



MMS SAFETY / INC Alert

Fall Protection and Solid Decks

The MMS has begun focusing on two issues this year. Both have been discussed recently but this is a reminder. The first deals with openings in decks that are fall hazards and the correct way to install barriers. This has become an automatic civil penalty somewhat like P-103s. I have heard that INCs have been issued for any opening including wireline hatches even though the wireline operator was working in the area and it was taped off. Taping is no longer acceptable. Below are two pictures, one example of a right way to set up protection and a wrong way. These were provided by another Operator and is now their standard for barriers. With all the hurricane repairs underway please make sure that all openings have some form of substantial barrier to prevent anyone from falling in including deck hatches when open. This also applies to any drilling rig operating for NFX.

The second issue is holes in solid decks. This is an environmental issue and the MMS are writing INCs for even pinhole leaks. The same would apply for holes in skids. Please review your solid decking and repair any holes as quickly as possible.



Wrong Way



Right Way.