



RECORD OF EMAIL

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Date: April 13, 2020
Person Contacted: Charles Olvis (NTSB Transportation Safety Specialist, ATC)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR20FA057

Narrative:

On an email from Charles Olvis, the following is a summary of what was stated:

- N151WR departed Van Nuys Airport (VNY), Van Nuys California, to the north and was instructed to maintain 2,500 ft mean sea level (msl), or below.
- N151WR was approved a frequency change and contacted Southern California TRACON after departure but then re-established communication with the VNY tower controller and stated that he was returning to VNY airport with "smoke out of the right stack."
- The controller asked N151WR for his position, but the aircraft did not respond.
- Then, N151WR advised the controller that he was "going to have to put her down."
- The controller asked for his position and N151WR responded over Newhall.
- N151WR pilot's last transmission was that he could not see anything and that he had lost the engine.
- The controllers said that everything appeared normal with the aircraft's taxi and takeoff.