



MEMORANDUM OF RECORD

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Date: September 24, 2015

Subject: ERA15CA364, Hughes 269B, 9/19/2015, Hartford, AL

Name: Nina McBride

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) employed Ms. McBride as a Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) Inspector, at the Alabama-Northwest, Florida FSDO. Ms. McBride was the FAA inspector in-charge of the subject accident. During our conversation, Ms. McBride reported:

The pilot was taking off from a field and attempted to clear a 4 foot-tall berm that was located about 60 feet in front of the helicopter when the left skid toe snagged a wire fence. The pilot applied aft cyclic in an attempt to climb; however, the helicopter rolled to left and impacted that ground. The main rotor, tail rotor, and airframe sustain substantial damage. Subsequent examination of the helicopter by another FAA inspector did not reveal any pre-accident mechanical malfunctions; nor did the pilot report any.