



United Boeing 777 is forced to land after fuel leak during takeoff – the FIFTH safety incident in week that included suicide of whistleblower

Description

Boeing, the struggling aviation giant, has been faced with another predicament as one of its planes was compelled to make an emergency landing due to fuel leakage from its landing gear. This is the latest in a series of five incidents involving Boeing within a week's period. The investigation into the unexpected landing is in progress. The incident unfolded on a 777-300 that was scheduled for a flight from Sydney to San Francisco. A video captured fluid spilling from the plane's undercarriage.

In a separate but alarming incident, an ex-Boeing employee, turned whistleblower, was found dead, seemingly by suicide. Prior to his death, he had proclaimed that he had seen sub-standard components used in the assembly of planes. In another incident, the company's flagship 787-Dreamliner flight suffered an accident injuring 50 passengers, just a few hours before the Sydney bound 777-300 took off. Following this, the company's share value dropped by 4 percent, causing Boeing to lose over \$4 billion in a single night.

These repeated failures and fiascos have not gone unnoticed by the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration), which recently disclosed that Boeing failed 33 of the 89 audits conducted on its controversial 737 Max model. This revelation was followed by United Airlines asking for a pause in work on the unreleased 737 Max jets, indicating a possible decline in confidence from carriers.

Further issues arose when another 737 plane engine caught fire after take-off from Florida's Fort Meyers and yet another 777-200 lost its wheel on take off in San Francisco. This string of complications led United Airlines to pause their pilot hiring due to the delay in receiving new Boeing planes. The prediction for 2024 capacity is also in doubt due to the uncertainty surrounding aircraft deliveries, following the increase in FAA and DOJ scrutiny on Boeing's operations.

Adding to Boeing's concerns was the death of John Barnett, a retired Boeing Quality Manager, who was found dead just weeks after issuing stern warnings about the company's 787 Dreamliner and 737 Max models. The FAA largely validated Barnett's assertions, following six-month audits which revealed numerous failings in compliance with manufacturing quality control requirements.

Apart from the FAA and DOJ's intense scrutiny, Boeing also faces possible consequences from the ongoing, unresolved technical issues with its planes. Meanwhile, United Airlines and Southwest have had to cut flights and freeze hiring due to Boeing's extended crises. Southwest Airlines CEO Bob Jordan stated that Boeing needs to improve its operations and then focus on deliveries. He regarded the capacity forecasts for

Vocabulary List:



1. **predicament** // (noun): A difficultunpleasantor embarrassing situation.
2. **compelled** // (verb): Force or drive (someone) to do something.
3. **leakage** // (noun): The action or fact of leaking out.
4. **undercarriage** // (noun): The supporting framework underneath a vehicleaircraftor other structure.
5. **whistleblower** // (noun): A person who informs on a person or organization engaged in illicit activity.
6. **assembly** // (noun): The action of fitting together the component parts of a machine or other object.

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What is a difficult situation that needs to be dealt with called?
Option: Assembly
Option: Predicament
Option: Recall
Option: Surge
2. What is a person who exposes secretive information within an organization known as?
Option: Alleviate
Option: Whistleblower
Option: Intensified
Option: Taxation
3. Which term describes something likely to happen in the future?
Option: Deferred
Option: Legislation
Option: Prospective
Option: Consequence
4. What is a payment or action postponed until a later time called?
Option: Critical
Option: Deferred
Option: Seismic
Option: Abolished
5. A sustained increase in the general price level of goods and services in an economy is known as:
Option: Exodus
Option: Inflation
Option: Antitrust
Option: Compensatory



6. What is the process of making or enacting laws called?

- Option: Cessation
- Option: Prognosis
- Option: Nuance
- Option: Legislation

7. In finance what is a collection of financial investments or assets called?

- Option: Consequence
- Option: Portfolio
- Option: Promising
- Option: Seismic

8. A confusing and difficult problem or question is often referred to as a:

- Option: Revolution
- Option: Conundrum
- Option: Surge
- Option: Amplification

9. What term refers to formally ending or getting rid of a system practice or law?

- Option: Antitrust
- Option: Compensatory
- Option: Abolished
- Option: Intensified

10. A stopping or discontinuance of an action is known as:

- Option: Prospective
- Option: Cessation
- Option: Recall
- Option: Whistleblower

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. The evidence presented _____ the authorities to take immediate action.

12. The team investigated the source of the _____ in the pipeline.

13. The company was fined for violating _____ laws by engaging in monopolistic practices.



14. The success of the mission was dependent on the team's ability to make _____ decisions under pressure.
15. The new medication was designed to _____ the symptoms of the illness.
16. The company issued a product _____ due to a safety concern.
17. The experimental results showed _____ potential for further development.
18. There was a sudden _____ in demand for the product after the marketing campaign.
19. The company faced a _____ shift in market trends requiring a strategic rethink.
20. The competition _____ as more players entered the market.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The _____ of the new car models took place in the manufacturing plant.
22. Players have to bet a certain amount _____ as the before starting the card game.
23. The _____ of the speaker's voice made it clearly audible to the audience.
24. The information was leaked by a _____ who exposed the corruption within the organization.
25. The doctor provided a _____ positive for the patient's recovery after the surgery.
26. The actor's performance was praised for capturing every _____ of the character.
27. Failing to meet the deadline had _____ severe for the project.
28. The investor diversified his _____ to reduce risk in the stock market.
29. The new _____ aimed to protect consumers from unfair business practices.
30. The sudden increase in job opportunities led to a mass _____ of workers from rural areas.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Predicament 2. Whistleblower 3. Prospective 4. Deferred 5. Inflation 6. Legislation 7. Portfolio



8. Conundrum 9. Abolished 10. Cessation

Gap-Fill: 11. compelled 12. leakage 13. antitrust 14. critical 15. alleviate 16. recall 17. promising 18. surge
19. seismic 20. intensified

Matching sentence: 1. assembly 2. ante 3. amplification 4. whistleblower 5. prognosis 6. nuance 7.
consequence 8. portfolio 9. legislation 10. exodus

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