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Office of Aviation Safety, Central Regional Office

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Subject: CEN26LA128 - Accident Update
N5063N (Air Tractor AT-502B Airplane)

Contact: [REDACTED]
Owner
Old River Applicators LLC

The NTSB investigator-in-charge spoke with [REDACTED] on the telephone. [REDACTED] is the owner of the aerial application operation, Old River Applicators LLC, based in Simmesport, Louisiana.

The pilot was performing a Part 137 aerial application flight with the airplane.

The pilot had applied liquid chemical to a field of sugarcane. After applying the liquid chemical and with an empty hopper, the airplane was flying back to the airstrip when a total loss of engine power occurred. The pilot performed a forced landing to a wooded area near Larose, Louisiana. The airplane came to rest upright and sustained substantial damage to the fuselage and to both wings.

The total loss of engine power occurred due to the airplane running out of fuel. There were no preimpact mechanical malfunctions or failures with the airframe or the engine that would have precluded normal operation.

The airplane has insurance coverage, and it will be recovered by Southern Aircraft Recovery to their facility in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Old Republic Aerospace is handling the insurance work. The airplane will be recovered sometime in the next several days.

██████ was emailed the NTSB Form 6120.1 to complete and submit to the NTSB. ██████ reported that he will work with the pilot on getting the form completed and submitted to the NTSB.

*** Nothing Follows ***