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Title: Sr. ASI Division: ERA

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Subject: ERA24LA131 - Summary of Conversation

Contact: David S. Lewis II, FAA POI/Nashville FSDO

In a telephone conversation, Inspector Lewis stated that he spoke with both pilots. The pilots said they just began to taxi and got about 150 ft when the left side of the plane fell into the sink hole. The hole was caused by a broken water main that had eroded the dirt away underneath.

Inspector Lewis along with a FAA Airworthiness inspector examined the damage to the airplane. The left-wing spar was damaged, in addition to the left main landing gear and propeller. There was also damage to the lower fuselage.