

3rd Party Equipment

RECENTLY I WAS OUT ON A RIG HERE IN SE NEW MEXICO INSPECTING FOR SAFETY ISSUES WHEN I SAW THE FIRST PICTURE YOU SEE HERE.



ROPES SUBSTITUTED FOR SLIP HANDLES IS BAD PRACTICE. I CAME OUT ON THE FLOOR AND QUESTIONED THIS ISSUE. SINCE THEY WERE TRIPPING WITH 3 ½ " DRILL PIPE I FIGURED THESE WERE RENTAL SLIPS.

THE RIG MANAGER REACHED DOWN TO CHECK THE PIN ON THE REMAINING SLIP HANDLE AND THE PIN CAME OUT IN HIS HAND. 2 OF THE 3 SLIP HANDLE PINS WERE THE WRONG SIZE. AS YOU SEE IN THIS PICTURE THE PIN HEAD EASILY PASSED THROUGH THE HOLE. WE IMMEDIATELY REPLACED THE SLIPS WITH A SPARE PAIR.



IF THE SLIP HANDLE HAD FALLEN INTO THE HOLE WE WOULD HAVE HAD AN EXPENSIVE FISHING JOB. THIS IS ONE GOOD REASON TO INSPECT 3RD PARTY EQUIPMENT.



MAINTAINING EQUIPMENT PROPERLY IS GOOD SAFETY PRACTICE ON A DRILLING RIG.