



Aviation Investigation Factual Report

Location:	TIMBALIER, Louisiana	Accident Number:	FTW86LA101
Date & Time:	June 4, 1986, 14:00 Local	Registration:	N20379
Aircraft:	CESSNA 180K	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Defining Event:		Injuries:	1 Minor
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General aviation		

Factual Information

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	39, Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land; Single-engine sea	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):	None	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 2 Valid Medical--no waivers/lim.	Last FAA Medical Exam:	August 29, 1985
Occupational Pilot:	Yes	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	1227 hours (Total, all aircraft), 979 hours (Total, this make and model), 963 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 140 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 8 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	CESSNA	Registration:	N20379
Model/Series:	180K 180K	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	18053185
Landing Gear Type:	Float	Seats:	6
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	April 22, 1986 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	2650 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	1347 Hrs	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	1439 Hrs	Engine Manufacturer:	CONTINENTAL
ELT:	Installed, activated, did not aid in locating accident	Engine Model/Series:	O-470-U
Registered Owner:	M-CHEM, INC.	Rated Power:	230 Horsepower
Operator:		Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None
Operator Does Business As:		Operator Designator Code:	

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual (VMC)	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:		Distance from Accident Site:	
Observation Time:		Direction from Accident Site:	
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Scattered / 2000 ft AGL	Visibility	10 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	Broken / 5000 ft AGL	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	15 knots / 20 knots	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	130°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	29 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	32°C / 26°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:		Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	BELLE CHASE	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	13:59 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class G

Airport Information

Airport:		Runway Surface Type:	Water
Airport Elevation:	10 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Water-calm
Runway Used:	0	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:		VFR Approach/Landing:	None

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Minor	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:		Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 Minor	Latitude, Longitude:	

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Strand, S
Additional Participating Persons:	JOE E BRADLEY; BATON ROUGUE , LA
Report Date:	February 6, 1995
Last Revision Date:	
Investigation Class:	Class
Note:	
Investigation Docket:	https://data.nts.gov/Docket?ProjectID=22033

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