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Subject: WPR21FA232

Contact: Ismail Garcia - Witness

During an in-person interview, Mr. Garcia reported that he spoke to the pilot and passenger about 5 to 10 minutes prior to the accident and was told they came to pull board from an irrigation canal to increase water flow. Mr. Garcia stated that he later watched the airplane "attempt to take off" to the west and noticed that the tail was "wobbling back and forth." Mr. Garcia said that the airplane then turned around at the western far edge of the field and attempted to takeoff while traveling to the east. Mr. Garcia said that as the airplane was about 20 yards from the elevated terrain (a road / levy), it became airborne, and reached about 10 feet above ground level as it traveled over the road, and impacted the eastern edge of the irrigation canal levy. Mr. Garcia added that the engine sounded normal.