



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: July 17, 2019
Person Contacted: Eric Howard, Bluebird Ag
NTSB Accident Number: CEN19LA225 – Knox, Indiana

Narrative:

Mr. Howard reported that the accident occurred during the pilot's second flight of the day. The pilot was demonstrating aerial application of water to the operator's turf runway. The pilot had applied approximately 40 gal. of water during the first flight. He landed and an additional 80 gal. of water were loaded on the airplane. No additional fuel was taken at that time.

Mr. Howard stated that the pilot completed the first and second passes without any issues. The accident occurred as the pilot approached the airstrip for the third pass. The pilot was flying eastbound when the airplane appeared to get slow during the left turn to base leg.

The pilot had informed Mr. Howard that he had one-year experience in ag flying in a Cessna 188. However, the pilot had not done any ag flying over the preceding two years. The pilot attended the Flying Tigers school in Louisiana, which is now out of business.

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