



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

FAA Inspector Statement

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Person Contacted: Inspector Russell Standifur, FAA, Nashville FSDO

NTSB Accident Number: ERA21LA095

Narrative:

The following is a summary of a conversation that occurred with the individual named above:

Inspector Standifur called, and we discussed the accident and airplane damage. I indicated that in talking to the pilot, he indicated that a gust probably caught the airplane and it ground-looped. Inspector Standifur stated that the mechanics at the airport reported calm weather at the time of the accident. He stated that the right main landing gear folded underneath fuselage and then broke off during the accident, and the right wing was bent upwards significantly with apparent spar damage. There were no indications of braking. In looking at and discussing the photos, there is deformation and possibly fracture of both wing spars near the root area where they attach to the fuselage. It is possible that there is also wing strut damage. The lower right fuselage is also damaged though we cannot determine the extent without further inspection. The wing damage would adversely affect the structural strength, performance and flight characteristics and would require major repair or replacement therefore there is substantial damage.