



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

Location:	STEVENSON, WA	Accident Number:	SEA84FA064
Date & Time:	03/01/1984, 0835 PST	Registration:	N735KE
Aircraft:	CESSNA U206	Injuries:	2 Fatal
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Business		

Analysis

THE PLT INITIATED A FLT IN WEATHER WITH LOW VISIBILITY, RAIN AND FOG. THE PLT HAD REPORTEDLY CHECKED THE WEATHER BUT DECIDED TO FLY ANYWAY. ABOUT 30 MINUTES AFTER TAKEOFF WHILE THE PLT WAS MANEUVERING AT LOW ALT, THE ACFT CRASHED IN A RIVER. THE ACFT SANK IN 65 FT OF WATER AND WAS NOT RECOVERED. AT THE TIME OF THE ACCIDENT, THE WATER WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN 'GLASSY SMOOTH.'

Probable Cause

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be:

Findings

Occurrence #1: IN FLIGHT ENCOUNTER WITH WEATHER
Phase of Operation: CRUISE

Findings

1. (C) FLIGHT INTO KNOWN ADVERSE WEATHER - INITIATED - PILOT IN COMMAND
2. (F) OVERCONFIDENCE IN PERSONAL ABILITY - PILOT IN COMMAND
3. (F) WEATHER CONDITION - RAIN
4. (F) WEATHER CONDITION - FOG
5. (C) VFR FLIGHT INTO IMC - CONTINUED - PILOT IN COMMAND
6. (F) LACK OF TOTAL INSTRUMENT TIME - PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #2: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH TERRAIN/WATER
Phase of Operation: UNKNOWN

Findings

7. (F) TERRAIN CONDITION - WATER, GLASSY
8. (F) VISUAL/AURAL DETECTION - PILOT IN COMMAND

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	27
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine Land	Instrument Rating(s):	None
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Instructor Rating(s):	None
Flight Time:	106 hours (Total, all aircraft), 25 hours (Total, this make and model), 50 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	CESSNA	Registration:	N735KE
Model/Series:	U206 U206	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Operator:	AMEADA MINING AND CONSTRUCTION	Engine Manufacturer:	CONTINENTAL
Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None	Engine Model/Series:	TSIO-520
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Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Instrument Conditions	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	CZK, 151 ft msl	Weather Information Source:	Weather Observation Facility
Lowest Ceiling:	Overcast / 4000 ft agl	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	Calm / ,
Temperature:	6°C	Visibility	0 Miles
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	TROUTDALE, OR (TTD)	Destination:	LA GRANDE, OR (LGD)

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Fatal	Aircraft Damage:	Destroyed
Passenger Injuries:	1 Fatal	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Latitude, Longitude:			

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	WALLACE L STRIPLING	Adopted Date:	
Investigation Docket:	NTSB accident and incident dockets serve as permanent archival information for the NTSB's investigations. Dockets released prior to June 1, 2009 are publicly available from the NTSB's Record Management Division at pubinq@ntsb.gov , or at 800-877-6799. Dockets released after this date are available at http://dms.nts.gov/pubdms/ .		

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