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Subject: ANC24LA070 Delay in wreckage examination.

The accident occurred on 8/24/2023 in a remote part of Alaska. The owner sent an email on 9/18/2023 that he had Aurora Aviation scheduled to recover the airplane later that month. On 12/30/2023 the owner reported that Aurora Aviation had recovered the airplane from the mountain and they were storing the airplane for him till sometime in May. On 1/8/2024 Keith Warren, owner of Aurora Aviation call the NTSB requesting to get a wreckage release so he could take the wreckage to the dump. I called and talked to Keith. Keith informed me that the wreckage had been sitting on his trailer covered in snow since last year and needed use of the trailer. On 1/11/2024 the FAA was able to conduct an examination of the wreckage for the NTSB. The oil and water found during the engine examination was from being kept unprotected outside and from the angle the engine was stored.