



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

Millicent Hill
Aviation Accident Investigator
Eastern Region

Date: February 7, 2016
Person Contacted: Gerald Kempen
NTSB Accident Number: ERA17LA100

Narrative:

During a conversation with the pilot, Gerald Kempen, he stated he had owned his airplane for about 2 years; and that he was a private pilot with an instrument rating and he planned to take his commercial checkride soon. He stated that the intent of the flight was to return to his home base in Newport, RI; and he had filed an instrument flight plan for the cross-country flight.

He reported that he preflighted the airplane, then taxied over to a self-serve fuel pump and topped off both fuel tanks, then waited a few minutes before sumping them. The fluid he drained was blue and free of contaminants. After takeoff he contacted Potomac approach to pick up his clearance.

Around 1,000 feet the engine abruptly lost all power and went quiet. He attempted restart using the restart checklist to no avail; then, out of time and altitude, executed a forced landing.