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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

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The Honorable Rafael Moure-Eraso, Ph.D.  
Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer  
U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board  
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Dear Dr. Moure-Eraso:

Thank you for the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB) response to Report No. 12-P-0724, *U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board Should Improve Its Recommendations Process to Further Its Goal of Chemical Accident Prevention*. We appreciate the agency's efforts to be responsive to our recommendations.

Your office has reaffirmed its disagreement with recommendation 1B. We continue to believe that establishing and implementing a limit to how long CSB can calendar notation items before a vote must be taken will assist CSB in resolving the effects it has on adopting investigation reports and updating board orders relating to its safety recommendation processes. As long as this disagreement continues, we will record the audit recommendation in our system as unresolved and report it as unimplemented in our report to Congress. As noted in our audit report (Report No. 13-P-0128, *Audit Follow-Up Process Needed for the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board*, issued February 1, 2012), CSB needs to develop and implement a follow-up system that includes procedures for resolving recommendations when there are disagreements between CSB management and the Office of Inspector General.

Although CSB agreed with recommendations 1A and 1C, we did not receive updated completion dates or corrective action plans. Therefore, these recommendations will remain unresolved in our system until we receive this information. We will close recommendations 2 and 3 in our system upon issuance of this letter since CSB has begun implementation and provided corrective action plans.

If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Michael Davis, Product Line Director for Efficiency Audits, at (513) 487-2363; or Gloria Taylor-Upshaw, Project Manager, at (404) 562-9842.

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Arthur A. Elkins, Jr.

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