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Subject: ERA25LA194; Fuel Exhaustion

Contact: Pilot: Lloyd Anderson @ [REDACTED]
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Discussed the circumstances surrounding the accident. The pilot (Anderson) believed he had more than enough fuel to do a quick fifteen-minute flight. He visually checked both fuel tanks, looking down into the fuel neck and saw fuel sloshing around. In hindsight, it may have been an optical illusion, appearing like more fuel than was actually in the tanks. In addition, the fuel quantity indicators were indicating plenty of gas for the short flight; Both tanks were indicating an eighth to a quarter full of gas.

The 1970s to 1980s fuel quantity gauges are notoriously inaccurate. It was a visual check and not with a dip stick.

During climb, while joining the left crosswind, that's when the engine stopped producing power.

Discussed the pilot's good decision making and not trying to force the airplane onto the runway while high and fast.

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