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OFFICE OF
INSPECTOR GENERAL

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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 compliance with the Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014. This audit is statutorily required and is part of the OIG's [oversight plan](#) for fiscal year 2023. The project number is OA-FY23-0080.

The OIG contracted with the independent accounting firm SB & Company LLC to conduct this audit. The objective of the audit is to assess the CSB's compliance with the Office of Management and Budget's *Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Inspector General Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014 (FISMA) Reporting Metrics*. The contractor plans to conduct work at the CSB's headquarters in Washington, D.C. This audit will be conducted using applicable generally accepted government auditing standards. The anticipated benefit of the audit is to meet the congressional mandate by assessing the Agency's information security program against fiscal year 2023 FISMA requirements.

We will contact you to arrange a mutually agreeable time to introduce the contractor to your staff and discuss our objectives. We would also be particularly interested in any areas of concern that you may have. We will answer any of your 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, the contractor will provide updates biweekly by email and during status meetings with CSB staff.

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 to Congress.

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

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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