

## **FATAL ALERT**

On July 14, 2016, an employee (A Servicing Rig Floor Hand) working for an Oil and gas well servicing company succumb to his injuries when he fell from the tubing boards. The deceased employee was using to a fall protection system; however, he crossed the path of the traveling block while connected to the incorrect anchor point. This left his fall protection cable across the traveling block opening. When the traveling block raised, it contacted the fall protection cable lifting the employee and severing the cable. At the time of the incident, the deceased employee had entered the tubing board to install a chive mechanism. The chive was part of a plan to remove a packer that was stuck downhole.

### **Significant Factors**

- Employee and Rig Operator did not recognize the hazard of his fall protection cable coming in contact with the service rigs cable.
- Hurried work process, lack of a specific fall protection plan – proper equipment was in place but not used. Employee walked by the correct tie of point when he crossed the tubing boards.
- Lack of specific fall protection training.

### **Recommendations**

- Brief all employees on the facts and circumstances of this incident.
- Implement and train on a specific fall protection plan for working in the tubing boards.
- Ensure proper verbal communication takes place between the derrick hand and the rig operator.
- Allow all employees on site to stop work in the event that a safety concern arises.
- Ensure all employees that production is secondary to being safe.