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**WASHINGTON** – Statement of Inspector General Sean O’Donnell on the Office of Inspector General report titled [\*Special Review of the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board Capabilities to Effectively Administer Its Programs and Operations\*](#) posted today:

“In response to the resignations of several key leadership officials, including the chairperson, I directed the EPA OIG’s Administrative Investigation Directorate to undertake a special review of the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board and its capabilities to effectively administer its programs and operations. The review examined staffing levels, attrition, reporting backlogs, and issues surrounding the conflict between the chairperson and the board over responsibilities and authority of Agency operations.

“The OIG found that the CSB’s operations are hindered by vacancies in mission-critical positions, unclear internal processes, and an inability to fully utilize the resources allocated by Congress, leading to investigative backlogs and challenges to accomplishing the board’s mission.

“While we do not issue specific recommendations, our review led to the identification of action items the CSB board should consider as it develops a new strategic plan.”

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