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Hurricane Season – Offshore Preparedness

As we enter hurricane season, it is critical that all offshore locations proactively prepare to protect personnel, equipment, and facilities. Unsecured tools, loose materials, and unnecessary inventory can become serious hazards during severe weather events. Early preparation reduces risk, prevents damage, and supports safe and efficient recovery operations.



Identified Risk

Failure to properly secure or remove unnecessary equipment can result in:

- Dropped or flying objects during high winds
 - Damage to critical equipment and infrastructure
 - Increased personnel exposure during storm preparation and recovery
- Delays in returning to normal operations after the storm

Incident reviews from previous Gulf of America storm events identified that unsecured materials left on deck, including toolboxes, loose equipment, and stored supplies, were displaced by high winds and changing conditions. Several items became airborne or shifted unexpectedly, resulting in equipment damage and creating significant hazards during post-storm re-entry. Recovery teams were required to spend additional time identifying and securing hazards before work could resume, delaying operations and increasing personnel exposure during cleanup efforts.

Required Actions

1. **Remove Unnecessary Items Offshore:**
 - Identify tools, equipment, and supplies that are not required for ongoing operations
 - Coordinate with onshore teams to send unused items in prior to storm impact
 - Avoid storing excess materials offshore during hurricane season
2. **Secure All Equipment and Materials:**
 - Properly tie down or secure all loose materials
 - Ensure equipment is stored in designated, protected areas
 - Verify that containers, baskets, and racks are properly latched and secured
3. **Stage Critical Equipment:**
 - Ensure essential tools and emergency equipment remain accessible
 - Confirm all critical systems are storm-ready and protected
4. **Conduct Area Walkdowns:**
 - Perform thorough inspections of work areas, decks, and storage locations
 - Identify and correct any unsecured or improperly stored items

By completing these actions, we can reduce risk of struck-by and dropped objects incidents, limit damage to equipment and infrastructure, minimize personnel exposure during storm preparation. These efforts also support faster, safer restart following storm events and reinforce a proactive, risk-based approach to hurricane preparedness.

If it's not needed offshore, send it in, don't leave it to become a hazard later. **What we secure today is one less risk we face tomorrow.**

Proper use of the **GIS LIFE Processes** can help to create a **FAIL-SAFE** Work Environment



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