

# FATALGRAM 18-03



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Division of Labor & Safety Standards  
Occupational Safety & Health

**Date of Incident:** December 7, 2018

**Industry:** Oil and Gas

**Location:** Milne Point, Prudhoe Bay, Alaska

**Summary:** An employee was struck in the head and died while working under a suspended load on a drill rig.

**Description of Accident:** A 35-year-old employee was struck in the head and died while working as part of an 11 man crew that were removing pipe from the ground and placing it in a pipe shed located on a lower level. As part of this repetitive process, the end of certain pipes is marked with spray paint prior to being lifted out of the ground. While spray painting, the employee routinely walked around the pipe placing him directly in the danger zone of the previously removed pipe.

## **Accident Prevention Recommendations:**

- Ensure all safety measures are applied prior to initiating the task at hand as stated in Oil and Gas Well Drilling and Servicing Operations.
- Ensure that the “Danger Zone” area is marked accordingly.
- Establish and implement a safety and health program consisting of daily efforts to demonstrate management commitment and employee involvement, worksite analysis, hazard prevention and control, and safety and health training.