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Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer
U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board
1750 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 910
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Dear Dr. Lemos:

The Office of Inspector General for the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board plans to begin an evaluation of CSB's reporting of improper payments during fiscal year 2021. This evaluation is required by the Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019. The project number for this evaluation is OA-FY22-0027.

OIG's objective is to determine whether CSB complied with the Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019 in fiscal year 2021. This evaluation will be conducted using the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency's *Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation*. The anticipated benefit of this evaluation is to ensure compliance with mandated reporting requirements.

We will contact you to arrange a mutually agreeable time to 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 evaluation process, reporting procedures, methods used to gather and analyze data, and what we should expect of each other during the evaluation. Throughout the evaluation, we will provide updates on a regular basis.

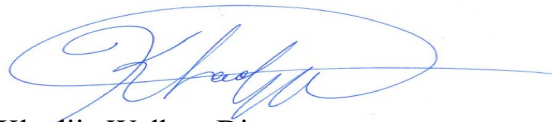
To expedite our evaluation, please be ready to provide the following information at the entrance conference:

1. CSB's fiscal year 2021 Performance Accountability Report.
2. Summary of CSB's expenditures for fiscal year 2021.
3. CSB's fiscal year 2021 risk assessment.

We respectfully note that 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 OIG or otherwise fails to cooperate with 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,



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