



MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

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Person Contacted: FAA: Aidan Seltsam-Wilps; Principal Operations Inspector
NTSB Accident Number: ERA20LA325

Narrative:

Discussed the circumstances of the accident with the FAA Inspector assigned.

Airplane attempted to land on a solar farm. Pilot reported a loss of engine power shortly after takeoff.

Post-accident inspection of the airplane revealed foreign debris and water in the gascolator. The airplane is parked outside on a regular basis.

When the pilot was asked about sumping the fuel, he responded that he did not sump or check the gascolator because it was difficult. The pilot stated that he shuts off the fuel with the fuel shut off valve when shutting down the engine because of a fuel leak with the carburetor.

He (FAA inspector) is going to send someone out to conduct a closer examination of the airplane and engine next week.

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