

Brief of Accident (Continued)

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File No. 20981 09/03/2005 Trona, CA Aircraft Reg No. N912TT Time (Local): 08:30 PDT

Occurrence #1: AIRFRAME/COMPONENT/SYSTEM FAILURE/MALFUNCTION
Phase of Operation: MANEUVERING

Findings

1. (C) ROTORCRAFT FLIGHT CONTROL,CYCLIC CONTROL ROD - FATIGUE
2. (C) ROTORCRAFT FLIGHT CONTROL,CYCLIC CONTROL ROD - FAILURE,TOTAL

Occurrence #2: LOSS OF CONTROL - IN FLIGHT
Phase of Operation: MANEUVERING

Findings

3. AIRCRAFT CONTROL - NOT POSSIBLE - PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #3: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH TERRAIN/WATER
Phase of Operation: DESCENT - UNCONTROLLED

Findings

4. TERRAIN CONDITION - GROUND

Findings Legend: (C) = Cause, (F) = Factor

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows.
the in-flight fatigue failure of a control system connecting rod, which resulted in a loss of helicopter control.