

Bald Mountain Flight Departure 3/20/2018 (Approximately 2000)

The Bald Mountain Twin Otter was loaded with excess camp material and personnel no longer needed. Material included:

- Human waste (based on best recollection)
- Camp Trash (based on best recollection)
- Empty fuel barrels (based on best recollection)
- 3 passengers

There was a Canadian Twin Otter (with a similar load) on the ice, who departed just minutes before the planned departure of Bald Mountain.

There was a discussion between myself, and the flight captain to obtain photos of the standard takeoff. This included a predetermined safe location for me to position myself, as well as the intent of the photo operation.

During this discussion, the flight captain (Ryan) agreed that the proposed location was safe given the previous departures and current weather conditions. This gave me the assurance (along with observing the previous takeoffs) to continue with taking the photos.

The Bald Mountain Twin Otter was loaded, they taxied down the runway and I positioned myself in the location that was predetermined between the flight captain and myself.

Mr. Brent Gillespie and Mr. Howard Reese were also present at this time and waiting for the flight to depart, so we could all go back to camp together.

I believe this was the last flight of the day to depart back to Prudhoe Bay.

I positioned myself on one knee behind an approximate 3' snowdrift for the photo operation and had setup my props for the photo shot. After a short period, I looked up and saw the plane in an unexpected position coming down the runway. Essentially, I was able to quickly triangulate the height, speed, and angle, and realized this is not what was originally planned. I don't remember anything after that except brief moments during the helicopter transit to Prudhoe Bay.