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On May 4, 2004 Learjet 40 aircraft N40LX conducted operations at Blythe, California airport between 0830 hrs and 0938 hrs local time. Seven approaches were made to runway 26 while following the ILS localizer and glideslope guidance. The glideslope was adjusted to 5.5 degrees from the nominal 3.0 degrees for FAA certification test purposes. The aircraft weighed 17,604 lbs at the beginning of operations and 16,375 lbs upon the completion of operations. Approaches were made at 124 knots (indicated airspeed). AWOS weather at 1537Z (1030 lcl) reported winds of 170 deg. at 5 knots and a temperature of 29 deg. C. AWOS weather at 1639Z (1139 lcl) reported winds of 170 deg. at 10 knots and a temperature of 32 deg. C.

During each approach to runway 26 the aircraft was at approximately 585 ft. above the ground when passing over the powerplant cooling tower exhaust. Moderate to Severe turbulence (as defined in the Airman Information Manual, table 7-1-7) was experienced on each approach as the aircraft passed over the cooling tower.

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