


SAFETY RECOMMENDATION SI-18-00051

Details


Synopsis	On 8 th November, 2018 a Piper Aztec PA-23-250 aircraft, serial number 27-4412 departed the West Palm Beach County Park Airport (KLNA) on at approximately 7:26 PM Eastern Standard Time (EST). The aircraft departed under instrument flight rules with destination Lynden Pindling International Airport, New Providence, Bahamas. There was one pilot and a load of cargo on board at the time of the accident. The pilot reported to the Nassau Air Traffic Controller that he was experiencing an engine malfunction, shortly after which the aircraft disappeared from radar coverage. The crash occurred approximately 2.3 nautical miles (NM) from the approach end of Runway 14. The pilot, major parts and components of the aircraft and an undetermined amount of cargo were unaccounted for, as the aircraft sank and was never recovered from the ocean due to the depths of the ocean where it sank.
Recommendation	Ministry of National Security on behalf of the Government of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas. The AAIA Recommends that the Government of The Bahamas fulfill the requirements as specified within Annex 12 (Search & Rescue), as a signatory to the Convention on International Civil Aviation, by establishing and implementing the prescribed standards that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) designates an appropriate entity to perform search and rescue services, b) grants the Bahamas Civil Aviation Authority (BCAA) the authority to provide oversight of the designated search and rescue entity, c) establishes a Rescue Coordination Center (RCC) in support of the provision of search and rescue services.
Original Recommendation Transmittal Letter	 Safety Recommendation (Na
Overall Status	Closed – Acceptable Action
Location	Nassau Bahamas
Accident Number	A18-000027
Accident Report	Loss of Control Inflight and Uncontrolled Collision with Terrain (Ocean)
Accident Date	8 th November, 2018
Issue Date	12 th November, 2019
Date Closed	18 th January, 2021
Addressee(s)	Hon. Marvin Dames – Minister of National Security
Addressee(s) Response	Open - Await Response

Safety Recommendation History

From	AAIA
To	Minister of National Security c/o Government of the Bahamas
Date	12 th November, 2019

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Response	 Safety Recommendation (Na)
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From	AAIA
To	Minister of National Security c/o Government of the Bahamas
Date	18 th January, 2021
Response	Closed – Acceptable Action ¹
Response Notes	<p>On 10 December 2020, after years of close cooperation, the United States Coast Guard, in coordination with the Departments of State and Transportation (including the Federal Aviation Administration) concluded a binding United States – Government of The Bahamas aeronautical and maritime Search and Rescue (SAR) agreement.</p> <p>This agreement serves as the basis for future bilateral cooperation and coordination of SAR operations off southeast Florida, the Florida Straits, and The Bahamas, areas in which both the United States and The Bahamas are responsible for managing SAR services.</p>
Response	<p>https://znsbahamas.com/us-and-bahamas-sign-updated-search-and-rescue-agreement/</p> <p>..Evidence of SAR.pdf</p>

¹ Closed –Acceptable Action –Response by recipient indicates action on the safety recommendation has been completed. The action complies with the safety recommendation.