

**U.S. Chemical Safety and  
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Honorable Arthur A. Elkins, Jr.  
Inspector General  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Washington, DC 20460

**Re: U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB) Response  
to EPA OIG Report No. 13-P-0177**

Dear Mr. Elkins:

This letter responds to EPA OIG Report No. 13-P-0177 dated March 12, 2013. The CSB concurs with the recommendation that we review the results of BPD's testing of CSB improper payments on at least a semiannual basis. The recommendation states "until CSB establishes a date to begin review of BPD's testing for CSB improper payments, the recommendation remains unresolved."

To resolve and close out this recommendation, BPD will begin providing the CSB with the required information every 6 months, with the first report due to us in late July 2013. This report will cover the period January to June 2013. We expect to review the report within one week of receipt.

We will continue to keep you abreast of our accomplishments in this area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rafael Moure-Eraso".

Rafael Moure-Eraso, PhD  
Chairperson