



RECORD OF E-MAIL CORRESPONDENCE

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Person Contacted: John E. Ickles (FAA)
NTSB Accident Number: GAA20CA006

Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Mr. Ickles in an e-mail correspondence.

He was able to respond to the accident that occurred in Kaplan, Louisiana and conducted an examination of the fuel system of N78717.

Right wing tank: Contained approximately 8-10 oz. of fuel remaining with no visible signs of leakage. Upon removal of wing to fuselage lower trim panel it was noted that the vent line and fuel supply lines were intact and secured. (Noted fuel selector was just out of the right tank selected position)

Left wing tank: Removed approximately 4.5 gallons. Visual evidence of fuel seepage stains on forward part of pilot door. It was noted that the grassy area around the aircraft was not dead from fuel spillage. Upon removal of the wing to fuselage lower trim panel, it was noted that the fuel tank vent line had pulled out of the rubber interconnect hose. (possible source of fuel seepage). The fuel supply line was intact and secured.

Firewall mounted Fuel Filter: The fuel filter assembly with mount had broken loose from the firewall. No leakage noted from the fuel filter housing or lines. The fuel filter was the glass bowl type. There was visual evidence of fuel in the fuel filter. The fuel and filter as viewed intact, was clear and free particulates. The fuel level was down approximately 1 to 1.25 inches from the top of the fuel filter outlet.