

Inspectors Statement

My Name is Cornelius J. Baker, I am an Aviation Safety Inspector assigned to the West Columbia Flight Standards District Office.

On October 22, 2015 I traveled to a field off of Highway 11 near the town of Campobella South Carolina. N6636A a Cessna 172 was laying inverted in the field. My initial inspection while the aircraft was still inverted found visible water in the fuel strainer.



The aircraft was turn back over by the owner. Sampling of the left wing did not produce any fuel. The left fuel cap area appeared to have stains around it and you could smell fuel on the ground where the wing was previously laying. Samples were taken from the right wing. It took three samples before fuel was present in the sample. On the third sample the sampler was about three quarters full of water.



I was unable to tell the actual quantity of fuel/water in the right tank.

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