

Factual Report – Attachment 2

Pilot Statement

METEOROLOGY

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September 28, 2017

To Whom it May Concern,

On Friday, September 22, 2017, a student and I completed a normal training flight to the Clark practice area (DRK radials 349-025) between 1530 and 1800 local time in N649ER (RDDL 49). The purpose of this activity was to practice emergency procedures to include simulated emergency descents and simulated emergency approaches and landings. As such, we were at altitudes between 9000 MSL and 500 AGL, and transiting between the altitudes fairly quickly. We departed KPRC around 1615 local, completed multiple simulated emergencies, then returned to the airport around 1715 to practice landings. During our time in the practice area, we stayed in the vicinity of the Drake cement plant and the flat areas to the north and south, locally known as the “bald spots.”

The weather that day was windy, but not to be considered out of the ordinary. Departing KPRC, the wind was gusting in the range of 25 knots out of the South-Southwest. While we couldn't particularly tell how gusty the winds were in the practice area or at altitude, it was evident that it was still quite windy, in the vicinity of 20-25 knots from the south-southwest. This led to some typical continuous light turbulence, both at altitude and near the surface, but again nothing out of the ordinary for a windy day like that one.

It should be noted that in our simulations of emergencies, we were making constant position reports on our local practice area frequency related to conducting simulated emergency descents and approaches. We also did occasionally monitor guard frequency as well in an attempt to more realistically simulate emergency procedures. We did not notice anything out of the ordinary while completing the activity.

Sincerely,

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