No. 8775-016

Accident Type: Fall from height
Number of Fatalities 1
Weather Conditions: Dry and Calm
Type of Operation: Oil extraction
Size of Work Crew: 5
Competent Safety Monitor on Site: Yes
Safety and Health Program in Effect: Yes
Was the Worksite Inspected Regularly: Yes
Training and Education Provided: Yes
Employees Job Titles: Derrick man
Age & Gender: 29 Male
Experience at this Type of Work: Several years
Time on Project: Weeks

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT
The employee was engaged on the derrick board of a drilling platform. After a break in operation, the employee forgot to engage his safety harness. As he reached for a pipe, he fell forward and landed on the platform 90 feet below. He died from blunt force trauma to the head.

INSPECTION RESULTS
The inspection revealed the employer did have a written safety plan in place that covered fall protection. No citations were issued.

ACCIDENT PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS
The recommendation for preventing this type of accident was implement a fall protection confirmation system and to provide employees with behavioral safety training.