



RECORD OF INTERVIEW

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Person(s) Interviewed: Mark Bunch– loader/witness
NTSB Case Number: ERA17LA032

Narrative:

Mr. Mark Bunch was interviewed by telephone.

Mr. Bunch was the individual that loaded the helicopter with herbicide. He stated he finished loading the helicopter with 80 gallons of herbicide. (720lbs). He then watch the helicopter take off and get to an altitude of 50 feet and fly approximately 200 away before he saw the tail boom move to the left and then go straight up and into the main rotor blades. The helicopter then dropped straight down and he ran over to help the pilot out of the helicopter.

Mr. Bunch stated the entire tail boom looked like it came of around the main attachment points on the main frame.