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**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Year 2012 Management Challenges and Internal Control Weaknesses for the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board

**FROM:** Michael D. Davis, Acting Director  
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**TO:** The Honorable Rafael Moure-Eraso  
Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer  
U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board

The EPA Office of Inspector General is beginning work to update our list of areas we consider to be the key management challenges confronting the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board. We also plan to provide you information on internal control weaknesses for your consideration as a part of your Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act (FMFIA) review. In fiscal 2011, we identified two management challenges and one internal control weakness (Attachment).

The Government Performance and Results Modernization Act of 2010 (GPRA 2010) provides a new government wide definition of major management challenges. According to GPRA 2010, major management challenges are programs or management functions, within or across agencies, that have greater vulnerability to waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement, wherein a failure to perform well could seriously affect the ability of an agency or the federal government to achieve its mission or goals. Internal control weaknesses are deficiencies in internal control activities designed to address and meet internal control standards.

To start our 2012 review, we request that by February 15, 2012, you provide us an update on corrective actions taken on our prior report recommendations along with any new areas that you consider to be management challenges or internal control weaknesses. Your input, along with audit and evaluation reports issued to date, will be used to develop the fiscal 2012 management challenges and internal control weaknesses. We expect to complete our review by April 2012.

If you or your staff have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at (513) 487-2363 ([davis.michaeld@epa.gov](mailto:davis.michaeld@epa.gov)), or Gloria Taylor-Upshaw, Project Manager, at (404) 562-9842 ([taylor-upshaw.gloria@epa.gov](mailto:taylor-upshaw.gloria@epa.gov)).

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