

Follow-up Action on Occurrence Report

ACCIDENT TO ROBINSON R44 II, G-ROTG, AT MARHAMCHURCH, NR BUDE, CORNWALL,
ON 24 JULY 2011

CAA FACTOR NUMBER : F5/2012
FACTOR PUBLICATION DATE : 30 May 2012
TYPE OF FLIGHT : Private
CAA OCCURRENCE NUMBER : 2011/08454
AAIB REPORT : 5/2012

SYNOPSIS

From AAIB Report

While on a flight to visit friends near Padstow, Cornwall, the pilot unintentionally entered IMC, subsequently lost control of the helicopter and, after a very high rate of descent, crashed. There was a post impact fire and the pilot was fatally injured. As a result of the investigation some contaminants, that were not contributory to the accident, were found in the helicopter's fuel supply.

FOLLOW UP ACTION

Recommendation 2012-009

It is recommended that the Civil Aviation Authority publish guidance to General Aviation pilots regarding the quality and storage of fuel for use in aircraft.

CAA Response

The CAA accepts this Recommendation. General Aviation Safety Information Leaflet (GASIL) 02/1012 was published in March 2012 with interim guidance on fuel quality and fuel storage conditions. In view of the temporary nature of the GASIL compendium, the CAA will publish further guidance in the form of a Safety Sense Leaflet (SSL) (either an amendment to SSL 04 'Use of MOGAS' or a separate SSL) by the end of November 2012.

CAA Status - Open