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MQ-9A ABBREVIATED ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REPORT RELEASED

JOINT BASE LANGLEY-EUSTIS, Va. – Air Combat Command announced the release of its Abbreviated Accident Investigation Board report today regarding the crash of an MQ-9A Reaper on Aug. 31, 2025, in an undisclosed location within the United States Central Command Area of Responsibility.

The mishap resulted in a complete loss of the aircraft, valued at \$23.6 million. However, no fatalities, injuries or reported damage to civilian property occurred.

The aircraft belonged to the 432nd Wing at Creech Air Force Base, Nevada. At the time of the mishap, the aircraft was operated remotely by a Mission Control Element pilot and sensor operator assigned to the 89th Attack Squadron out of Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota.

The investigation board president determined the cause of the mishap was internal electrical wire chafing within the Fuel Control Unit that prevented the FCU from properly regulating fuel flow to the engine, starving the engine of fuel.

The AAIB report can be viewed at <https://www.afjag.af.mil/Portals/77/AIB-Reports/2025/31AUG25%20ACC%20MQ-9A%20Ellsworth%20AFB%20AAIB%20Report.pdf>.