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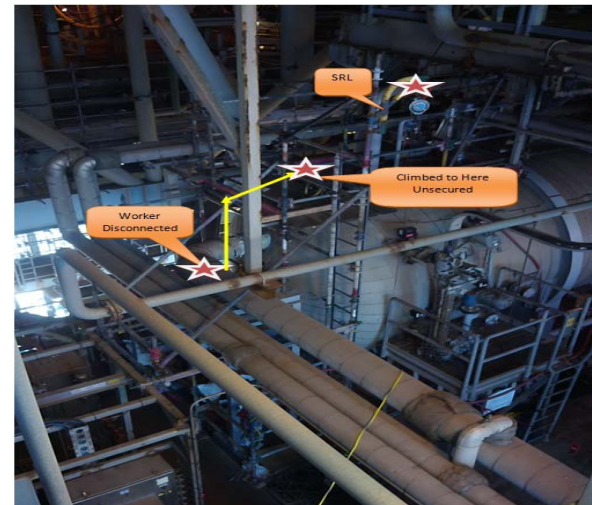
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## Life Saving Rule Incident Learning

Recently an employee was observed working at height on a scaffold with his fall protection PPE not tied off. The work was stopped, the employee was brought down from the scaffold and escorted to the supervisor's office pending investigation.

### *Sequence of Events:*

- ❖ Employee was working at height on a scaffold with his lanyard tied off to an anchor point
- ❖ Employee needed an SRL to descend from scaffold
- ❖ No SRL was available within reaching distance while connected to the anchor point
- ❖ Other employee had already descended from the scaffold, no one was available to help
- ❖ Employee disconnected lanyard from anchor to access an SRL
- ❖ Employee crossed over handrails with fall protection untied



**FINDINGS: No Life Saving Rule violation was committed.**

### Supporting Evidence:

- ❖ Employee signed the JSA that specified to work at height on scaffold with 100% fall protection tie off
- ❖ Employee used an SRL to access the work area
- ❖ Employee disconnected from the SRL and tied off lanyard to an anchor point to execute the task
- ❖ The SRL retracted back to the top of the 13 feet ladder used to descend to the work area
- ❖ Another SRL was available 2 feet below the work area
- ❖ Employee identified 3 possible paths the reach the SRL
  - Climbing a ladder 13 feet high untied
  - Moving along a scaffold untied going through obstructed path
  - Crossing over handrails untied

### WHAT SHOULD WE DO NOW:

- ❖ Hold SWA/SWI discussions to reinforce the importance of stopping the work when conditions are not adequate for safe execution.
- ❖ Inspect work area around scaffold to ensure a sufficient amount of anchor point and SRL's are installed
- ❖ Employee will participate in fall protection training refresher before being allowed back to work

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