

# Safety Policy Bulletin

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Description: Flex Rigs Type 3 and 4 Lock Out Policy



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## Introduction

An accident occurred on November 28, 2004 that resulted in the death of a worker stationed on the stabbing board on a Helmerich and Payne Flex 3 drilling rig while lowering the Top Drive. The Top Drive torque arrest system and mast stabbing board specific to this rig design presents a specific worker hazard resulting from a working envelope that is too small when the traveling equipment is moving. Due to this recognized safety hazard no TESCO personnel may be in the mast unless the drawworks is locked out and tagged in accordance with TESCO policy and procedures, H&P policy and procedures and legislative requirements.

## Components Affected

All Helmerich & Payne model 3 and 4 Flex rigs.

## Action Required

A Job Safety Analysis (JSA) must be performed prior to any TESCO personnel entering the mast for any reason. The drawworks must be locked out and tagged in accordance with TESCO policy and procedures, H&P policy and procedures and legislative requirements prior to TESCO personnel entering the mast for any reason; including rig up, rig down and all operations. The drawworks must remain locked out until all personnel return to the rig floor.

**Non-compliance of this policy will lead to immediate dismissal.**

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