



National Transportation Safety Board
Washington, D.C. 20594

February 21, 2017

James Little Jr,
Washington Gas

James Little Jr:

Reference: NTSB Accident No. DCA16FP003, Silver Spring, MD.
Your interview conducted on August 19, 2016.

Enclosed is a copy of the transcript of your interview that was conducted as a part of the on-going investigation of the above referenced accident. Please review the transcript for accuracy and make any necessary editorial changes on the attached transcripts. Please put your initials next to each suggested change. After your review, please sign the attached endorsement and return it with the marked copy of the transcript to the following address on or before February 28, 2017:

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Please note that this transcript should be treated as confidential at this time. This transcript is for your use only, and is not for release. If you have any questions, please contact Investigator-in-Charge. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Electronic Signature

Ravindra M. Chhatre
Investigator-in-Charge
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Enclosure

1 NTSB. My number is 202-314-6468.

2 MR. CHHATRE: Thank you.

3 INTERVIEW OF JAMES LITTLE, JR.

4 BY MR. CHHATRE:

5 Q. Mr. Little, just tell us something about you, your
6 background, your formal education, experience, how long you have
7 been with Washington Gas. If you've had any other previous
8 related experience, tell us that. You can go on from there.

9 A. Okay. Twenty-two years retired from the Army Reserves. Been
10 working for Washington Gas for 31 years. I'm a supervisor in leak
11 survey.

12 Q. I'm sorry. How many years you said you're at Washington Gas?

13 A. Thirty-one.

14 Q. Thirty-one. Okay. So when this incident happened were you a
15 supervisor or you were a technician?

16 A. Supervisor.

17 Q. So as the supervisor, what are your duties?

18 A. I'm supervisor of a leak survey, which we test -- we leak
19 survey, test for leaks in the ground. We do transmission surveys.
20 We do route meter surveys. We do ~~5-hour~~ surveys. We do bridge
21 surveys. *FIRE VALVE J.K.*

22 Q. All that is in your jurisdiction?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Okay. Now this document that we are looking at is -- I think
25 at that time you are gas service technician?

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I have reviewed my interview transcript from the above referenced accident and:

- ~~-----~~ (A) I have no comments to make.
- ~~-----~~ (B) My comments are submitted herewith.
- ~~-----~~ (C) My comments are marked on the attached copy.

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