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NAME (S) OF PERSON (S) CONTACTED OR IN CONFERENCE AND LOCATION					ROUTING	
					SYMBOL	INITIALS
Lisa Cotham, AST						
Victor Guillory, PIC						
SUBJECT						
Helicopter ditching near New Roads, LA						
DIGEST						
8/21/2021 - obtained Mr. Guillory's phone number from the WFPSO. He was out to dinner at a restaurant. Told him I'd call the next day.						
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CONCLUSION, ACTION TAKEN, OR REQUIRED						
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09/13/2021		AST				

8/22/2021 - 11:33 a.m. Spoke with Mr. Guillory for 21 minutes. He stated he flew from LFT almost five days per week to check on several construction projects at False River. He flew roughly a 040 degree heading at 1,000 feet. As he approached the site, he disengaged the autopilot to land on the lot. He noticed some loose Tyvec so he flew down-river to reposition and returned to approach from another direction so the Tyvec wouldn't get caught in the rotors. It was unclear whether he actually landed.

He said the engine sputtered and his VSI was indicating about 150 fpm descent. Changing power settings or control inputs didn't stop it; it continued to settle. He said he:

- >"landed" in False River and was able to get out of the helicopter.
- >swam about ½ mile to shore.
- >was unable to walk up the bank because it was so muddy.
- >had to slide up on his belly.
- >walked through briars and other vegetation that cut and scratched him.
- >after a couple of hours, he came across a large body of water he realized was the Mississippi River.
- >entered the river to cool off and got caught by the current.
- >tried to hang on to logs but it was too hard.
- >found a butane bottle lodged in some driftwood and floated on that until he was rescued.

I pointed out that False River has a road and houses/businesses all around it, that he should have seen the road, maybe streetlights, and lights from houses. He said he found it odd, but he didn't see any of that.

I asked if, when he neared the Mississippi, the sun had come up. He said it was just getting light. Sunrise that day was 6:35 a.m.

I asked if he had contacted his insurance company, just so we would be aware when it was recovered. He said he "hadn't transferred the insurance" so he would be self-insured on this R-44. He was stated he had an R-66 on order.

He provided the address of the construction site as [REDACTED] which appears to be in Lottie, LA, not at False River, and south of US Hwy 190.

He stated he believed it was a sticking valve.