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Inspector Statement

On March 31, 2014, I traveled Bay St. Louis, MS, to investigate an accident that occurred on March 30, 2014, at approximately 1435 local time at the Stennis Airport (HAS). After reviewing the pilot's statement on what occurred, I went to look at the aircraft. My primary area of concern was with the header tank on the aircraft. I also looked at the fuel lines on the left wing going back to a manifold valve behind the rear seat. The fuel line for the right wing was partial intact. The left wing was totally destroyed from the post aircraft fire. All the remaining lines on the header tank were destroyed from the post aircraft fire. The header tank had numerous holes that appeared to have been caused by fire. It could not be determined if the fire was caused by a leak in the header tank, a line leaking from the header tank or the line between the header tank and fuel shutoff valve.

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