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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:

In response to your request, the Office of Inspector General for the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board plans to begin an evaluation of the CSB's compliance with Executive Order 13950, *Combating Race and Sex Stereotyping*. Specifically, per Section 6(c)(ii) of Executive Order 13950, you requested that we thoroughly review and assess the CSB's compliance with the Executive Order's requirements and issue a report to the Office of Management and Budget by the end of calendar year 2020.

The OIG's objective is to review and assess the CSB's compliance with the requirements of Executive Order 13950. The OIG plans to conduct work with CSB headquarters staff. The evaluation will be conducted using *Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation*, issued by the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency.

Within the next week, we will contact you to arrange a mutually agreeable time to discuss our objective and the documents we need for our review. 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 evaluation, and the project manager will be Gabby Fekete. Any information related to the evaluation should be addressed to Gabby Fekete at (919) 541-3537 or Fekete.Gabrielle@epa.gov or to me at (312) 886-3106 or Walker.Khadija@epa.gov. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Khadija Walker", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Khadija Walker, Director
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