

ABSTRACT

Maintaining a safe working environment is usually one of the objectives of a Company's management. Some of the advantages derived therefrom are low employee turnover, improved industrial relations and a better image for the Company.

At the Company under study two areas of high accident frequency have been singled out. These are:-

- (1) Well Servicing Accidents
- (2) Vehicular Accidents.

This study analyses accidents in these two areas with a view to making recommendations as to which direction an accident prevention program should take.

The effectiveness of a 'defensive driving course' instituted in 1976 has also been studied.

Having examined the accident data in the Well Servicing Section over the period January 1979 to December 1981, the following conclusions can be drawn:-

- (1) The Production Floorman position was the one most prone to accidents accounting for 81% of rig accidents. (Ref. Table 14)
- (2) In the case of Company accidents, casual workers were involved in a relatively high number of accidents - 38% of total. (Ref. Table 14)
- (3) 'Handling materials and equipment' was the most prevalent cause of accidents followed by 'Struck by falling or moving object'; these accounting for 25.5% and 24.4% of the total respectively. (Ref. Table 9)
- (4) Incomplete accident forms made a complete analysis impossible.

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ABSTRACT (Cont.)

Having examined the Vehicular Accident reports of the Company for the period January 1978 to December 1980 and having reviewed other related data, the following conclusions can be drawn:

- (1) The Company's management needs to play a more significant role in the matter of fleet safety.
- (2) Vehicle abuse is partly due to the fact that vehicles are leased.
- (3) The Safety Section can be made more effective in the matter of accident prevention if increased manpower, proper training and greater scope of function are provided.

It is hoped that the implementation of the recommendations made in this report would contribute to a significant reduction in the number and severity of accidents at the Company.