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G-BLUN	SA365N	Dec 2006	7 fatal ops
G-REDU	EC225LP	Feb 2009	ops
G-REDL	AS332L2	Apr 2009	16 fatal tech
G-REDW	EC225LP	May 2012	tech
G-CHCN	EC225LP	Oct 2012	tech
G-WNSB	AS332LP	Aug 2013	4 fatal ops

















Safety Action/Safety Recommendations

20 Safety Actions / 54 Safety Recommendations

G-WNSB to follow at end of year



Impact of these Events

- 1. CAA Safety Review Feb 14
- 2. Airbus helicopters
- 3. H-TAWS
- 4. Rig landing systems
- 5. Survivability

Lessons Learned For Accident Investigation

- 1. Inshore water CVFDR recovery
- 2. Underwater search and recovery plan
- 3. Use of press statements and special bulletins
- 4. Technical investigation work –time consuming and expensive
- 5. Effect of grounding aircraft; Oil and Gas risks
- 6. Understanding the culture of helo ops
- 7. Dealing with survivors and bereaved next of kin expectations



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