



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Date: May 6, 2025
Person Contacted: Robert Perkins – Student Pilot/Owner
NTSB Accident Number: ERA24LA178 Allentown, PA

Narrative:

Mr. Perkins was the pilot/owner of the accident airplane. He was contacted by telephone, and the following is a summary of the interview.

The details of Mr. Perkins' statement were reviewed with him, as well as the timing of the weather data he gathered ahead of his conversation with his flight instructor and throughout the day. He stated that right up until the time of his takeoff from runway 24, the reported winds were calm with 10 miles of visibility.

Mr. Perkins was asked if he remembered the tower controller reporting that the winds were from 210° at 9 knots when he obtained his takeoff clearance. He remembered that report as well as winds reported from 210° at 13 knots gusting to 17 knots during the flight around the traffic pattern, and winds reported from 190° at 15 knots gusting to 17 knots before landing.

Mr. Perkins was advised that video footage of the landing showed the windsock fully inflated, pointed perpendicular to the landing runway, and directly at the left side of the airplane. He was asked if he was aware of the windsock and its orientation, and he said he was.

END OF STATEMENT