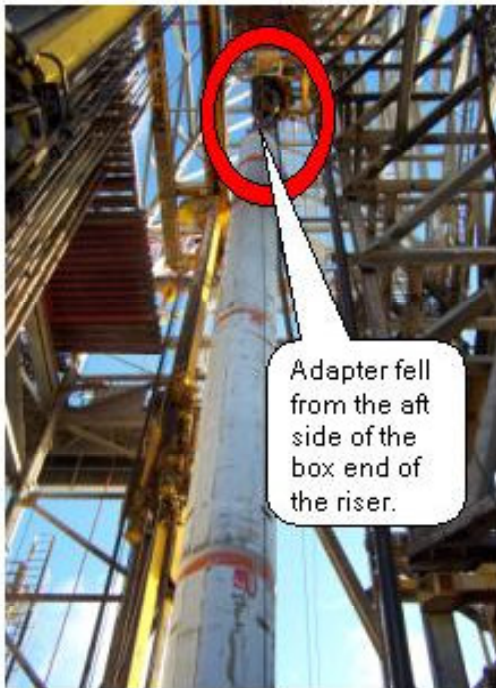


Shell EPW Wells HSE Learning Bulletin

Fountain No: 139708 **Location:** GOM **Date:** 8/26/07 **Risk Ranking:** Actual - 0 Asset; Potential - D-3 People

What Happened: NM-DROPPED OBJECT FROM HEIGHT. While running drilling riser, a floatation adapter stop plate (thrust plate) weighting 5.5 pounds fell approximately 90 feet and landed on port forward section of rig floor. No injuries to employees or damage to other equipment was incurred. The operation was suspended and a safety stand-down held with crews. Initial indications are that the adapter was not properly secured



Learning points

- The thrust plate was not recognized as a potential dropped object hazard and not included in the pre-job hazard analysis.
- No provisions for “pre-lift” visual inspection of the adaptors and associated securing bolts had been implemented.
- The adapter had been previously modified and an MOC had not been completed.
- Preventative maintenance for the thrust adapters was not implemented.



This Learning Bulletin provides preliminary learnings. The detailed investigation results are pending.