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SUBJECT: ALERT - Lockout Top Drive When Using Perforating Guns

**SERIAL NUMBERS:** 

**DISCUSSION:** 

**RECOMMENDATION:** 

- 1. The purpose of this alert is to avoid accidents when handling explosive perforating tools on rigs fitted with Top Drilling Systems.
- 2. Recent studies have suggested that there is an extreme cause for concern when handling perforating tools while the Top Drive System is not electrically isolated.

Calculations indicate that electrical currents associated with an inactive, but not electrically isolated, Top Drive System may be capable of sufficient voltage to induce premature detonation of explosive devices.

3. Refer to operating instructions, Item 1, to lockout top drive.

## **INFORMATION:**

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