

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Office of Aviation Safety
Western Pacific Region



May 12, 2010

OPERATIONS GROUP CHAIRMAN'S FACTUAL REPORT – ERRATA SHEET

A. ACCIDENT

Place : Weaverville, California
Date : August 5, 2008
Vehicle : Sikorsky S-61N, N612AZ
NTSB No. : LAX08PA259
Investigator : Zoë Keliher

B. GROUP

N/A

C. ERRATA

Report

The following changes pertain to the Operations Group Factual Report dated September 15, 2009:

Page 5, last paragraph

Change number of helitack personnel dropped off at H36 from “5” to “4.”

Page 6, first paragraph

Change number of helitack personnel onboard on departure from Trinity from “10” to “9.”

Change number of helitack personnel dropped off at H36 from “5” to “4.”

Page 6, second paragraph

Change number of helitack personnel dropped off at H36 from “5” to “4.”

Page 7, last paragraph

Last sentence changed to, “During this time, the main rotor speed (N_R) began a slow decay or “droop” from 108.6 percent to 101.3 percent over 51 seconds.”

Page 9, first paragraph

Last sentence changed to, “During this time, the N_R began a slow droop from 107.0 percent to 101.4 percent over 31 seconds, and then increased to 103.1% for about 3 seconds.”

Page 11, last paragraph

Last sentence changed to, “Between 19:40:46 and 19:41:31, the N_R dropped from 106.9% to 95.0%, and remained there for about 3 seconds. At 19:41:34, about five seconds before the end of the recording, the N_R started to drop again, reaching a final value of 93.5% at 19:41:38.7.”

Attachments

The following attachments have been changed since the opening of the public docket on September 16, 2009:

Attachment 17: Prior Accidents/Incidents-

Added information on accident NYC03LA037, to reflect both accidents/incidents noted in the Operations Group Factual Report.

Attachment 70: Mission Profile of Departures-

Changed Flight 1, to correctly reflect 9 firefighters were onboard weighing 2,225 lbs, equating to a helicopter gross weight of 18,525 lbs.

Changed Flight 2, to correctly reflect 5 firefighters were onboard weighing about 1,295 lbs, equating to a helicopter gross weight of 17,545

Attachment 84: Miscellaneous Interviews 2 (added)-

Changed last sentence on Page 2, Record of Conversation with Robert (Bob) Boyd, as per Mr. Boyd's request, from, "At that time it was reported to him that the helicopter was over 1,600 pounds over the weight represented on the Chart C," to, "At that time he believed the helicopter's weight was what the Chart C indicated it was."

Zoë Keliher
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