

## **FATAL ALERT**

### **September 28, 2005**

On September 28, 2005, a roustabout was fatally injured while assisting in stacking 10 3/4 –inch, 40 foot long coated line pipe on a pipe rack. Initially, the employee was holding two joints of pipe at the end of the rack. For some unknown reason, he released the pipe and walked around in front of the unsecured pipe. Two joints of pipe rolled down the pipe rack and off the end. One joint of pipe knocked the roustabout down and the other joint landed on his chest area causing fatal injuries.

### **Significant Factors:**

- Pipe was not chocked or blocked on the rack to prevent rolling or falling.
- Employee entered an unsafe area.

### **Recommendations:**

- Brief all employees on the findings, facts and circumstances of this fatal mishap.
- Brief/retrain all employees on procedures for unloading and stacking pipe, specifically never positioning one's self in front of the pipe and assuring that all pins and chocks are in place prior to working with pipe.