



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Date: 6/22/2023
Subject: email from pilot to Lynn Spencer
NTSB Case Number: ERA23LA272

Pilot statement –

Accident report from pilot Keith Charles Poeschl for N3069S Air Tractor 802 on June 20th 2023. I started the morning at 8:30 a.m. with preflighting the aircraft. No issues or problems were noticed. The job at task was aerial application of granular fertilizer near Indiantown on farms named Hinson and Kendal. Work was performed from 9:00 am to the time of the accident at 2:45 pm. During these previous flights there was nothing abnormal with the performance of the aircraft or power plant. After finishing the latest application I was ferrying back to the landing strip with an empty hopper, two hours of fuel, at 500 feet AGL and a heading of approximately 090 degrees. I recall feeling a very slight or faint surge of the engine that caused me to scan my gauges. At this time I saw the needle of the torque gauge drop quickly and felt the engine power down and the nose of the aircraft drop. I immediately began looking for a place to land. The area of power loss was over a wooded forest with a few clearings. I chose my landing site and turned about 110 degrees left and continued down. Once I knew I had the landing spot made, I added flaps to slow the aircraft. I also moved the power lever to the aft position shortly before impact. After coming to a stop I turned the fuel valve to off and moved the start control lever to cut-off position to prevent fire during my exit. Upon inspecting from a safe distance I noticed white smoke coming from the left exhaust stack. I was able to communicate my position for rescue through cell phone service. End of report.

Keith Poeschl