

ETHICS PROGRAM REVIEW FOLLOW-UP REPORT

Agency: Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB)

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As a result of its review of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board's ethics program, the Office of Government Ethics (OGE) issued ten recommendations in its July 2023 review report. OGE conducted a follow-up review to assess whether the CSB has taken sufficient action to resolve the deficiencies underlying recommendation 1 and 2. The results of the follow-up review are summarized below. A future follow-up review will be conducted to assess the other recommendations.

	Recommendation	Agency Action and OGE Finding	Status
1	CSB must appoint a new DAEO. In addition, anyone performing the duties of the DAEO for more than 60 days must file a public financial disclosure report.	CSB appointed a DAEO on October 12, 2023. OGE's review found that CSB provided an up-to-date designation letter. Further, CSB has taken appropriate steps to ensure that the DAEO files a public financial disclosure report as required. This recommendation is closed.	Closed
2	Collect the former DAEO's termination report. If the former DAEO refuses to file the report, refer this matter to the Department of Justice. In addition, CSB must decide to either assess or waive a late filing fee.	CSB confirmed that the former DAEO transferred within 30 days to another position that also required the filing of a public financial disclosure report. This negated the need for the DAEO to submit a termination report at CSB. This recommendation is closed.	Closed

Based on the results of OGE's follow-up review, both recommendations are closed.