



**OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL**  
U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Mr. Steve Owens  
Chairperson  
U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board  
1750 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 910  
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Mr. Owens:

The Office of Inspector General for the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board plans to begin an audit of the CSB's fiscal year 2025 compliance with the Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019. This audit is required by OMB Circular A-123, Appendix C, and the Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019. The project number for this audit is OA-FY26-0037.

Our objective is to determine whether the CSB is in compliance with the Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019 for its fiscal year 2025 reporting. We plan to conduct work at the CSB headquarters as necessary.

We will contact your office to arrange a mutually agreeable time to discuss our objective. At that time, we can discuss any concerns that you may have and answer any questions about the audit process, reporting procedures, methods used to gather and analyze data, and what we should expect of each other during the audit. Throughout the audit, we will provide updates on a regular basis.

We respectfully note that the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, authorizes the OIG to have timely access to personnel and all materials necessary to complete our objectives. If a CSB employee or contractor refuses to provide requested materials to the OIG or otherwise fails to cooperate with the OIG, we will request that you immediately resolve the situation. Consistent with the Inspector General Act, we may report unresolved access matters to Congress.

We will post this letter on our public website at [www.epa.gov/oig](http://www.epa.gov/oig). Anyone with knowledge of potential fraud, waste, abuse, misconduct, or mismanagement related to this audit should contact the OIG's hotline at (888) 546-8740 or via an electronic form on the "OIG Hotline" [web page](#).

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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