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Subject: WPR23LA001, Follow-up email correspondence

Contact: Mike Waller, trailing pilot

The trailing pilot who witnessed the accident was asked by the investigator in-charge if during the accident flight, did the pilot mention over the radio if there were any mechanical malfunctions or anomalies to the airframe or engine that would have precluded normal operation? The trailing pilot stated that, as far as he knew, the pilot had no mechanical abnormalities with the aircraft.

Furthermore, the trailing pilot was asked if he had flown over the portion of the river where the accident occurred and if he was aware of the powerline. The trailing pilot responded he had not flown that portion of the river before and was not aware of the power lines.