Why We Did This Review

We initiated this audit to determine whether the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB) was following its internal controls through board governance over operational and management activities. Specifically, we reviewed administration and management of operations, which includes the budgeting process, office leasing, and consulting services.

CSB, which began operating in 1998, is an independent federal agency, authorized by the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. CSB’s headquarters is in Washington, D.C., and CSB has an investigation office in Denver, Colorado. CSB has board orders that govern its operations and management activities. The orders define the policies and procedures for specific areas.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Inspector General is also the Inspector General for CSB.

This report addresses the following CSB goal:

- Preserve the public trust by maintaining and improving organizational excellence.

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