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Date: 4/14/2025
Subject: CEN24LA303
Contact: Jake Tugwell

Mr. Tugwell reported that he had passed through effective translational lift (ETL) before noticing the rough running engine and hearing the low rotor speed horn. He said he had reached about 45-60 knots of air speed before impacting terrain. Mr. Tugwell recalls being at or near the maximum gross weight of the helicopter at the time of the accident. In an earlier conversation, Mr. Tugwell reported that he had started his duty day at 0530 local time and had made about 30 application runs before the accident. He reported that he observed no warning lights during the loss of engine power. ///END OF STATEMENT///