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Katherine A. Lemos, Ph.D.
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board
1750 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 910
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Dear Dr. Lemos:

The Office of Inspector General for the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Board plans to begin an evaluation of the CSB's compliance with the Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014. This evaluation is statutorily required and is included in the OIG's [Oversight Plan](#) for fiscal year 2022. The project number is OA-FY22-0136.

The OIG contracted with the independent accounting firm SB & Company LLC to conduct this evaluation. The objective of the evaluation is to assess the CSB's compliance with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's *Fiscal Year 2022 Inspector General FISMA Reporting Metrics*. The contractor plans to conduct work at the CSB's headquarters in Washington, D.C. The evaluation will be conducted using *Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation*, issued by the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency. The anticipated benefits of this project are to improve the CSB's business practices and accountability.

We will contact you to arrange a mutually agreeable time to introduce the contractor to your staff and discuss the evaluation's objectives and purpose. We would also be particularly interested in any areas of concern that you may have. We will answer any of your questions about the evaluation process, reporting procedures, methods used to gather and analyze data, and what we should expect of each other during the evaluation. Throughout the evaluation, the contractor will provide updates biweekly by email and during status meetings with CSB staff.

We respectfully note that the OIG and its duly authorized representatives are authorized by the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, to have timely access to personnel and all materials necessary to complete its objectives. We will request that you immediately resolve the situation if a CSB employee or contractor refuses to provide requested materials to the OIG or otherwise fails to cooperate with the OIG. We may report unresolved access matters in the *Semiannual Report to Congress*.



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We will post this letter on our public website at www.epa.gov/oig. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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