



## MEMORANDUM OF RECORD

**Shawn Etcher**  
**Air Safety Investigator**  
**Eastern Region Aviation**

**January 22, 2015**

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**Subject:** ERA15LA091

**Persons on Telephone Call:** Blake Powers (Recovery Company Personnel) and Shawn Etcher (Self)

**During the telephone conversation to schedule an examination Mr. Powers reported the following:**

- Parts of the airplane had been cutoff prior to their arrival to recover the airplane from the water. The parts included the wings, the tail, the propeller spinner, and tires.
- The severed parts were not located in or around the airplane's found location
- They observed an unknown quantity of blue fluid that was similar in color to 100 LL aviation fuel
- During off loading the blue fluid was observed draining from the tank when a fuel line was accidentally cut.
- A small fire started but was quickly extinguished; however, they could not estimate how much fuel exited the wing.
- There were no breaches within the fuel system until they accidentally cut a line.
- The engine was preserved after being washed in order to minimize salt corrosion

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