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Subject: Obstructed Fuel Vent

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The Federal Aviation Administration stated during their interview with the pilot he said he could hear air rushing into the tank when he removed the first fuel cap to check the fuel level. The FAA then observed dry, hard dirt consistent with a Mud Dauber nest obstructing the fuel tank vent tube. After cleaning the vent tube with a wire, air could be blown through the vent. They also found the right fuel cap vent was deteriorated and inoperative. The left fuel cap was not vented style. The FAA also stated about 6 gallons total fuel remained in both right and left fuel tanks.