



## MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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**Date: July 5, 2023**  
**Person Contacted: Scott Clark – FAA Inspector**  
**NTSB Accident Number: ERA23LA018 Middlefield, OH**

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### Narrative:

Mr. Clark led the team from the Cleveland Flight Standards office in response to this accident. Through multiple emails and phone conversations with various members of the team, it was learned that their initial examination of the wreckage revealed no odor of fuel, no evidence of fuel spillage, and no fuel visible in the airplane's fuel tanks. Later, during recovery of the airplane, the team drained the airplane's fuel tanks. There were only trace amounts of fuel in the tip tanks, and a total of about 4 gallons of fuel was recovered from the main fuel tanks.

Their examinations revealed no preimpact mechanical anomalies that would have prevented normal operation.

The following was excerpted from a lengthy email chain.

*10/28/2022*

*Good afternoon Brian,*

*Update for the Cessna 310, N62368, in Middlefield, Ohio. AMF Aviation removed the aircraft from the field today. We drained both tip tanks and both wing tanks for a grand total of about 4 gallons of avgas. Wingtip tanks about dry (about 1/8-1/4 gallon combined at most) rest of the fuel came from wing tanks. So it appears we just drained the unusable fuel that was remaining. No surprise there but confirmation at least.*

*10/24/2022*

*Good afternoon Brian,*

*Mr. Davey came into our office for an interview last Friday. He was very cooperative, willing to answer our questions and took responsibility for running out of gas.*

**END OF STATEMENT**