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Katherine A. Lemos, Ph.D.
Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer
U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board
1750 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 910
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Dr. Lemos:

The Office of Inspector General for the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board will conduct a multidisciplinary review of the CSB's capabilities to effectively administer its programs and operations. This special review will include examining staffing levels, attrition, and leadership. If circumstances warrant, the OIG will consider other issues that may arise during the review. Our Administrative Investigations Directorate will lead the multidisciplinary team that will conduct this special review using the *Quality Standards for Federal Offices of Inspector General*, issued by the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency.

We respectfully note that the OIG is authorized by the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, to have timely access to personnel and all materials necessary to complete its objectives. Similarly, Office of Management and Budget Memorandum M-22-04, *Promoting Accountability through Cooperation among Agencies and Inspectors General*, emphasizes that Agency leaders, employees, and contractors are obligated to cooperate with the OIG. 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*.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul H. Bergstrand". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Paul H. Bergstrand, Assistant Inspector General
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