



NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Eastern Region – Ashburn, Virginia

RECORD OF CONVERSATION

Who: Gerald Kerr, Pilot/Owner

RE: ERA17LA306

In a telephone conversation, Mr. Kerr stated that he was aware of cranes near the approach end of the runway 18 and made sure he was high enough to clear them. This resulted in an approach to land that was steeper and faster than normal. The airplane landed long and instead of going around, he continued with the landing. Mr. Kerr said the airplane went off the runway and into the water. He said that if he had another 20 ft, he would not have gone in the water.

The pilot said there were no mechanical problems with the airplane and that the accident was caused by his “bad choices” and a “mistake in judgment” to continue with the landing.

The pilot also said his flight logbook, the airplane’s maintenance logbooks, and other paperwork were lost in the accident. He did not know the exact date of the last airplane/engine inspection but recalled doing an "annual" in early 2017.

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