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U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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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 reporting of improper payments during fiscal year 2023. This audit is required by the Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019 and is included in the OIG's [oversight plan](#) for fiscal year 2023. The project number for this audit is OA-FY24-0020.

The OIG's objective is to determine whether the CSB complied with the Payment Integrity Information Act in fiscal year 2023. Applicable generally accepted government auditing standards will be used in conducting our audit. The anticipated benefits of this audit include improved compliance with mandated reporting requirements.

We will contact you to arrange a mutually agreeable time to discuss our objective. We would also be particularly interested in any areas of concern that you may have. We will answer any of your questions about the auditing 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 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. 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. Consistent with the IG Act, we may report unresolved access matters to you and Congress.

We will post this letter on our public website at www.epaoig.gov. 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" [webpage](#).

I will supervise the audit/evaluation, and the project manager will be Debra Coffel. Any information related to the audit/evaluation should be addressed to PM Coffel at (513) 487-5959 or coffel.debra@epa.gov or to me at (513) 907-6963 or davis.michaeld@epa.gov.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



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