



NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD
Central Region - Denver, Colorado

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Record of Communications: Bob O'Haver, FAA (Retired)
Subject: N16NM, Aztec, NM

Mr. O'Haver was contacted on April 11, 2016, regarding the accident involving an experimental airplane he responded to on May 18, 2013. He stated he had retired from the FAA not long after the accident.

Mr. O'Haver recalled the circumstances of the accident, which the airplane was on takeoff when it pitched to the right side of the runway and crashed. The airplane caught fire and was destroyed. He stated a witness or family member familiar with the pilot and airplane (he could not recall their name) told him the pilot had reported a fuel leak on the previous flight, and the airplane had about ½ inch of fuel on the floorboards after landing.

Mr. O'Haver recalled that although the airplane was mostly consumed by fire, there was more fire damage to the left side of the engine. He was not able to determine any sources of a fuel leak due to the damage to the airplane. He did not recall there being any anomalies with the flight controls or engine during his examination of the wreckage.

Dan Baker
Deputy Chief

