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Kristen Kulinowski, Ph.D.  
Interim Executive Authority and Member  
U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board  
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Dear Dr. Kulinowski:

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) for the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB) plans to begin its analysis of the CSB's reporting of improper payments during fiscal year (FY) 2019. This audit is required by the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act of 2010 (IPERA). The project number is OA&E-FY20-0048. The OIG is required to issue its report on the CSB's compliance with IPERA 180 days from the publication of the agency's Performance and Accountability Report (PAR).

The OIG's objective is to determine if the CSB complied with the IPERA for FY 2019. The OIG plans to conduct a brief fieldwork effort and obtain supporting documentation. We will contact the audit liaison to arrange a mutually agreeable time to meet with your staff to discuss the objective of this audit. During our entrance conference, we will answer questions you may have about the audit process and discuss expectations. Throughout the audit, we will provide updates on a regular basis.

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 resolve the situation if a CSB employee or contractor refuses to provide requested records to the OIG or otherwise fails to cooperate with the OIG. We may report unresolved access matters in the *Semiannual Report to Congress*.

I will supervise the project, and Randy Holthaus will be the Project Manager. Any information related to the project should be addressed to me at (513) 487-2363 or [davis.michaeld@epa.gov](mailto:davis.michaeld@epa.gov), or Randy Holthaus at (214) 665-6620 or [holthaus.randy@epa.gov](mailto:holthaus.randy@epa.gov).

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



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