



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: July 28, 2016
Person Contacted: Gary Ankney, FAA FSDO, Pittsburg, PA
NTSB Accident Number: ERA16LA265

Narrative:

Mr. Ankney was interviewed via telephone. He stated that while examining the helicopter, it appeared that the Dzus fasteners on the left side of the aft vertical cowl (on vertical fin) had not been properly secured following maintenance; as the left side of the cowl separated while the zeus fasteners on the right side of the cowl remained secured. The unsecured section of cowl came in contact with the tailrotor during flight, resulting in damage to the cowl and tailrotor blades.