



## Breaking the Ice

I often get photos with no explanation. Here's a good mystery photo that I just have to share with you. It's one that a bunch of people sent me, but nobody knows what really happened. When you really think about it...what kind of explanation does it need?

Looks like the pilot was trying to take off of or land on a frozen lake. Somehow the fuselage of the plane broke through for an incredible underwater view of Lake Notsofrozen. Here are some possible causes that passed through my mind ... maybe someone had been ice fishing, and the pilot didn't see the hole. Disgruntled fish sabotaged the landing strip because they didn't like plane noise. A freak hole in the ozone layer melted the ice in that spot. Penguins (they just look guilty).

Whatever the real story is, one fact remains. The ice was obviously not thick enough to support the weight of the plane, and it plopped right through. Could this mishap have been prevented? I don't know, but you can do something to prevent your own mishaps. Use Operational Risk Management (ORM).