



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: 12/7/2021
Person Contacted: Seth Hallock

Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the accident provided by the pilot Seth Hallock, in an email conversation on this date:

I am reaching out regarding the helicopter accident early this morning. I will outline the details of the event below. I apologize for the delay in getting this to you. Please let me know if you need anything further. Thank you.

On 11/9/2021 at approximately 0335 I began aerial application on the Hemlock 18A North field (Holtville, CA - crossroads Verde School Rd & Vencill Rd) in N902SF. The conditions at the start of application were clear skies with a light wind out of the southeast (1-2 mph). I had flown three loads and had one load remaining to complete the application. As I was returning to the load truck, I encountered some low-level haze/fog approaching from the southeast. Upon landing I decided to postpone the remaining load and took on some fuel in order to return to our place of operations at the Brawley Airport. I departed the load area and turned to the northwest in an attempt to exit the haze/fog. While flying the conditions worsened and I attempted to return to my original loading area to wait out the weather. As I turned back to the southeast, I could see the lights of the load truck and was headed that direction. While returning to the load area, the haze/fog thickened and I became spatially disoriented and impacted the ground.

Respectfully,

Seth Hallock
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