



November 30, 2017

Kara Wenzel  
Acting General Counsel and  
Designated Agency Ethics Official  
U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board  
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Dear Ms. Wenzel:

As a result of its review of the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB) ethics program, the Office of Government Ethics (OGE) issued one recommendation in its June 2017 review report. OGE recently conducted a follow-up review to assess whether CSB has taken sufficient action to resolve the deficiencies underlying this recommendation. The results of the follow-up review are summarized below.

	Recommendation	Agency Action and OGE Finding	Status
1	Ensure that PAS public financial disclosure reports are certified timely.	<p>CSB appears to have met technical standards for timely review and certification of PAS financial disclosures within 60 days.</p> <p>OGE examined four PAS financial disclosure reports filed in 2017. Two reports were reviewed and certified within 60 days. The remaining two reports were reviewed but not certified within 60 days because agency ethics officials were still seeking additional information. Average time to certification improved significantly from 94 to 65 days compared to the data from the June 2017 report.</p> <p>While the recommendation has been closed, CSB is encouraged to complete final certification as soon as possible to fully recognize the importance of financial disclosures in preventing conflicts of interest.</p>	Closed



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I appreciate the courtesies extended to the OGE program review staff. If you would like to discuss the report, please contact me at 202-482-9224.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dale Christopher', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dale Christopher  
Deputy Director for Compliance