



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

Date: May 15, 2019

Time: 0900 PDT

Person Contacted: Joan Gregoire, Chief Air Safety, MD Helicopters

Subject: WPR19LA111 FUEL LEVEL LOW light issue

The IIC requested information from the MD Helicopters Chief of Air Safety relative to when the FUEL LEVEL LOW light would illuminate, and how much fuel and flight time would be available when the light illuminates. The Chief of Air Safety for MD Helicopters responded:

The low fuel light is calibrated to come on with about 35 pounds (22.5 lbs usable) or about 5 gallons (3.3 gallons usable) of fuel remaining. Fuel consumption rates vary with power demand, but the manual says land as soon as POSSIBLE if the light comes on. A good guess is around 5 minutes, give or take a minute or two, in coordinated flight.

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