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**OPERATIONAL FACTORS/HUMAN PERFORMANCE**

Group Chair's Factual Report - Attachment 10

Soloy Follow-up Discussions

October 25, 2022

## Williams Shaun

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**From:** John Baechler [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 11, 2021 3:59 PM  
**To:** Williams Shaun  
**Subject:** RE: FAA Visit

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Hello Shaun

I haven't found any record of meeting with the FAA during that timeframe that you inquired about, nor do I recall any meeting. Hope that helps.

Thank you,

John Baechler  
Director of Operations



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**From:** Williams Shaun [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 11, 2021 11:52 AM  
**To:** John Baechler [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: FAA Visit

Did you find out anything on this by chance?

Shaun Williams  
Senior Aviation Accident Investigator  
National Transportation Safety Board  
[REDACTED]  
Denver, CO 80239  
Phone: [REDACTED]

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**From:** John Baechler [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 13, 2021 8:40 PM  
**To:** Williams Shaun [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: FAA Visit

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Hello Shaun

I don't have any recollection of a meeting with a team of FAA inspectors in late-May. I'll review my schedule when I get back to the office but don't remember anything of that sort off the top of my head.

Thank you,  
John Baechler

On Jul 12, 2021 11:31 AM, Williams Shaun [REDACTED] wrote:

Hey John,

Just one last question. I tried to call you back, but think you probably ran back out to the river. Hope the fishing is good, I know that's one thing I miss for sure from living in AK.

You mentioned the visit by the new POI, Bruce Cummings, but did a team of FAA inspectors come out in late May to meet with you? I am being told they did, but also being told they didn't. I just need to document any type of follow-up.

Thanks,

Shaun Williams

Senior Aviation Accident Investigator

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# NTSB RECORD OF CONVERSATION

**Investigator name:** Shaun Williams  
**Mode:** Senior Aviation Accident Investigator  
**Region:** Central

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**Date:** July 07, 2021  
**Person Contacted:** Sam Soloy  
**NTSB Accident Number:** WPR21FA243

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## **Narrative:**

Sam Soloy was the Vice President of Soloy Helicopters. Operations and Human Performance Group Chairmen met with Mr. Soloy on July 7, 2021 at the company base of operations in Wasilla, Alaska.

Mr. Soloy stated during the meeting that Soloy Helicopters had not implemented any changes since the accident. He said he felt Soloy gave the accident pilot absolutely everything for success.

When asked if the FAA had visited Soloy since the accident, he initially said no, but then stated that the new POI had met with the director of operations and chief pilot for check airmen observations.

With regards to flight locating, Mr. Soloy said that although the accident flight departed from the Wasilla base, to keep standard operating procedure, the flight locating was being handled through TML.

END OF INTERVIEW



# NTSB RECORD OF CONVERSATION

**Investigator name:** Shaun Williams  
**Mode:** Senior Aviation Accident Investigator  
**Region:** Central

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**Date:** February 2, 2022  
**Person Contacted:** Rob Gideon  
**NTSB Accident Number:** WPR21FA243

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## **Narrative:**

Rob Gideon was the Chief Pilot of Soloy Helicopters. The Operations Group Chairman contacted Mr. Gideon on February 1 via telephone with permission of the Soloy Vice President for a follow-up question to the interviews conducted in April 2021.

Mr. Gideon was asked if he recalled meeting with the former FAA POI on May 28, 2021, or anytime towards the end of May to discuss flight locating or operational control. He stated that she went to Soloy Helicopters in Wasilla, but the purpose of the visit was to introduce the new POI who was there for check airmen observations. He stated that there were no discussions regarding operational control or flight locating.

END OF INTERVIEW