



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person Contacted: John Secor (Jeffersonville, IN, airport manager)

NTSB Accident Number: CEN21LA136

Narrative:

Spoke with Mr. Secor who is the manager of the Clark Regional Airport in Jeffersonville, Indiana. I asked him about the accident involving N559Ra, and he noted the following:

- Runway 32 was closed and a NOTAM issued
- The AWOS recording was appended with the runway closure information at the end of the weather broadcast
- He said the runway was closed because it was snow covered with about 4 inches of snow on it.
- He confirmed that the runway 32 lights were on because they were plowing snow and needed the lights on to identify the runway edges. He noted that they had taken a dinner break and did not turn the lights on during the break. No plows were on the runway when the accident happened.
- When asked about the runway 36 lights he said they were on too, but noted that depending on the direction of approach the plowed snow berms could block the view of the lights.
- He told me he had been thinking about the accident and that he surmised that if the plows were on the runway and facing the oncoming airplane that they may have seen the brightly lit plow truck and been able to abort the approach. He further commented that it may be different if the plows were facing away from the approaching airplane as the rear of the plow is not brightly lit. He surmised that this could be a dangerous situation and notified me that he was having his maintenance crew install rearward facing lights that could be activated during plowing to aid in visibility of the truck, especially at night.

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