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The following is a synopsis of communication from Inspector [REDACTED] to the NTSB Western Pacific Region Duty Officer, following the airplane accident involving N46028.

November 14, 2024

[REDACTED], a Van Nuys FSDO FAA Inspector, stated that he witnessed N46028 takeoff, but he did not see the accident. He stated the engine was running rough and caught his attention, but it was not emitting smoke or vapors.

February 7, 2025

The following is a synopsis of communication from [REDACTED] to the NTSB Investigator-in-charge, following the postaccident examination of N46028.

[REDACTED] reported that when he arrived on site, the airplane was inverted and fuel was observed in each of the tanks, but in minimum quantity since the airplane was inverted. The dirt area under each of the wings was saturated and the smell of fuel noticeable.

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