



MEMORANDUM OF RECORD

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Subject: ERA14CA209, Cessna 206, N262ME, Gilford, NH

Name: Mark Auclair

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) employed Mr. Auclair as a Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) Inspector, at the Portland Maine FSDO. Mr. Auclair was the FAA inspector responsible for the subject accident. During our conversations, Mr. Auclair reported:

That the pilot informed him that he was flying over Lake Winnepesaukee to check for ice-out conditions prior to practicing touch and go takeoffs and landing, when he misjudged the airplane's attitude due to the glassy water conditions. The airplane struck the water in a nose down attitude and subsequently sank to a depth of about 105 feet. The pilot was transported to a local hospital where he was treated from hypothermia.

Postaccident examination of the airplane after recovery did not reveal any abnormalities that would have precluded normal operation. The right float displayed evidence of contact with the propeller and the aft portion of the fuselage, near the empennage was substantially damaged. The landing gear wheels appeared to be in the retracted position.