



NTSB RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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The following is a summary of an email conversation with the above mentioned:

The FAA inspector reported that he interviewed the pilot via telephone. The pilot reported that the water conditions for takeoff at the time were not ideal and a bit rough. The pilot initiated the takeoff down stream and when he became airborne, he turned right overflying tundra and low trees. Shortly after, the engine began to sputter and shut down. The pilot immediately noticed that the center tank, which was selected for takeoff, was empty. He immediately switched fuel tanks and attempted to restart the engine. The airplane was too low at this point and contacted the trees. According to the passengers, the engine did regain power, but the airplane had already contacted the trees.