

RECORD OF		☒ VISIT	☐ CONFERENCE OR	☐ TELEPHONE CALL	TIME	DATE
					10:30 AM	03/29/2018
NAME (S) OF PERSON (S) CONTACTED OR IN CONFERENCE AND LOCATION Bjorn Beijens (ASI(RI))					ROUTING	
					SYMBOL	INITIALS
SUBJECT Aircraft Accident WPR18CA096						
DIGEST						
On the day of the accident, Mr. Slykerman was in process of spraying fungicide over an almond orchard. At the time of the accident there were two helicopters flying spraying the same field as to hurry up the process as rain was about to come down. Mr. Slykerman returned and landed on the truck to refuel and add additional chemicals to finish the field. Once he landed on the truck, he exited the helicopter while it was still running to talk to a farmer who showed up on the work site. Mr. Slykerman does not recall if he told the loader to add fuel in addition to the chemical. Mr. Slykerman acknowledge he was distracted and was not aware that he loader had not added fuel to the aircraft. Once the aircraft was loaded, he entered the aircraft and took off. Mr. Slykerman acknowledged that he did not check the fuel gage, however did observe the aircraft was heavy.						
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CONCLUSION, ACTION TAKEN, OR REQUIRED						
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03/29/2018	Aviation Safety Inspector					

Mr. Slykerman was able to conduct one pass and then the engine made a sputtering sound and he realized he was out of fuel. Mr. Slykerman attempted to get back to the loading area, but realized he was not going to make it. Once the engine quit, he allowed the aircraft to settle in the trees, but due to his heavy load and speed, he was unable to safely land, and made contact with the trees. Once the aircraft came to a stop exited the aircraft however, he felt a sharp pain in his right leg and decided to start crawling out of the wreckage toward the road so he could be found.