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OFFICE OF
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Katherine A. Lemos, Ph.D.
Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer
U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board
1750 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 910
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Dr. Lemos:

The Office of Inspector General for the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board plans to begin analysis on the CSB's reporting of improper payments during fiscal year (FY) 2020. This project is required by the Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019 (PIIA). The project number is OA&E-FY21-0025.

The OIG's objective is to determine if the CSB complied with the PIIA for FY 20. This evaluation will be conducted under the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency's Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation. The anticipated benefits of this evaluation are to ensure the CSB is fulfilling mandated reporting requirements.

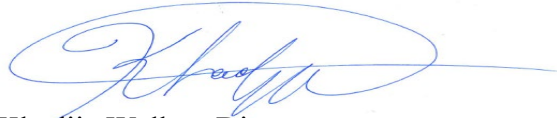
We would like to meet with you the week of November 23, 2020, to discuss the objective of the evaluation. We would also be particularly interested in any areas of concern that you may have. We will answer any of your questions about the evaluation process, reporting procedures, methods used to gather 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.

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 immediately resolve the situation if a CSB employee or contractor refuses to provide requested materials 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 the team leader Kevin Chaffin. Any information related to the project should be addressed to me at (312) 886-3106 or walker.khadija@epa.gov, or Kevin Chaffin at (202) 566-2646 or chaffin.kevin@epa.gov.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



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